HONORS/ADVANCED PLACEMENT/DUAL ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

In order to address student stressful academic loads originating with academic scheduling choices, we ask students and parents/guardians to read through this agreement and have a conversation at home during course selection. Palo Alto High School supports any student who wishes to accept the challenge of Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and Dual Enrollment (DE) classes. With that challenge comes certain expectations regarding the maturity and capabilities of the enrolled students. Please remember that **Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses are college level courses.** Students should be motivated to take an Honors, AP, or Dual Enrollment class by an appreciation for and deep interest in the subject. Students who are overextended with academics and/or extracurricular activities should seriously consider if they have time to devote to an H/AP/DE class and the number of H/AP/DE classes they can successfully complete. Note the majority of AP classes are reserved for 11th and 12th graders. Honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment classes are not weighted for 9th grade students. **Palo Alto High School suggests a maximum of two AP classes per semester.**

Students are expected to:

1. Be independent learners, willing to read, learn, ask questions, pursue outside reading and research, integrate and discuss material from diverse sources.
2. Meet any prerequisites prior to enrolling in an H/AP/DE course.
3. Prepare for and take tests on time.
4. Spend more than the average amount of time on work outside of class.

Students who enroll in an H/AP/DE course and their parent/guardian must initial next to each statement below and sign the written agreement at the bottom:

1. _____, _____ I recognize that I have to demonstrate independence and responsibility. H/AP/DE courses typically require more homework compared to non-H/AP/DE college prep courses (approximately 1-2 hours of homework per class meeting or 2-5 hours a week per course).
2. _____, _____ I commit to remain enrolled in the H/AP/DE courses I have chosen for the entire course. If special circumstances arise and I must drop an H/AP/DE course, I understand there may not be space available in a college prep class. I understand I may have to delay taking a required class because of my drop. I also understand that my grade will carry-over to the new course to which I transfer.
3. _____, _____I understand that Palo Alto High School does not recommend students take more than two AP classes per year.
4. _____, _____I understand there may be a prerequisite for an H/AP/DE course as outlined in the Paly course catalog. By enrolling in an H/AP/DE course, I certify that I meet these prerequisites.
5. _____, _____I am aware that Foothill College has separate registration and drop deadlines/requirements that must be met and it is my responsibility to meet these deadlines. Students will automatically be dropped from the DE class if these deadlines are not met.
6. _____, _____I agree to uphold Palo Alto High School's Academic Integrity Policy in the Student Handbook (available on www.paly.net).
7. _____, _____I will speak with my Parent/Guardian, Teacher, Teacher Advisor, and School Counselor if I start feeling overwhelmed with my academic workload.
8. _____, _____I realize that by enrolling in an Advanced Placement course, it is recommended that I take the corresponding Advanced Placement Examination in May. Funding support for this examination may be available for students with demonstrated financial need.

Student Signature & Date	Student Name Clearly Printed	Parent/Guardian Signature & Date

H/AP/DE classes I have requested	Alternate H/AP/DE classes