

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Honors & Advanced Placement courses are designed to provide students with an academic challenge beyond that which is provided in other courses. Differences from other courses are both quantitative and qualitative; that is, there is a greater amount of work required and the work is more difficult. Assignments and activities are specifically designed to require students to think more critically and at a higher level. Most Honors and Advanced Placement courses require a summer assignment.

Acceptance into an Honors or Advanced Placement class is a full year commitment. Changes out of these classes are not permitted unless there are extenuating circumstances. In no case will a change be made before the end of the first grade reporting period.

Honors and Advanced Placement students must be prepared to accept the academic challenges which go with these courses. Specifically, students applying to these courses will:

Have a high level of interest in the subject matter and be motivated to participate and to learn.

Have an academic ability strong enough to handle the subject matter at or near the college level.

Have the background and academic preparation required to enter the course.

Demonstrate the characteristics of maturity, self-discipline, persistence, independence; all of which are required for successful performance in the course.

Demonstrate excellent attendance.

Have strong writing and reading skills.

Any student selecting more than three Honors/Advanced Placement courses may be taking on too much work. Participating in co-curricular activities, working and volunteering service are essential components of the high school experience.

Students are encouraged to apply for an Honors/Advanced Placement course if they meet the selection requirements and the application deadline of March 1, 2010. Students should seek out their guidance counselor for an application.