

Course Description: **High School Writing, 2024-2025**  
Grades 9-12

9Up is committed to providing a writing class each year for high school students. For 2024-25, Mrs. Looney will be the high school writing teacher. She has been tasked with finding a creative curriculum that will not be part of the IEW curriculum. This will give students who have had lots of IEW an opportunity to branch out and approach writing from another methodology. Part of the course will teach students how to write a research paper, as well as how to write shorter papers and essays.

The text has not been decided upon, but Mrs. Looney hopes to have that finalized by the beginning of June. Once the text has been chosen and families notified, families will have 2 weeks to confirm their student's commitment to the class or to withdraw their student's name from the class list.

**Text needed:** TBD

Teacher: Mrs. Melissa Looney

Cost: \$400/year    60 min. class

**Thursdays, 3:20-4:20 pm, at Chesterfield Presbyterian Church**

**9Up Student orientation: Aug. 15, 2024 Time TBA**

**Fall semester: Aug. 22, 2024 to Nov. 21, 2024**

**Winter semester: Jan. 9, 2025 to April 17, 2025**

**This class will be cancelled if it does not reach a minimum of 5 students.**

Melissa Looney is a graduate of Hope College, Holland, Michigan with a BA in English/Communications. She has completed some master's level courses at Covenant Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. Teaching at Homeschool Network since it began in 2001, Melissa also homeschooled her own children for 21 years. Over the past 25 years, she has enjoyed teaching children and adults at her church, leading a variety of small groups, and writing VBS curriculum.