

Honors Class General Information

In order to challenge our top students to further excel in their studies, while encouraging others to look to them as academic examples and thus improve in their own studies, we are offering a select number of honors classes this year.

Exemplary students in grades 9-12 can apply to take one of several selected classes for honors. If approved, the honors student would be in the class with his fellow students. In addition to doing all of the regular class work, the teacher would give this student supplementary honors work (e.g. additional math problems, another book to read, an extra translation project, a paper to write, or an oral final in addition to the written final). Honors coursework is challenging enough so that a student would normally be approved for only one or two honors classes per semester. The amount of work done in the regular course will not be reduced. The student's grade will be based on the regular material covered in class. The supplementary work done for honors would be graded separately. On the high school transcript, the prefix "Honors" would be placed before the class name to indicate fulfillment of honors work. No additional credit would be granted.

The application procedure would be as follows:

1. At midterms of the first quarter and the beginning of the second semester, students earning a 94% or above in selected classes will receive a letter inviting them to apply to take those classes for honors.
2. The students wishing to be in the honors class will return a completed application by the designated date. Late applications will not be considered. In the application, the student will have a parental signature indicating their approval and a paragraph explaining why the student desires to take this course for honors.
3. A committee of secondary teachers will review the applications. The committee will consider the student's desires and abilities, as demonstrated by the written application, work done in other classes, current grade-point average, and other relevant considerations.
4. The honors class teacher will summarize the supplementary honors work to be completed by the student (approximately two to three additional hours of work per week), and identify any additional materials needed for the honors class. The student will need to purchase these materials. This additional work and materials will be approved by the committee.
5. Students wishing to continue in an honors class for the second semester must be approved by the committee. Students may choose to discontinue the program at this point in the year.
6. Once accepted, an official letter of acceptance will be given to the student and after paying \$25 the student would be enrolled in the honors course for that semester.