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Dear Secondary Parents and Guardians,

As many of you are aware, in Moore Public Schools (MPS) we use Odysseyware for the Virtual/Online Education (Option 3) and it does not host advanced courses. Throughout the past several weeks, the MPS Curriculum Department has been working to design a program that would supplement Odysseyware and still provide a quality advanced program for junior high and high school students interested in Option 3. We appreciate the patience our families have shown while we have worked through the financial, staff, and curricular details of this program. We now have a solution!

Please note, there is a difference between honors and Advanced Placement (AP). Honors courses (previously known as Pre-AP) are offered at the junior high and grades 9-10 in the high schools (with the exception of Honors Pre-Calculus for grade 11). AP classes are taught by teachers trained through College Board. These are college level courses reserved mostly for upper classmen. All honors and AP courses carry a GPA weight of 5.0.

## MPS Return to Learn Honors Plan

Honors math courses can be taken through Odysseyware. Students who are part of honors math, work 1-2 years ahead of the normal course progression. The following honors courses will be offered virtually for the 2020-2021 school year:

Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11
Honors English	Honors English	Honors English I	Honors English II	Honors Pre-Calc
Honors Geography	Honors US History	Honors Oklahoma	Honors Chemistry	
		History		
Honors Science	Honors Science	Honors Biology	Honors Algebra II	
Honors Pre-Algebra	Honors Algebra I	Honors Geometry		

Students who wish to participate in virtual honors will complete the regular Odysseyware course associated with that class. In addition, students enrolled in honors will be emailed a lengthy learning experience project to complete (with the exception of honors math). Instructions for this project will vary based on content and grade level and will be emailed to students by the end of September. Students will have a month to complete this project and submit it via email to their virtual teacher. This project will represent 20% of the student's final grade.

## **Return to Learn AP Plan**

AP courses will be taught by College Board trained MPS teachers. These courses will be taught through Canvas. Please note, most teachers are teaching this class after hours because they will be teaching inperson classes during the day. This means students will need to be available in the evenings to Zoom with teachers. The following AP classes will be offered virtually for the 2020-2021 school year:

Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	
AP World History	AP US History	AP Government	
AP Biology	AP English Lang	AP English Lit	
AP Physics	AP Chemistry	AP Biology	
	AP Physics	AP Physics	
	AP Biology	AP Chemistry	
	AP Stats	AP Stats	
	AP Calc AB	AP Calc BC	

## To Enroll in Virtual Honors or AP

To enroll in one of these two programs, you will need to:

- Go to your school counselor's website.
- Complete the online schedule change form indicating you would like your child's schedule changed.

A school counselor will change the schedule as soon as possible. Please keep in mind, there will be a high volume of forms completed and this may take up to two weeks.

Again, we appreciate your patience as we navigate through this health crisis and as we transition into a virtual learning environment.

Respectfully,

Shannon Thompson Dean of Academics