THE ULYSSES ADVANTAGE

• Belong to a small, nurturing, and intellectual community of learners
• Develop college-level research skills across the content areas: English, history, and science
• Focus course work in areas of personal passion and strongest academic interest
• Conduct original research with real-world relevance and immediate application
• Engage in Senior Research Project course with optional internship, fieldwork, and college credit opportunities
• Document process and product through the creation of a culminating portfolio
• Attach customized letter to college applications highlighting program achievements and final project
• Earn special recognition at graduation as a Ulysses Scholar

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Welcome to the Ulysses Program, Northwest High School’s Signature Program, a comprehensive, challenging, and vigorous course of study beginning in the freshman year.

Our namesake is the famous Greek warrior Odysseus (Ulysses in Latin), best known for his heroic feats during the Trojan War and his arduous but instructive ten-year journey home to Ithaca.

Students begin their journey by taking three Ulysses courses: Honors Signature English 9, Honors Signature Biology or Physics, and AP Government. Students get to know each other and their team of teachers as they focus on real-world research and public presentation across-the-curriculum in an intellectual and nurturing community of learners.

As juniors, students begin to focus on an area of strong interest in preparation for completion of the Senior Ulysses Project which is shared through an oral presentation to a class and evaluation panel, as well as through an exhibition at the Ulysses Fair.

To apply to the Ulysses Signature Program, students must be:

• Incoming ninth graders to Northwest High School
• Recommended for Honors English 9, Honors Biology or Physics, and Advanced Placement Government
• Recommended by two middle school teachers
• Reading on or above grade level
• Writing on or above grade level
• Interested in research, presentation, and completing independent and group projects, including the Senior Ulysses Project
• Committed to the four-year program of study

To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.
from the poem “Ulysses” by Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)