

South Kingstown High School

Advanced Placement*, Honors*, Concurrent Enrollment*, Project Lead the Way

**Honors grade point weight awarded*

Project Lead the Way courses may earn college credit, scholarship, preferential admissions & offer additional opportunities

Advanced Placement * (AP)	Honors*	Concurrent Enrollment College Credit* & Project Lead the Way (PLTW)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology Calculus AB Calculus BC Chemistry Computer Science Principles Computer Science A Drawing 2-D Design English Language and Composition English Literature and Composition Environmental Science European History French Language and Culture Human Geography Italian Language and Culture Macroeconomics Physics 2: Algebra-Based Psychology Spanish Language Statistics US History US Government and Politics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 9 English 10 English 11 French II, III, IV Spanish II, III, IV Italian II, III, IV Algebra 1 Geometry Algebra II Pre-Calculus Algebra II/PreCalculus Biology Chemistry Anatomy & Physiology Physics Western Civilization Global Studies US History International Relations Chorus Jazz Band Music Theory String Ensemble Symphonic Band Symphony Orchestra Vocal Jazz - eSkape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RIC: Eng 113 Literary Approaches Drama URI: Writing 104 RIC/AP General Chemistry 103 RIC: 201 Introduction of Visual Arts URI: INE 140G Power of Business URI: CSC 101 Computing Concepts URI: CSC 106 Joy of Programming/AP PLTW Computer Science Principles URI/AP/PLTW CSC 211 Computer Science A URI/PLTW CSF 102G Cybersecurity URI Physics 111/185 URI: Math 111 Precalculus <p>Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of Biomedical Science Human Body Systems Medical Interventions Biomedical Innovations

Questions for students and families to consider before choosing Honors, Concurrent Enrollment, PLTW or AP Courses:

-Is this class a high-interest subject area?

-Am I enrolling in this class because all of my peers/friends are enrolling? Or, is it because I am up for the challenge?

-How many hours are needed for each class, each night? Do I have that many hours available?

-How are my time management skills? Do I have the ability to persevere through challenges?

-How have I managed other stressful academic periods?

-High school students are not placed on teams. Multiple teachers will often assign assessments due on the same day. How will I handle my workload and stress level?

If you have additional concerns, please contact your child's school counselor and/or content area teachers.

Types of Courses at South Kingstown High School

- **College and Career Prep courses** prepare students for postsecondary education and careers.
- **Honors courses** are more intense and faster-paced than College and Career Prep courses. Material is covered in more depth and breadth and teachers expect students to be independent thinkers and self-motivated. Most colleges, however, do not consider honors courses equivalent to college-level work.
- **Advanced Placement (AP) courses** are equivalent to college-level courses and follow a standard curriculum; students are required to take the AP test.
- **Concurrent Enrollment courses** are either Honors or AP and offer the opportunity for students to earn college credit through a college or university.
- **Project Lead the Way** may be concurrent enrollment courses; classes are offered in computer science and biomedical science and explore real-world challenges. PLTW students may also be eligible for scholarships, preferential admissions & other opportunities; for more information: <https://www.pltw.org/experience-pltw/student-opportunities>

Taking full advantage of the honors and/or AP courses, and doing well in them, is a top admissions factor for selective post-secondary schools.

If a student's academic performance is strong, school counselors or teachers might suggest enrolling in an honors-level, concurrent enrollment, or AP course(s). Families should consider past academic performance, student and family obligations, student commitment to academics, and student interest in the subject before enrolling a student in honors or AP courses.

Skills needed to be successful in Honors or AP courses

Students at South Kingstown High School can take an Honors, concurrent enrollment, or AP course at any point during high school; there is no prerequisite that enrollment in these courses only begins in freshman or sophomore year. However, students should carefully reflect on the following list of characteristics that are needed for a positive experience in an Honors or AP course:

- High academic achievement and intellectual ability
- Self-motivation and self-discipline
- Good organizational skills
- Avid interest in reading different types of texts
- Excellent written and spoken expression
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively
- Ability to remain on task in class and at home with little or no disruption
- Good citizenship and attendance

Benefits of Honors or AP or Concurrent Enrollment Courses

- **College admission.** Taking full advantage of the honors program at South Kingstown High School signals to selective colleges that students are serious about academics, and will continue this challenge in college.
- **College credit.** Depending on the score of the AP exam, a student might start college with college credits. Students may also be exempt from taking certain required college courses. This can save a student significant time and money on the road to college graduation.
- **College readiness.** Being accustomed to high-level challenges and fast-paced coursework will serve students well when enrolled in college courses.

Over-commitment

Over-committing to honors, concurrent enrollment, or AP courses leads to extreme stress and anxiety and grades may suffer. If a student has numerous extracurricular commitments or other obligations, carefully consider these before taking on a heavy honors or AP course load.

Time spent on honors, concurrent enrollment, or AP classes may take time away from other interests. Homework can vary from 0.5 hour to 2 hours per night per class or more, depending on the subject, the assignment, content being covered in school and time management skills of the student. For example, students may have to choose between an AP Calculus course or participating in other community or school events.

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<http://newwestcharter.org/high-school-courses-honors/>