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Approved Honors Courses

The following courses have undergone a rigorous evaluation process and have been approved by the Steering Committee to be labeled as “Honors” on students’ transcripts:

- Advanced Algebra 3/Trigonometry
- Advanced Pre-Calculus/Calculus (1st semester Honors, 2nd semester AP)
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Western Civilization
- American History
- American Government
- French IV
- Latin IV
- Spanish IV

Additional core courses may undergo a curricular review process to determine honors designation per CU-02-F2, Section 4, through which an honors designation may be added or removed.

AP Elective Courses

D’Evelyn offers an array of additional AP elective courses across academic departments.

Eligibility for AP Courses

- General AP course information and the “Advanced Placement Enrollment Contract” shall be included in the Course Planning Guide.
- Students and their parents will be required to read and sign the “Advanced Placement Enrollment Contract.”
- Students must adhere to any department-specific procedures for acceptance into AP classes.
- Departmental regulations for AP courses must be approved by the Steering Committee.
- Families are responsible for payment of AP course materials and testing fees.

AP replacement courses

A course required for graduation may be replaced by an AP course if approved by the Steering Committee. Advanced Placement courses are college level classes preparing students to successfully complete College Board AP exams. For any AP course that replaces a course required for graduation, the AP textbook(s) also covers the approved scope and sequence of the required course per CU-02. The following AP Courses may serve as replacements:

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- AP Chemistry may replace Honors Chemistry
- AP American History may replace Honors American History
- AP Macroeconomics may replace Economics
- AP US Government & Politics may replace Honors American Government
- AP English Literature may replace Classic Literature and Composition

The Steering Committee has the authority to approve additional AP replacement courses.

Dual Credit Courses

Students who enroll in approved dual credit courses will be eligible to receive both high school and college credit for their work. Dual Credit courses may be offered on or off D'Evelyn's campus. Given the school's "closed campus" policy, D'Evelyn students may only enroll in off-campus Dual Credit courses that are held during D'Evelyn's first, sixth, or seventh hour, or outside of school hours.

Concurrent Enrollment Courses

Concurrent enrollment courses are D'Evelyn courses taught by D'Evelyn teachers on the D'Evelyn campus. Students who enroll in D'Evelyn courses that have been approved for concurrent enrollment will be eligible to receive both high school and college credit for their work.

Transcripts and the School Profile

- Core courses designated as "Honors" courses will be labeled as such on students' transcripts (as possible).
- For the classes of 2022-24, the D'Evelyn school profile will communicate the following information regarding the core courses listed above (Approved Honors Courses) taken before the 2021-22 school year:
 - The courses were taught at an honors level.
 - Labeling the courses as honors on student transcripts took effect in the 2021-22 academic year.
- The school profile shall clearly denote the highest-level courses available at D'Evelyn.

Weighted grades

The following grade weighting will apply:

- Honors courses will be weighted on a 4.5-point scale.
 - The 4.5-point scale is the result of a waiver of Jeffco Schools policy IKC-R.
 - The original waiver is in effect from August 1, 2021 - July 31, 2023, and must be renewed on a bi-annual basis.
 - Waiver approval for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years was granted in February of 2023, and the next waiver must be granted prior to the end of the 2024-25 school year.

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- AP courses:
 - AP course grades will be weighted on a 5.0-point scale.
 - Students enrolled in AP classes must take the corresponding College Board exam(s) during the same academic year in order to receive weighted grades.
 - The second semester of the Advanced Pre-Calculus/Calculus course teaches the curriculum for AP Calculus AB and is weighted on a 5.0 point scale. Students in this course may defer taking a calculus AP exam until the following year.
- Latin V may be offered in lieu of AP Latin. Because the Latin V curriculum is equally or more rigorous than the AP Latin curriculum, Latin V will be weighted on a 5.0-point scale. Students enrolled in the Latin V course are not required to take the AP Latin exam.
- Dual Credit courses will be unweighted, unless the course has undergone a rigorous evaluation process and has been approved by the Steering Committee to be graded on a weighted scale.
- Advanced math classes above AP Calculus BC will be weighted on a 5.0 scale.
- Concurrent Enrollment status will not alter the weighting of an existing D'Evelyn course.

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References: DE-CU-10-A Honors and Advanced Placement Course Enrollment