

High School Honors Program

Honors courses are offered in Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Computer Science, Foreign Languages, and English. Qualified students may apply through their school counselors and should have the recommendation of their teachers.

There is no limit to the maximum number of honors courses that may be selected. We advise students to select more than two only after having a conference with parents, teachers, and counselors. Students who are also involved in extracurricular activities may find that the demands of several honors courses are excessive when added to other after-school and weekend commitments.

Colleges are more impressed by a grade of "B" in an honors course or in a challenging course like physics or chemistry than by a grade of "A" in a less demanding elective course. Rank in class does not impress colleges if you have chosen non-challenging courses or if your SAT/ACT scores are low. Students are encouraged to take the SAT or ACT at a time when they are best prepared, and when the subject is still fresh in the student's mind.

Students who are presently enrolled in Honors courses must meet the following criteria:

- Must earn a minimum of a "C" for the final grade in the selected course or courses.

Students maintaining a "D" average or less as a final grade may not be permitted to continue in the Honors course for that particular subject area during the following year.

In the event a student currently enrolled in an Honors course wishes to transfer to a lower-level course, the procedures listed below must be followed:

- The student must schedule a conference with the counselor to discuss why he or she wishes to transfer.
- The counselor will contact all parties involved (parent, student, teacher, supervisor) and if all are in agreement that a transfer would be in the student's best interest, a transfer will be made.
- If parties are not in agreement, a conference involving the student, parent, teacher, counselor, and supervisor will be scheduled. The supervisor shall serve as the chairperson of this meeting and will make the final determination of student placement.