

Please retain this agreement for your records



Yorba Linda High School Honors/Advance Placement Agreement

Honors/AP Expectations

Yorba Linda High School offers courses designated as Honors/AP that are open to academically curious and self-motivated students who desire a greater challenge, an accelerated pace, and a deeper exploration of the course content than is available through college preparatory curriculum. Honors/AP courses demand that students manage difficult course material, engage in higher-level thinking, and discuss ideas at length to form connections between academic disciplines. Students enrolling in these classes should expect to be held accountable for a variety of advanced readings, analysis of complex ideas, and a variety of assessments. Excellent time-management, organization, and study skills are vital to success in our Honors/AP program.

Please read the criteria and course descriptions for each course in which you are planning to enroll. You and your parent/guardian must sign the Honors Agreement portion of the Course Selection card to acknowledge you have read and understand the Honors Placement Criteria and Advanced Placement Expectations.

- I have read and understand the expectations for an Honors/AP student, and I believe this is an appropriate placement for the 2018-2019 school year.
- **I understand that on the evening of Wednesday, May 30, 2018, my parent/guardian and I MUST attend an assignment night information meeting for each Advanced Placement class that I have registered to take for the 2018-2019 school year.* (Students taking Honors classes do not attend this meeting.)**
- I understand, based on space available**, once I sign the Course Selection card there are only certain opportunities in the year I am able to drop the class:
 - Prior to June 8, 2018
 - During Back to School Days (August)
 - Within the first two weeks of school (Board Policy)
 - Any time before the first progress report (Science, Social Science and English only)
 - At the end of each quarter

*If you cannot attend the May 30th meeting (due to a school sponsored activity or family emergency), you must contact the teacher in order to remain enrolled in the class within a week of the May 30th meeting (students who enroll after this night must contact the teacher within a week of registering for the class). This meeting is for Advanced Placement students only, **not** Honors.

**Enrollment in a new class will be based on availability; therefore, students may have to stay in the honors/AP level course regardless of their grade or desire to switch into a college preparatory class. Additionally, this change may affect other class periods and/or teachers.

To signify that you have read this agreement, parent and student signatures are required in the "Honors Agreement" box at the bottom of the course request card.

School Wide Expectations of an Honors Student:

Self Motivated:

Ability is a strong component of placement, but attitude is a bigger factor. If a student is capable but unwilling to do the work, they will be unsuccessful. Don't procrastinate.

Organized:

Students must be able to manage their time. Get yourself a school planner to write down all assignments. Make sure to communicate with your teachers when you do not understand something. You need to know where to find assignments and when they are due. Use the school website to assist with this information.

Hard Working:

Be prepared for at least 45 minutes of homework per honors/AP class. Always put forth your best effort.

Efficient:

You have a variety of things going on in high school. You need to learn to prioritize and find extra time within a day to complete assignments (i.e. library at lunch, in between activities, etc).

If a student is absent because of a school sponsored activity, it is the responsibility of the student to turn in their homework/project before leaving for the event. The student must also check-in with the teachers before leaving campus to ensure they are aware of any class work/homework they may miss.

Language Arts Expectations

- A. Honors students will write 8-12 full process essays and writing assignments *per year*. AP students will write 12-15 in-class timed writes, processed essays, and homework assignments *per semester*. Both Honors/AP essays are expected to demonstrate advanced capabilities in writing: minimal grammatical errors, apt vocabulary, critical analysis, careful attention to diction and syntax, and complex sentence structure.
- B. Honors/AP students will read several major literary works with up to an hour of reading a night. Honors/AP students should expect to read a variety of literary works, including both pre and post 19th century nonfiction and fiction.
- C. Weekly assignments and assessment in advanced vocabulary should be expected.
- D. Honors/AP students are expected to complete and turn in assignments that are posted on teachers' web pages, even when students are absent.
- E. Students should expect to write frequent timed writing assignments as well as practice quick and efficient responses to AP-style multiple choice questions.

Social Science-Advanced Placement Courses only (No Honors classes offered)

- A. Students should expect homework 7 days a week including vacations.
- B. Students should expect 45 minutes of reading with reading quizzes the next day in class.
- C. Multiple Choice exams will be given twice a month.
- D. Essay exams will be given twice a month.
- E. Mandatory daily participation in class discussions is expected.
- F. Final grade is heavily dependent upon performance on exams and quizzes.

Math

- A. Students should expect tests/quizzes every week.
- B. Students should expect at least 45 minutes of homework per night plus additional study time. (Some homework will be more challenging and difficult than college prep classes.)
- C. Summer homework assignment must be completed and turned in on the first day of school.

World Languages

- A. Honors courses will have significantly more classwork and homework than college prep classes. Courses include more advanced readings.
- B. Honors students **are expected to demonstrate** higher levels of language acquisition, accuracy, application and achievement.
- C. Honors students must be **self-motivated** and responsible learners **who** use the language as much as possible in and outside of class.

Science

- A. Honors students should expect at least 30 minutes of homework, reviewing written notes/text, or assignments.
- B. AP students should expect an hour of homework each night.
- C. Students should be organized and have a notebook which includes notes, handouts, and assignments.
- D. Daily class participation is expected and required.
- E. Consistent effort by students is also expected.
- F. All AP Science classes assign summer homework: expect a test on the first day of school in September.