

Honors Courses

Honors Courses provide students with a more challenging curriculum than academic level courses. These courses are weighted by 2.5% which is applied when calculating quarter and final averages, cum GPA's, and class rank. Because of the rigor of the Honors course curriculum, students must meet entrance criteria to take these courses. Each department has created their own entrance criteria based on specific skills needed to be successful at the Honors level. Entrance criteria for each subject area are listed below:

9th Grade Honors Requirements

*Honors US History 1

- Teacher recommendation for course
- Final course grade of 93 or higher in current History course
- PROF or ADV in 8th gr ELA PSSA's

*Honors Physical Science

- Teacher recommendation for course
- Final course grade of 93 or higher in current Science course
- Must have scored PROF or ADV on 8th gr Science PSSA's
- PVAAS projection score must be 55% or higher for scoring PROF on Biology Keystone exam.

*Honors English -includes Essay requirement

- Teacher recommendation for course
- Student's final average (in current Lang Arts course) plus graded Essay average = Total average, divided by 2 (must be 93 or higher)
- Must have scored PROF or ADV on 8th grade ELA PSSA's
- PVAAS projection score must be 55% or higher for scoring PROF on Literature Keystone exam.

*A final average of 82 or higher is required to remain in the honors track (per course).