

Tokay High School
Contract for Honors/Pre-AP/AP Classes 2020-2021

Student Name _____ ID # _____ Grade (2020-21) _____

Honors, Pre-AP, and AP courses at Tokay are open to all students willing to put in the effort required for the “rigor and relevance” of these courses, and we are prepared to serve any student wishing to pursue academic excellence during high school and beyond. Here’s what you need to know about our Honors, Pre-AP, and Advanced Placement program.

What To Expect

Honors and Pre-AP courses are considered preparation for AP courses, which are taught to college-level standards. Students who pass AP exams with a 3, 4, or 5 may receive college credit for the course. Honors courses are taught at an accelerated pace and greater depth than regular CP courses.

IMPORTANT: The rigor and pace of these classes is far more demanding than what a student is accustomed to in traditional college preparatory curriculum. These are considered college level courses with college level work and texts. Most courses require a great deal of reading, writing, homework and assessment. Serious thought should be given to the decision to enroll in Pre-AP/AP courses, and even more consideration given to the decision to enroll in more than three such courses per school year.

Enrollment

Any student may request Honors, Pre-AP or AP courses during scheduling in the spring. Many courses have recommended pathways; ask your counselor or teacher if you need more information. All students are required to sign this contract when they enroll in Honors, Pre-AP, and AP classes. Most courses will also require signatures on course policies and obligations. In general, most Honors, pre-AP, and AP students meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Meet or exceed standards on the appropriate CAASPP test
- Successful completion (C or better) of the preliminary course
- Teacher or counselor recommendation

If a student has not completed the prerequisite pathway, a parent-teacher-counselor meeting may be required. Enrolling in an Honors, Pre-AP or AP course is a commitment. Should a student and their parent/guardian decide that the student cannot fulfill that commitment, all drops from Honors and Pre-AP/ AP courses must be made within the first 15 school days of a semester, consistent with LUSD Board Policy (Rule 5121).

Because of the implications that withdrawal may have on a student’s college and career plans, any changes initiated by a student in the first 15 days of the semester should involve consultation among the Honors, Pre-AP, or AP teacher, student, parent/guardian, counselor and/or administrator.

Summer Assignments

Some courses require students to do work in advance of the school year. Students who choose these courses will be contacted by the teacher prior to summer break for an explanation. Not completing summer work may adversely impact a student’s grade. Be sure to listen to the daily bulletin this spring for more information.

Students new to LUSD at the start of (or during) the school year or current Tokay students who make a decision to enroll in Honors, Pre-AP/AP at the start of the new school year will be given the opportunity to complete make-up work to compensate for the summer assignments without adversely affecting their course grade.

AP Tests

All students in all AP courses will be required to take the corresponding AP exam in the spring of that year or to complete an alternate assessment given by the teacher. Failure to meet this requirement will adversely affect a student’s grade in the course. Each AP exam costs approximately \$94, payable by the student. Student Services can help students with a payment plan option. Some students will qualify for fee waivers for the exam. Check with Student Services for more information.

Grading Policy

Honors, Pre AP and AP courses have an extra grade point (GPA is scaled to 5.0 rather than 4.0) for semester grades of A, B, and C.

Honor Code

All students enrolled in Honors, Pre-AP, and AP courses will be held to the Tokay High School AP Honor Code. This code will be explained the first week of the year in each Honors, Pre-AP and AP course, and copies will be sent home for parents to review and sign. Copies of the Honor Code will also be available to parents through the counselors upon request.

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____