

Honor Cord Information

Departmental honor cords recognize a student's academic accomplishments according to specific departmental criteria. There are several common requirements of students:

- Submit a departmental honor cord application and an unofficial transcript to each department chair.
- Enrolled at least 4 semesters at SHS and those courses are taken during the regular school year, no night school or summer school grades.
- Complete requested department courses with a grade of "B" or higher.
- Citizenship Marks without a "N" or "U"
- AP grades are considered weighted in terms of grade points, i.e., a "B" is equal to 4 points.

Students who meet requirements within each department will be presented with a color honor cord to be worn at the graduation ceremony.

DEPARTMENT CRITERIA

AP HONOR CORD (Yale)

- 5 AP Level classes in 4 content areas
- Minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.6 or higher
- Must have taken AP Exams and/or be registered for senior year AP exams for all courses being submitted. Scores of 3 or better to qualify.

BUSINESS (Beige)

- 4 semesters of "A" work
- 1 Business & 1 other teacher recommendation

ENGLISH (Light Blue)

- 6 semesters of "A" work
- No NP Marks allowed
- Min MAP Score of 235, Winter & Spring
- English CAASPP score Proficient or above (3 or 4) from 11th grade
- 2 English teacher recommendations

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE (Lilac)

- 5 semesters of "A" work
- 1 FCS & 1 other teacher recommendation

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY/AG (Maroon)

- 4 semesters of "A" work*
- 2 IT/Ag teacher recommendations

* One semester of an advanced course.

MATH (Red)

- 6 semesters of "A" work.
- Minimum GPA of 3.75 or higher
- Must have completed Pre-Cal or AP Stats
- 2 Math teacher recommendations

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (Peacock Blue)

- 7 semesters of "A" work
- Must pass fitness test in senior year or participate in Fittest on Campus
- Participate in 2 sports at Sierra, 1 being a varsity sport
- 1 Phys Ed & 1 other teacher recommendation

SCIENCE (Orange)

- 6 semesters of "A" work
- 1 Science teacher recommendations

SOCIAL SCIENCE (Purple)

- 6 semesters of "A" work
- 7 semesters of "A" work if including Psychology.
- Must take Social Science AP course with a grade of "B" or higher
- 2 Social Science teacher recommendations

VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS (White)

- 4 semesters of "A" work*
 - Minimum GPA of 4.0 or higher
 - 1 VAPA & 1 other teacher recommendation
- *2 years in same discipline, 2 semesters advanced course

WORLD LANGUAGE (Kelly Green)

- 6 semesters of "A" work
- Minimum GPA of 3.75 or higher
- 2 World Lang. teacher recommendations

OTHER CORDS – APPLICATION NOT REQUIRED:

CLUB CORD (Blue/Silver/White)

- Member of SHS club in senior year
- Attend a minimum of 7 club meetings
- Maintain eligibility (GPA of 2.0 or higher with not more than 1 F or 1 U)

CTE COMPLETER (Blue/Orange/Green)

- Completion of CTE sequence of courses (in the same pathway) of 300 hours or more
- Complete 50 hours of work in the community directly related to their CTE pathway