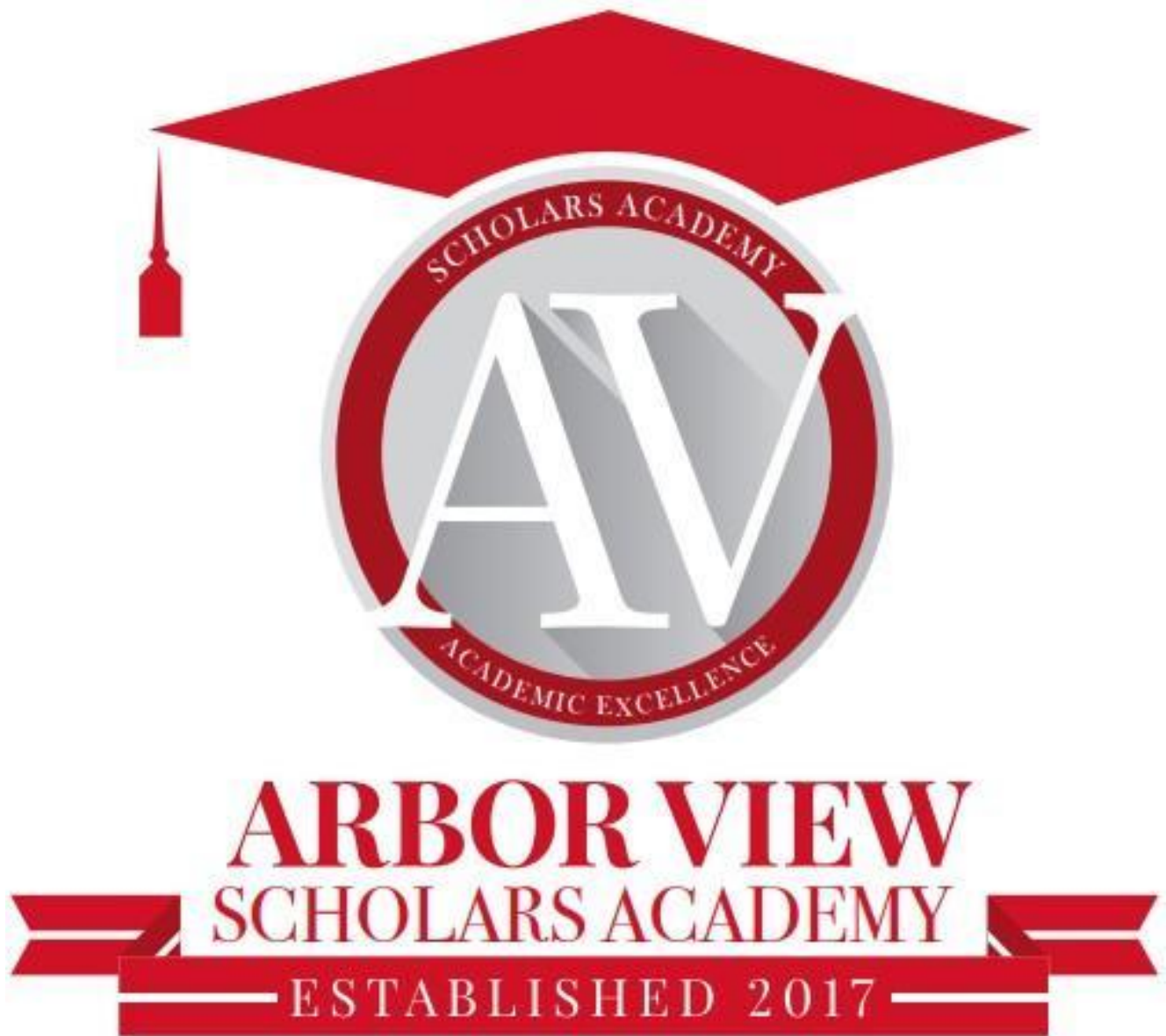




Arbor View Scholars Academy Student Handbook

The Arbor View Scholars Academy

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Mission Statement

The Arbor View Scholars Academy strives to create a culture of success that is rigorous and competitive with students who share a commitment to academic and intellectual growth.

Goals

The Arbor View Scholars Academy will promote a rigorous course of study that will provide:

- a challenging, comprehensive education with the support of dedicated administration and staff.
- courses that challenge students to take risks, promote innovative thinking, and increase intellectual skills.
- the prerequisite skills to achieve in a post-secondary education.

The Arbor View Scholars Academy will foster a competitive academic climate that:

- provides a competitive advantage in college admissions and scholarships.
- improves ACT/SAT scores.
- increases the number of nationally recognized scholars.

The Arbor View Scholars Academy will acknowledge students' achievements by:

- creating a culture of academic success.
- school wide celebrations that recognize city, state, and national distinctions.

Vision

The Arbor View Scholars Academy will:

- emulate an honors college environment with a community of like-minded scholars.
- provide a course of study that will reward and encourage rigor from 7th grade to high school graduation.
- offer one of the largest selections of AP/Dual Enrollment courses in the district.
- develop and foster communication for an educational plan from middle through high school.
- improve enrollment and success in AP/Dual Enrollment courses.
- eliminate the need for college remediation.

Benefits

AP/ Dual Enrollment students gain an edge in predicted college success:

- by getting a head start on college-level work.
- by improving writing skills and sharpening critical thinking skills.
- by developing study habits necessary for rigorous course work.

AP/ Dual Enrollment students stand out in the college admissions process:

- by demonstrating maturity and readiness for college.
- by showing willingness to take the most rigorous courses available.
- by emphasizing commitment to academic excellence.

AP/ Dual Enrollment Students broaden their intellectual horizons:

- by exploring the world from a variety of perspectives.
- by studying subjects in greater depth and detail.

In addition, Scholars Academy students will:

- receive peer mentoring and tutoring.
- receive administrative, teacher, and counselor monitoring and support.
- receive the ability to earn college credits at a fraction of the cost, dependent on individual colleges.
- participate in an Annual Scholars Achievement Ceremony.
- receive special recognition at the graduation ceremony.

College Board reports that:

- eighty-five percent of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions.
- colleges rank grades in college-preparatory courses and strength of curriculum as the two top factors in the admission decision.
- students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely to complete a college degree on time.
- nationally, research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically earn higher grade point averages in college and have higher graduation rates than their non-AP peers.

Dual Enrollment

- Students take a UNR college-level course at the school of full-time enrollment that is taught by an approved instructor. Students will earn three college credits for every Dual Enrollment course that they pass at a cost of around \$100. Financial assistance is available for those that qualify.
- Students will receive both high school and college credit through UNR for successful completion of each course. Students can request an Official Transcript from UNR that should be honored at any in state or out of state institutions.

Student Expectations

Students must meet the following requirements set by The Arbor View Scholars Academy:

- Successfully complete a total of six Advanced Placement and/or Dual Enrollment courses as outlined in the “Course and Sequence” section below.
- Pass all courses each semester.
- Take the Advanced Placement examination at the end of each AP course (Students with financial hardships may request assistance if CCSD doesn’t provide funding for exams).
- Have good behavior and attendance.
- Exhibit academic integrity.
- Meet a cumulative unweighted GPA of a 3.25 and course requirements outlined below.
 - 3 years of English Honors/AP/Dual Enrollment
 - 2 years of Math Honors/AP/Dual Enrollment
 - 2 years of Science Honors/AP/Dual Enrollment
 - 2 years of Social Studies Honors/AP/Dual Enrollment
 - 2 years of an any additional Honors/AP/Dual Enrollment class

Probation

- Students will be placed on probation if they fall within any of the scenarios listed below.
- Students have not met cumulative unweighted GPA benchmarks:
 - 3.0 by the end of Freshman year -
 - 3.1 by end of Sophomore year.
 - 3.2 by end of your Junior year
- Students that violate the behavioral and attendance guidelines as established by Arbor View High School.

All students placed on probation will be notified periodically and their enrollment in The Arbor View Scholars Academy will be re-evaluated. Know that we will always err on the side of keeping students in the program if they are making sufficient progress in meeting the end requirements of the program.

Academic dishonesty can result in the removal from The Arbor View Scholars Academy.

Course and Sequence

Students must choose between the following classes, each year, to maintain eligibility in the Scholars Academy.

Freshman (One AP Class)	Sophomore (One AP Class)	Junior (Two AP Classes)	Senior (Two AP Classes)
AP European History AP Human Geography AP Computer Science Principles AP Environmental Science	AP European History AP Human Geography AP Computer Science Principles AP World History AP Psychology AP Biology AP Environmental Science Math 120 Math 126/127	AP/Dual Enrollment Class #1 – Core Class AND AP/Dual Enrollment Class #2 – Core/Elective	AP/Dual Enrollment Class #1 – Core Class AND AP/Dual Enrollment Class #2 – Core/Elective

Admission Requirements and Process for the Class of 2030

- **Submit completed Scholars Academy Application and 2026-27 AVHS Course Requests by Wednesday, February 25, 2026.** You must select courses as outlined below. Complete the AP/Honors Contract and Course Challenge Form (if needed) when you submit your Course Requests.
 - Enroll into English I Honors Pre-AP at AVHS for the 2026-27 school year.
 - Enroll into Biology Honors at AVHS for the 2026-27 school year.
 - Enroll into Honors math at AVHS for the 2026-27 school year.
 - Enroll into AP Human Geography, AP European History, AP Computer Science Principles or AP Environmental Science for the 2026-27 school year.
- Students who maintain a cumulative unweighted GPA of at least a 3.1 and are on track with the course requirements as of January 2028, will be invited to the Arbor View High School Scholars Recognition Ceremony in Spring of 2028. At this Ceremony, the students will be officially inducted into the AV Scholars Academy and given a pin and certificate to commemorate the event.

Scholars Academy Acceptance Process for Class of 2030

- Applications and 9th grade Course Requests will be reviewed by the Scholars Academy board in March, 2026.
- Students who applied to the Academy but are not enrolled into the appropriate courses will be contacted by March 4, 2026. Those individuals will have until March 11, 2026 to work with their AVHS Counselor to get scheduled into the appropriate, required courses.
- Students that currently attend CCSD middle schools and who are zoned for Arbor View will be **notified of their admittance to the AP Academy by March 18th, 2026 at the latest.**

Disclosure

Acceptance into The Arbor View Scholars Academy is NOT a requirement for enrollment in Advanced Placement or Dual Enrollment courses. All Arbor View students are encouraged to take Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses regardless of being part of the Scholars Academy or not.

Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Designations

In addition to the recognition given by Arbor View High School to the students of the Scholars Academy, the College Board offers a variety of academic recognitions. A student can earn this recognition as prescribed by the College Board and may include it on college applications. The following AP Scholar designations can be earned and students are awarded upon graduation:

AP Scholar Awards

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
AP Scholar	Score of 3 or higher on THREE or more AP exams
AP Scholar with Honor	Score of 3 or higher on FOUR or more AP exams and an average of 3.25 on all AP exams taken.
AP Scholar with Distinction	Score of 3 or higher on FIVE or more AP exams and an average of 3.5 on all AP exams taken.
AP International Diploma	Scores of 3 or higher on FIVE or more AP exams and exams across multiple disciplines: 1 Foreign Language, 1 English, 1 World Culture, and Math/Science/Computer Science and one other AP course. Student must attend a school outside the US (foreign exchange) or student plans to attend a university outside of the US.