

Considering Honors Physics? Read this..

Physics is a required class for all incoming freshmen students at LAHS, but if you are considering taking Honors Physics, here are a few things you should think about:

- **The prerequisites for Honors Physics are: Enrollment in Algebra 2 or Geometry with waiver, no lower than a B in both semesters of eighth grade science and math, and a recommendation of your current science teacher.**
- **Students that will be enrolled in Geometry should ask themselves the following questions:**
 - Do I enjoy science? It is much easier to put in extra effort in a class that you enjoy!
 - Am I good at math? There is **much** more math needed in HP than in Conceptual Physics (CP), and basic math skills will be assumed.
 - Do I have good problem solving skills? Students with good problem solving skills do much better in HP than those that don't.
 - Am I willing to do the extra work needed to be successful in HP? **There is significantly more homework in HP than in CP, as much as an hour or more per block.**
 - Am I willing to go ask for help when I don't understand something? This is an important skill in all advanced classes at LAHS.
 - Do I have good study habits?
 - Am I typically caught up with the work in all my classes? It is absolutely necessary for HP students to stay caught up with the work.
 - Do I have good attendance? (It is much more difficult to make up work in an honors class than in a general class)
- Almost without exception, students who are not successful in HP are students who do not keep up with the work. **Keeping up is the key to success in Honors Physics.** All students should take this into consideration before registering for HP

If you or your parents have any questions or need further clarification, you can email the current HP teacher: Debbie Grothaus at d.grothaus@laschools.net .