



8th grade Honors Information Parent
Meeting

April 11, 2017

Honors Students...

- Demonstrate academic performance at high proficiency level
- Display desire and curiosity for learning
- Show persistence when faced with challenges
- Are self-disciplined in establishing and reaching goals
- Actively participate in class
- Complete assignments by assigned deadline
- Demonstrate above grade level aptitude in essay / paragraph writing
- Work toward self-advocacy

What does “honors” look like?

Honors Classes...

- Substantially exceed the standards, expectations and performance indicators of grade level classes.
- Extended reading, writing, and research assignments
- Projects and presentations relevant to real-world situations
- Writing assignments that demonstrate a variety of modes, purposes and styles
- Integration of appropriate technology
- Problem solving through critical analysis and application

What does “honors” look like?

- Expectations in high school
- GPA
- Math graduation requirements
- Not a path to early graduation or to take more electives
- Not every child is “honors” ready in every subject
- Grade level courses in 8th grade does not limit a student for 9th grade recommendations.
- Reasons to NOT take honors

Future implications of taking honors courses

- Honors Algebra 1
 - Criteria
 - 7th grade Honors Math (C avg. or better)
 - AND
 - Teacher recommendation / Algebra Readiness Test

Math

- Honors Algebra 1 on HS transcript
 - Does not apply toward HS graduation requirements
 - Does impact GPA as an Honors credit
 - Must take state mandated End of Course exam(EOC)
 - May not withdraw after first grading period **REGARDLESS OF GRADE IN THE CLASS**
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4 Math Credits for HS Graduation

Geometry – 9th grade

Algebra 2 – 10th grade

Pre-calculus – 11th grade

AP Calculus / AP Statistics – 12th grade

Math

- 8th grade Honors science
 - Criteria—7th grade Honors Science (C avg or better) OR Teacher Recommendation
 - No GPA implications
 - Solid foundation for 9th grade science

Science

- Honors Physical Science
 - Criteria— Honors Science AND Honors Algebra 1
- Honors Physical Science on HS transcript
- Does impact GPA as an Honors credit
- May not withdraw after first grading period **REGARDLESS OF GRADE IN THE CLASS**
- *Does apply toward HS graduation requirements***
 - Biology 1, Chemistry 1 or Physics, and another lab science

Physical Science is NOT offered as an honors class in high school. Should a student not do well, the ability to re-take the class in high school is not guaranteed.

Email Kristi Phillips before 4/28 if you desire Phys. Science (remember criteria)

Science

- 8th grade Honors Social Studies
 - Criteria—7th grade Honors SS (C avg or better) OR Teacher Recommendation
 - No GPA implications
- Preparation for Honors World History and beyond.
- More extensive writing, reading, research.

Social Studies

- 8th grade Honors English Language Arts
 - Criteria—7th grade Honors ELA (C avg or better) OR Teacher Recommendation
 - No GPA implications
- Preparation for AP Lit as early as 10th grade (school dependent)
- Future implications—student MAY earn college credit in HS (AP or DE)
- Emphasis on, ACT grammar, higher order reading skills, extensive analysis of literature

English

- Honors Spanish 1
- Honors French 1
- Honors German 1
 - Criteria
 - Teacher recommendation and Honors ELA
 - Honors credit on GPA
 - Meets Year 1 WL University Path requirement (NOT West)
 - May not withdraw after first grading period **REGARDLESS OF GRADE IN THE CLASS**

World Languages

- Contact the teacher. Explain why you believe the change needs to be made. (first.last@knoxschools.org)
 - Remember the criteria for HS credit courses.
- Teacher will notify grade level principal of change.

**I want to request a
change to my child's
recommendation.**



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