



HUSD High School AP/Honors Academic Agreement

Honors, Dual Enrollment, and Advanced Placement course are courses that exceed the state content standards and expectation. Participation in these classes often requires summer work, rigorous testing, individual/ group projects, presentations, and a higher expectation for classroom participation and discussion. *Colleges rank "grades in college prep courses" and "strength of curriculum" as the top two factors in the admission decision. **85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions.

*2009 State of College Admission, NACAC

**Unpublished Institutional research, Crux Research Inc. March 2007

Choosing to take an Honors, Dual Enrollment, or AP course is a serious decision. There are many benefits to taking such courses, but there are some risks as well. Students who successfully pass the College Board AP exam in their content with a score of 4 or 5 often receive college credit that is recognized nationwide. However, not all AP courses are accepted at all colleges and universities. Students taking an AP course are not guaranteed college credit, and understanding the difference between local colleges and state universities is important.

Cost:

The cost incurred with Dual Enrollment or the AP exam will be the responsibility of the parents. All students taking AP courses are expected to take the associated AP exam at the end of the school year in May. AP exam costs vary by year. Each AP class will incur a \$10 class fee. Tax credit is now available for all AP exams. Students facing a financial need may qualify for a fee reduction through College Board. See your school counselor for more information.

Prerequisite:

See the Advanced Placement Recommendations chart for the appropriate course recommended prerequisites and expectations.

Statement of Rigor:

Students are not required to take Honors courses prior to taking an AP course, but it is highly recommended. (This may not apply to Math.) Teachers of AP courses are required to adhere to strict pacing and rigor of their courses as they are approved by the College Board, and help prepare students to take the AP exams every spring. If a student struggles in a traditional course, it is not recommended the child be placed in AP or Honors course. The scope, sequence, and pacing of advanced courses differ greatly from the traditional classroom.

Student Responsibility:

- I agree to take full responsibility and understand that I am in this Honors, AP, or Dual Enrollment course for the length of the entire course. **I will not be permitted to exit the class.**
- To attend class daily. I recognize my absences should be kept to a minimum, as being absent will hinder my progress, grade, and participation in the course.
- To complete all work assigned, procuring and completing make-up work, and communicating with teacher upon my absence.
- In completing my own work in order to improve my ability to reason, analyze, and understand.
- To organize my time and study habits to successfully complete the course. I understand that this course will require a large amount of commitment. I understand I must keep up with the rigor of the class.
- To confer with the teacher and take immediate action should I fall behind in the course. It is my responsibility to keep up with my grade, to meet with the teacher, and attend tutoring if needed.
- If taking an AP course, I understand I am also preparing for the AP exam in the spring.
- I will have a conversation with my current teacher to understand the expectations in the next course and make sure that I am prepared to take the course.

Parent/Guardian Responsibility:

- I agree and understand that my son/daughter will be required to fulfill the requirements stated in this agreement, and will not be permitted to exit their Honors, AP, or Dual Enrollment course.
- I agree to be familiar with the course requirements located in the course syllabus.
- I agree to allow my son/daughter to participate in this course.
- I agree to allow my son/daughter to read the required materials for this course.
- I agree to help my son/daughter organize his or her life and study habits to support him or her in successfully completing the class.
- I agree to encourage him/her to communicate with the teacher should curricular, discipline, other issues, or conflicts arise.
- I understand that the coursework is stringent and outside study time can amount to one to two times the actual school class time.

By signing below, I agree to the information above in this agreement.

Student Name: _____ **ID#** _____ **Student Signature** _____

Parent Name: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____

Parent phone: _____ **Parent email:** _____

I am requesting to register for the following AP or Honors level course for the 2021/22 School Year:

AP/Honors Course: _____ **AP/Honors Course:** _____

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