

SILVER HILLS HONORS CLASSES



Silver Hills Middle School's honors classes are designed to challenge students and prepare them for advanced placement classes at the high school level. Honors classes are offered in Language Arts at all three grade levels. [REDACTED]. Please note that enrollment is fluid and may change within a year and from year to year.

Honors classes are different from regular middle school core content courses in that they are taught at an accelerated pace with more depth and complexity. Classes frequently require the student to work at the analysis and synthesis levels of thinking within the content area. On occasion, honors classes may require more homework. As a result, the typical honors student is task-oriented, uses his/her time effectively, and maintains stellar attendance.

Student Responsibilities

- You agree to maintain high academic standards.
- You agree to try new things even when they are challenging.
- You agree to personally and appropriately communicate with your teacher regarding any difficulties you may experience as part of your honors class.
- You agree to stay organized and put forth the effort necessary to successfully complete the honors classes in which you are enrolled.
- You agree to complete homework on time and on a regular basis, attend classes regularly, and comply with teacher expectations to ensure your success.
- You agree to consistently come to school so your attendance is in good standing.
- You agree to email or talk with your teacher before, during, or immediately after an absence to get missing work and to complete it promptly.

Parent Responsibilities

Parental support is an essential component of a student's success in honors classes.

- You agree to support your student in their attendance, their work, and their self-advocacy.
- You agree to support the school and hold your student to high standards and to help them meet their responsibilities as outlined above.
- You agree to encourage your student to find an appropriate balance between academics and extracurricular activities.

Honors Students ...

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| *Are willing to work hard. | *Can think critically and independently. |
| *Are self-motivated. | *Maintain regular attendance. |
| *Exhibit appropriate behavior. | *Are willing to take risks in class. |

***Please note that there will be further steps to the application process:**

- a review of your MAP reading score and PARCC scores,
- a review of your attendance record,
- [REDACTED] completed in Language Arts class,
- a paragraph explaining why you (the student) feel honors is the best class for you,
- [REDACTED] explaining why the parent/guardian feels honors is the best fit for their student,
- [REDACTED] teacher recommendations from current teachers: one being your current Language Arts teacher and one from a current core teacher.