

Course Descriptions

Social Studies

Grade 7 Honors Social Studies is designed for those students who show strong potential and enjoy history. We will be covering Ancient Civilizations through European Exploration. In the honors class we will emphasize using primary sources to evaluate historical events. We will participate in debates, trials, and project based learning experiences that allow honors students to go in depth into the historical analysis process. This course relies heavily on outside reading, research, and work. Students who choose to take honors will be given summer work to complete prior to the end of the school year. In addition, they will be given a test on the second day of school over the summer work.

English Language Arts

Honors ELA is a rigorous and challenging academic course. Our goal is to take our students' potential and offer advanced skills that will enable them to perform at advanced levels in both reading and writing. All students are working toward the same goal: the ability to communicate and collaborate effectively, think critically, and develop their creativity, all vital skills needed in today's world. A big part of this is reading, which encompasses analysis and comprehension of informational texts, as well as literary response to different genres. Students are expected to use standard written and oral English language conventions. Throughout the year, students will participate in both formal and informal group activities and projects that involve collaboration, listening, and speaking. This course will require the students to put in extra hours outside of class.

Science

Seventh grade honors science will be ideal for self-motivated students with an enthusiasm for science. Fields of discussion will include weather and the living sciences. Emphasis will be placed on discussion and lab setting. Students will be working extensively both independently and in groups. Projects, labs, and assessments will comprise the bulk of the scores.