

HONORS CLASSES IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

Meeting 1/25/22

[Email addresses for honors teachers](#)

WHO CAN TAKE HONORS CLASSES?

- Any student coming into the high school can choose to take weighted classes
- Parents and students are cautioned that these courses are rigorous with higher expectations than an on level course
- Once a student is enrolled in the course they may not drop to a lower level after **8/13**
- MS Teachers will make recommendations; these should be strongly considered in your decision. If currently in an enriched class, they should earn an 85% or higher to go to honors, or 92% in on level.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT HONORS CLASSES?

- Some have summer assignments
- Dives deeper into assignments and involves more independent work
- Dives deeper into reading and writing assignments
- Larger stakes tests (fewer tests worth more points)
- Higher order thinking
- ELA class will have an assessment at the start of the year to review summer assignments

EXPECTATIONS OF HONORS CLASSES

Criteria	1.20	1.10
Amount of time in vs. out of class	25/75	50/50
Level of reading/writing	College level	Above grade level
Amount of teacher-directed assistance	Very little	Moderate
Pre-Course assignment/ <u>pre-requisites</u>	Required	Possible
Frequency of out-of-class assignments	Every night and weekends	Most nights
Assessments	Few, Most high stakes	Less frequent, larger, some high stakes
Time in class for preview/review	Rare	Infrequent
Scaffolding of assignments/assessments	None	Little
Higher order thinking skills	Most of the class	Often

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF TAKING HONORS?

- It is the academically appropriate course for you
- It is more challenging in an area that you are interested in studying or excel in
- Earn extra weighting for the honors class
 - Reflected on your high school transcript as a weighted class
 - Calculated into your GPA as a weighted average and can impact rank
- Often honors classes look better on transcripts
 - Example, if you are getting 99% in an on level class, the question would be “are you being challenged” or “why not take an honors?”

WHICH HONORS CLASSES CAN I TAKE NEXT YEAR?

- Honors English 9
- Honors 20th Century US History
- Honors General Science
- Honors Algebra II

HONORS ENGLISH 9

Mission:

Through critical analysis, creative expression, independent study, and collaborative experience, students will further develop higher-order thinking skills in preparation for a rigorous college environment.

Units:

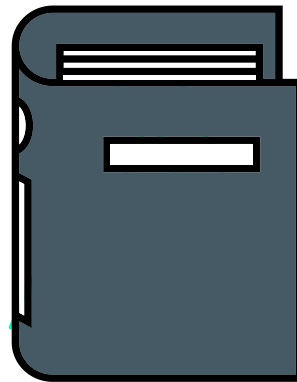
- ☐ *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- ☐ Short Story
- ☐ Persuasive Writing
- ☐ *The Odyssey*
- ☐ *Les Miserables*
- ☐ *Romeo & Juliet*

What to Expect:

- More homework than an on-level class.
- More reading, including for homework.
 - Primarily for the *Les Miserables* unit.
- More writing.
 - Frequent well-developed paragraphs, essays.
- Socratic seminars and discussions.
 - Graded participation.

You will need...

- An open mind.
- A good work ethic.
- To be a creative and critical thinker.
- To be willing to discuss and collaborate.



HONORS 20TH CENTURY US HISTORY - MR. SPIEGEL (MR. MUSSMON, MRS. KRAUSE, MRS. MACKAVAGE)

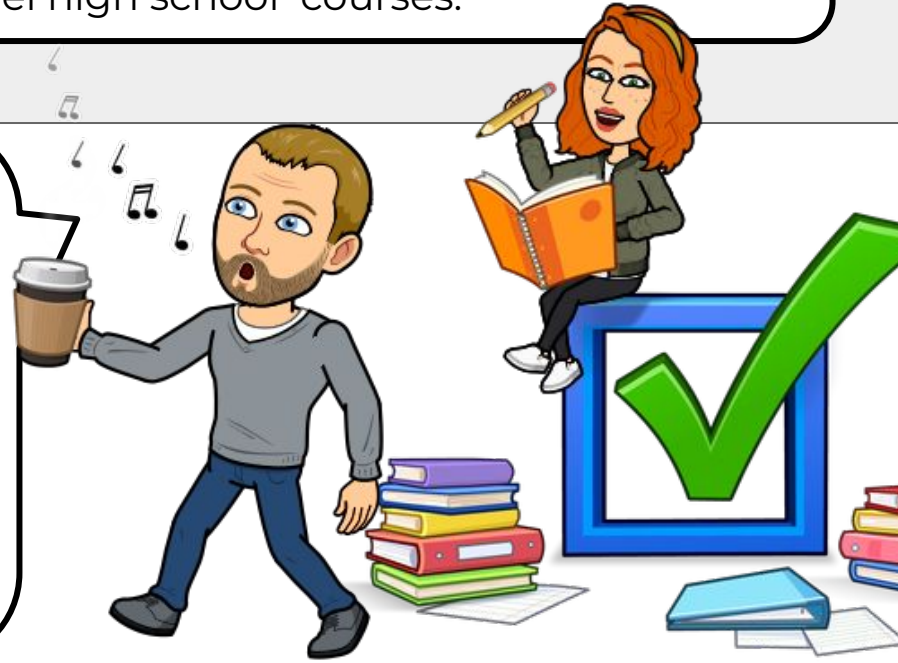
Mission: To learn how to think and write like an historian through the reading of primary and secondary sources, developing and strengthening critical thinking and historical analysis skills, learning how to examine multiple viewpoints in preparation for upper level high school courses.

**SIGN
ME UP**



Units of Study:

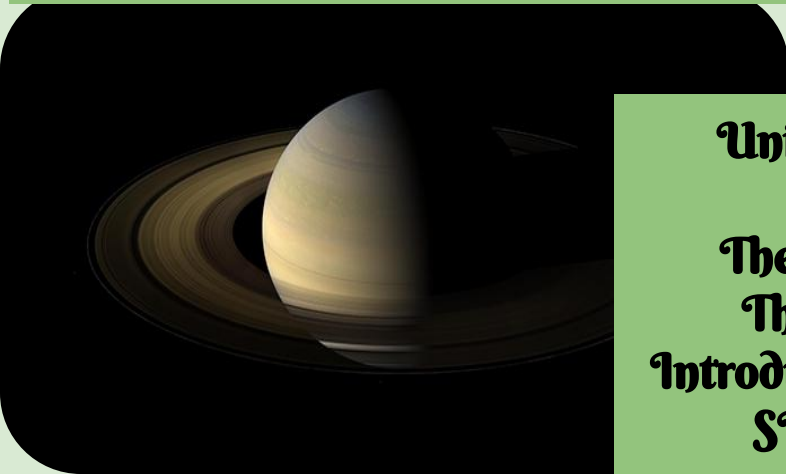
We will study American history chronologically from the 1920s - the 1980s.



Honors General Science - Ms. Reed, Mr. Cherry, Mr. Gormont



Mission - Through investigation, independent study, and collaborative experience, this class is designed to introduce you to Biology, Chemistry, Physics and The Earth. It's purpose being to introduce and prepare you for the upper level science courses.



Units of Study include:

**The Process of Science
The Math of Science
Introduction to Biochemistry
STEM in our world**

