

Honors and Advanced Placement Commitment Form

Name: _____ Grade: _____
(Please Print)

This form **MUST** be completed if you are planning to take **ANY Honors or AP** courses next year.

Honors Level courses are designed to provide students with an increased challenge and rigor in a particular subject.

Should I take an Honors Level class?

- Have you read the course description on the "GHS Honors & Advanced Placement Course Descriptions for 2016-2017"?
- Are you planning on going to college after high school?
- Are you interested in increasing your eligibility for scholarships and to be more competitive in the college application process?
- Have you considered taking an AP Level course in the future?

If you answered YES to the above three questions, then please consider that to be successful in the Honors class you should be...

- Interested in and passionate about the subject material.
- Motivated, independent, and disciplined in your studies.
- An enthusiastic and diligent worker.
- Willing to experience knowledge taught through higher level thinking skills.
- Able to maintain balance in all areas of life even with the increased time commitment of Honors.
- Understand honors courses are a strong building block experience for future AP courses.

We understand that...

- Honors and AP Level courses require an increased level of time commitment as compared to the college prep level.
- Students experiencing difficulty in honors and AP level courses must seek additional assistance from the teacher.
- Students will not be permitted to drop an honors or AP level course prior to **October 15th**.
- Dropping from a core academic honors or AP level class to a college prep level class will be permitted based on **space availability after October 15th** & the completion of the High School Drop/Add form.
- Summer work may be required.
- Students dropping an elective AP class will be placed in a study hall.

The **Advanced Placement Program (AP)** is a rigorous academic program built on the commitment, passion, and hard work of students and educators from both secondary schools and higher education.

Should I take an AP class?

- Have you read the course description on the "GHS Honors & Advanced Placement Course Descriptions for 2016-2017"?
- Are you planning on going to college after high school?
- Are you interested in increasing your eligibility for scholarships and to be more competitive in the college application process?

If you answered YES to the above two questions, then consider the following. To be successful in an AP class you should be...

- Motivated, independent, and disciplined in your studies
- An enthusiastic and hard worker
- Interested in pushing your limits, growing your content knowledge and gaining deeper knowledge
- Willing to experience knowledge taught through higher level thinking skills
- Able to maintain balance in all areas of life, even with the increased time commitment of AP
- Willing to participate in AP prep sessions outside of school hours.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____