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This year, Northfield High School will offer a new writing focused course - in addition to our two current offerings - that will prepare you for writing in college and will potentially allow you to earn college credit! What follows is a quick description of each option, then instructions for what to do if you want to request the new course.

**Senior Writing** offers seniors the opportunity to further develop the writing process and product for fiction, creative nonfiction, and nonfiction writing. Regardless of your future studies or career path, you will leave this course with a greater awareness of and confidence in your role as a writer of many genres.

The focus of **College Prep Writing** is to simulate the demands made on students in a college first-year English course. Special focus will be paid to revision skills and the peer review process. Students will write a variety of essays and will also have the opportunity to complete their college application essay in this class. If the potential credit in Comp 101 described below does NOT fit your future plans or school, this course will get you ready for college!

The *new* course being offered this year will be **Composition 101 through Minnesota State University, Mankato**. **Students in this course will potentially earn 4.0 college-level English credits for completing this class.** While similar to our College Prep course, this course IS a first-year level English course at Minnesota State Mankato taught by a Northfield High School teacher through our school. The focus of this course is to support students to **develop, utilize and analyze a clear and personal writing process while also keeping an electronic portfolio of their work. Grades will focus more on the process of writing than on the final draft.** Students will write a variety of compositions. *If you are planning towards a Minnesota State two or four year college or university, this course is part of the MN Transfer Curriculum.*

If you wish to stay with Senior Writing or College Prep Writing, as you initially requested, please do NOTHING. If you would like to change your request to Composition 101, please contact me via email at [mensrud@northfieldschools.org](mailto:mensrud@northfieldschools.org) or leave a voicemail at 507-663-0639 by June 30! Please reach out if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

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