

SCHS Honors Program

In the Freshman Humanities Program at SCHS, students of all ability levels are enrolled in the same classes. We believe strongly that a diverse learning environment allows students to support and challenge each other socially and academically.

At the beginning of each term, we ask students who are interested in the Honors program to discuss with their parents whether the academic expectations and rigor are appropriate for them at this point of their academic development. Most students who enroll in Honors Humanities have been enrolled in an honors program in junior high, but we have had students find success in the program with the right work ethic and academic background. A SCHS Student interested in Honors should have the right Attitude and Aptitude:

Attitude I have a <ul style="list-style-type: none">• positive work ethic• willingness to take risks• commitment to recognize all sides of an argument• willingness to think outside the box• commitment to follow instructions I am a <ul style="list-style-type: none">• self starter and a person who follows through• leader among my peers	Aptitude I have <ul style="list-style-type: none">• an ability to engage in deeper thought• an ability to communicate effectively with others in small and large groups• the ability to write a four paragraph essay• The ability to turn all work in on time I am <ul style="list-style-type: none">• above grade-level proficiency in writing and reading
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We realize that students in the Honors program may be interested in Advanced Placement classes in their future years of high school. In order to prepare them for the academic rigor they will encounter, we feel it is necessary to begin the preparation. As a result, students enrolled in the Honors program will be expected to:

- Complete differentiated classwork and homework that requires deep thought
- Write in-class insightful essays using organization, correct grammar, spelling and punctuation
- Pass competency on essays at an honors level.
- Maintain a grade of a B in Humanities, or **be dropped from the program.**
- **Failure to complete or turn in honors assignments will result in students being dropped from the program.**

If your child meets the above requirements, they will be eligible to earn an A worth 5 grade points instead of 4, affecting their overall GPA. Your child will begin completing Honors level work that will be used to assess their current abilities and potential success in the Honors program. *Your teacher will reach out to you with any concerns in the case that Honors may not be a good fit for your student, otherwise, your student will be enrolled in honors upon the receipt of your signature below.*

If you and your child both think that the honors program is an appropriate placement for your student, please complete the online form available on Canvas in order to sign up.