

Textbook Request

Course: AP English Language and Composition (Grade 11-12)

Requested Textbook: [Ideas in Argument, 2nd Edition](#)

Publisher and Copyright: BFW Publishers, 2026

Replacement: This text will replace the current textbook, *The Language of Composition* 3rd Edition, by BFW Publishers, copyright 2018.

Number/Cost: 50 copies of textbook; see attached quote

Rationale:

In 2019, College Board released a new Course and Exam Description, which was the first restructuring of the AP English Language course curriculum in many years. The exam itself was also redesigned with new target skills and types of questions. The Course and Exam Description was further updated in 2024 to reflect some minor changes to the format of the exam.

The current textbook, *The Language of Composition* (originally adopted in 2008), does not have instructional or practice material that aligns with the new curriculum arrangement, skills tested on the exam, or the exam format.

The requested textbook was written for specific alignment with the 2024 AP English Language Course and Exam Description. It also provides abundant practice opportunities with the kinds of questions that are on the redesigned exam. Our students would benefit from practice materials connected to the readings that we study in class in addition to the exam practice materials provided by College Board. Adoption of this text will provide a more focused and cohesive instructional framework for the AP English Language course to continue to strengthen our program.