

**Work Load Commitment for Multiple Advanced Placement Courses & Honors,
Concurrent Enrollment Courses
St. James Academy**

We believe high school is an important milestone along the path from childhood to adulthood as students are becoming the people God made them to be. In addition to the excitement of change, exploration and growth though, comes uncertainty, stress and challenge. At St. James, we are committed to supporting and encouraging each student's spiritual, academic, emotional and social health. In order to best anticipate and support our students' overall health, St. James is requiring students examine the significant time requirements, commitments and energy that Advanced Placement (AP)/Honors/Concurrent Enrollment courses require throughout a school year, including summer work. For students and families who choose to take more than three AP/Honors/Concurrent Enrollment courses, SJA requires the below commitment agreement form.

I, (student name) _____, have made the decision to take more than three (3) AP/Honors/Concurrent Enrollment courses next year. I know this is an excellent college preparatory schedule, and I am also aware that taking more than 3 AP/Honors/Concurrent Enrollment classes involves high level analytical thought and research, includes a significant weekly workload, and progresses at a fast pace. AP courses and Concurrent Enrollment courses are college level courses and it should be considered that each course is the equivalent of a 3-hour college course. Prior to making this decision, I have discussed this with my teachers, school counselor, and family. I am interested in taking on this challenge. In making this decision, I have considered my overall course load or next year, including my extracurricular activities and other demands on my time.

I understand that the number of sections of AP, Concurrent Enrollment, Regular and Honors courses offered each school year is based on what students select during the enrollment process, and that I need to finalize my commitment to take these AP/Honors/Concurrent Enrollment courses during the spring enrollment process. I understand that at the beginning of the school year it will not be possible or me to change my mind and switch into regular courses after the first 5 days of the semester for either first or second semesters.

Date: _____
Student (print name) _____ Student Signature _____

Date: _____
Parent/Guardian (print name) _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Submit this Work Load Commitment Agreement to your counselor by the end of the current school year.