

AP/HONORS ADMISSIONS

Spring 2010

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Below are the District honors and Advanced Placement offerings for the 2010-11 school year. Not all courses are offered at each school site. The schedule for the spring 2010 AP/Honors admission process is provided below. Specific information about selection criteria can be found on the school website or from your teachers. It is the student's responsibility to attend the required meeting(s) and meet all deadlines. If there is a problem, contact the teacher(s) in charge PRIOR to the required date.

COURSE	CRITERIA AS IN COURSE OF STUDY
English-Language Arts	
AP English Composition	B or better in previous English course (For initial entry the fall semester class will be used. Students must maintain a B in the English class immediately preceding the AP class.) Combined score of 40 or better on English and Social Studies teachers' recommendations (using standard form). Student has met Direct Write and Core Literacy Portfolio requirement (for initial placement, 10 th graders may not have Portfolio results and can be admitted on the basis of the other criteria until results are available).
AP English Literature	B or better in previous English course (For initial entry the fall semester class will be used. Students must maintain a B in the English class immediately preceding the AP class.) Combined score of 40 or better on English and Social Studies teachers' recommendations (using standard form). Student has met Direct Write and Core Literacy Portfolio requirement (except for transfer students who have not had the opportunity to complete these). SENIORS ONLY
Advanced Exposition Honors	Passing score on entrance test. Essay/Exposition

Mathematics	
Geometry Honors	A- or better in Algebra for first semester and each marking period for second semester, and passing score on screening test
Advanced Algebra Honors	B- or better in Honors Geometry or A- or better in Geometry for first semester and 4 th and 5 th marking period, passing score on screening test, maintain A- for second semester.
Pre-Calculus Honors	B or better in Honors Advanced Algebra or A- or better in Advanced Algebra for first semester, the R5 grading period, and at the end of the second semester.
AP Calculus AB	C or better in Pre-Calculus for first semester and second semester.
AP Statistics	B- or better in Advanced Algebra or C or better in Pre-Calculus for first semester and for second semester.
Science	
Integrated Science 3-4 Honors	B- in Integrated Science 1-2 (both semesters), combined score of 60 derived from multiple-choice exam on science/math analysis skills (60), free response to data analysis (10), teacher recommendation (10).
Chemistry Honors	A- or better in last math and science class (fall semester) or B- or better if the class was an honors class, a passing score on the entrance exam, and a recommendation from their current science teacher.
Physics Honors	B- or better in Pre-Calculus or concurrent enrollment in Pre-Calculus and teacher recommendation.
Physiology Honors	Attend information meeting. A- or higher and completion of Integrated Science 1-4 or equivalent courses.
Biomedical Science Honors	Qualify for the entrance test by completing a year of Chemistry or Honors Chemistry earning a grade of A- or higher in each semester of Chemistry, or B- or higher in each semester of Honors Chemistry. Passing score on the entrance test is 75%.
AP Physics	Four out of five criteria must be met, as spelled out in course information: math and science teacher recommendations, math and science grades, entrance test.
AP Biology	B- or higher in Integrated Science 3-4 and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in Chemistry or Physiology, or teacher permission
AP Environmental Science	Completion of Integrated Science 1-4, or equivalent, with 2.75 GPA for Integrated Science. Concurrent enrollment in Chemistry is required and successful completion of Advanced Algebra is strongly recommended.
AP Chemistry	Completion of Chemistry 1-2 or Honors Chemistry 1-2 and Advanced Algebra 1-2 with grades of C or better.

Social Studies	
AP U.S. History	Recommendations from World History and English 3-4 teacher. Meet standard on timed, on-demand essay. Maintain C in first semester to continue to second semester.
AP European History	Overall score of 16 or better on recommendation forms from most recent social studies and English teachers (2 recommendations).
AP Economics	Seniors only. Recommendations from student's junior year math and social studies teachers. Students must have completed or are concurrently enrolled in Advanced Algebra 1-2. Required Skills: Graphing skills are imperative for student success. All mathematical computations on the AP Exam must be done without the use of a calculator.
Fine Arts	
AP Studio Art:2-D	Art Ex and Drawing/Painting 1, Photo 1 or Graphic Design 1 and teacher permission. Approval of portfolio.
AP Studio Art: 3-D	Art Ex and Ceramics 1 or Sculpture 1 with passing grades. Approval of portfolio.
AP Studio Art: Drawing	Art Ex and Drawing/Painting 1 and teacher permission. Approval of portfolio.
Honors Photo	Completion of 2 semesters of Photo with B or better or teacher permission.
Theatre Directing Honors	Completion of Drama 1-4 with grades of B or better. Concurrent enrollment in Adv. Drama required.

Applied Technology	
Arch Design Honors	Completion Arch Design 1-2 with a grade of B or better. Students enrolled in Arch Design 3 or 4 will be granted Honors credit if they complete the Marin County Architectural Design Competition at the end of the Semester. May be repeated for credit.
AP Computer Science	C or better in Algebra 1-2 and C or better in Programming 1-2 or teacher permission
World Language	
AP French Language	From French 6, B- or better, teacher recommendation and passing score on entrance test. From French 8, B- or better in French 8 and teacher recommendation.
Spanish 7-8 Honors	A letter grade of A- or higher in Spanish 5 <u>and</u> Spanish 6, and current Spanish teacher's recommendation. Students can challenge admission standard by achieving a passing score on oral and written exams.
AP Spanish Language	From Spanish 8, B- or better with teacher recommendation. From Spanish 6, B- or better, teacher recommendation and passing score on entrance exam consisting of a multiple choice grammar test, a written essay on a given prompt, and a speaking sample. C- or better to continue to second semester.
AP Latin	C or better in Latin 6 and teacher recommendation. C or better in first semester to continue to second semester.