

Registration Information for Honors Classes

When reading through the AVHS registration materials, you will note that some classes have prerequisites and others are labeled as “honors.” These advanced classes in English, social studies, earth science, and math are both challenging and rewarding. **AVHS allows our students to ‘self-select’ into any courses they choose.** Our history indicates that students who meet certain criteria for selection have a greater likelihood of success in these classes. Below are the recommendations for honors classes in Grade 9:

Honors English: Usually the top 30% of incoming 9th graders select this course. Eighth graders who are earning “A”, “A-“ or “B+” grades in their middle school English classes are encouraged to enroll in this class. We encourage all students enrolling in our Honors English to take our Honors Citizenship and Government class as well.

Honors Citizenship and Government: Usually the top 30% of incoming 9th graders select this course as well. Eighth graders who are earning “A”, “A-“ or “B+” grades in their middle school social studies or Global Studies classes are encouraged to enroll in this class. We encourage all students enrolling in our Honors Citizenship & Government to take our Honors English class.

Honors Earth Science: Usually the top 30% of incoming 9th graders select this course. Eighth graders who are earning “A” or “A-” grades in their middle school science class are encouraged to enroll in this class.

Honors Geometry: Students enrolling in Honors Geometry must have completed Intermediate Algebra in 8th grade. Usually the top 15% of incoming 9th graders select this course. Students who are in Intermediate Algebra in 8th grade and are earning “A”, “A-“ or “B+” grades should sign up for this course. *Some students who are in Intermediate Algebra in 8th grade may wish to register for regular Geometry. However, this is a rare occurrence. **Students who are in on-level 8th grade math should sign up for Intermediate Algebra. Students will have an opportunity to double up in math during their 10th grade year, should they wish to accelerate their math learning. If you have questions, please discuss with your current math teacher.

Here are good guidelines to follow:

If your student receives “A” and “B” grades in math, science, English, and social studies, then he/she should consider enrolling in the 9th grade honors classes in any/all of those areas. Having multiple honors classes can be challenging so please select those which best fit the student’s interest.

If your student receives all “B” grades in math, science, English, and social studies, then he/she should be enrolling in a 9th grade honors class only if they are up to the challenge. We would not recommend an “honors” course for this group, but some students like the challenge. The choice is yours.

If your student earns grades of “C” or below in math, science, English, and social studies, on-level courses are likely a better academic fit at this time.