

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO TAKE AN AP OR HONORS COURSE.

Dutchtown High School Advanced Placement and Honors Validation Form

Advanced Placement

The Advanced Placement Program (AP) is an educational opportunity based on the reality that many students can successfully complete college-level courses while they are still in high school. The AP Program is administered by the College Board under the advisement of national groups of educators. AP courses are challenging but rewarding. They are designed to maximize and enhance the standard curriculum to the extent individual student ability and interest permits. Students who take Advanced Placement courses are expected to take the AP exams that are administered at the end of the courses. In addition to high school credit, and in accordance with individual policies of colleges and universities, college credit or advanced placement standing may be awarded to students who examination grades are considered acceptable.

Results of the PSAT and AP Potential may be used to help students accept the challenge to take Advanced Placement courses. Grades for AP Courses receive ten additional numerical points at each grading period. These additional points are added by Henry County Schools only. These points are NOT used in the calculation of the HOPE scholarship and are NOT used by many colleges. Colleges, universities, and the Georgia Student Finance Commission (HOPE) add their own uniform point values for Advanced Placement courses. For more information on the Advanced Placement courses, please visit apstudent.collegeboard.org.

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are taught on the college level, and students will be expected to complete an average of one or two hours a night of homework in addition to other classroom assignments before school, after school, and may include summer assignments. Students taking AP courses will be expected to take the AP exam for each AP course. The exam cost for the 2018-2019 school year is \$94.00. There has been a change in funding for Advanced Placement (AP) Exams for low-income students. In the past, funding has been provided by the legislature for one AP exam for all low-income students enrolled in Georgia public schools. Recent legislation redirected this funding to support only STEM related AP exams for all students regardless of economic status.

Honors Courses

Students may take Honors level classes in English, mathematics, science, social studies and world languages. Honors courses are rigorous and challenging courses that prepare students for advanced coursework, such as AP and dual enrollment classes. Grades for Honors courses receive five additional numerical points at each grading period. These additional points are added by Henry County Schools only. These points are NOT used in the calculation of the HOPE scholarship and are NOT used by many colleges.

Henry County Schools AP/Honors Appeals Process

Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) classes require more critical reading, analytical writing, and cover topics in greater depth than other courses. Students will be expected to complete daily homework assignments as well as outside projects, including research projects, such as Science Fair, Science Symposium, Science Olympiad, and/or National History Day projects. Placement in Honors and AP classes will be for the entire year or semester, depending on the course. Parents/guardians are encouraged to provide support for their students to take these classes, and both parents/guardians and students are invited to attend informational meetings about Honors and AP opportunities.

If your child experiences difficulty in one of these courses, he/she should see their counselor to obtain the AP/Honors Appeals Process paperwork. After the paperwork is completed, parent contact will be made and the student's progress will be assessed. After parent contact, a final decision will be made. Requests for removal will only be honored in cases of extreme academic hardship where a student, despite his or her best efforts, is in jeopardy of failing the course.

*****Please see the reverse side of this form to validate your student's AP/Honors placement*****

Your child, _____ has been recommended for the following AP or Honors Courses:

9th Grade Options:

- ___ Honors 9th Grade Literature
- ___ Honors Biology
- ___ Honors Algebra I
- ___ Honors Geometry
- ___ Honors Algebra II
- ___ Honors American Government
- ___ AP Human Geography (elective)

- ___ Honors World Geography
- ___ Honors World History
- ___ Honors US History
- ___ Honors Gov/Economics
- ___ AP World History
- ___ AP US History
- ___ AP Government
- ___ AP Macroeconomics
- ___ AP Psychology
- ___ AP Human Geography

10th-12th Grade Options:

- ___ Honors World Literature
- ___ AP English Language (11th Grade)
- ___ AP English Literature (12th Grade)
- ___ Honors American Literature
- ___ Honors British Literature

- ___ Honors Chemistry
- ___ AP Biology
- ___ AP Chemistry
- ___ AP Physics I
- ___ AP Environmental Science
- ___ AP Statistics

- ___ Honors French II
- ___ Honors French III
- ___ Honors French IV
- ___ Honors Spanish II
- ___ Honors Spanish III
- ___ Honors Spanish IV
- ___ AP Spanish Language

- ___ AP Computer Science
- ___ AP Studio Art

I have read and understand the expectations set forth in AP and Honors Courses. I also understand there is an Appeals Process set forth by Henry County in order for my child to be considered being removed from the courses.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Only complete this portion if your student has NOT been recommended by a teacher for the AP or Honors course:

I would like for my child, _____, to be enrolled in the following AP/Honors courses despite the professional judgement and recommendation of his/her teachers. I have read and understand the expectations of this rigorous coursework and understand there is an Appeals Process set forth by Henry County in order for my child to be considered being removed from the courses.

Course 1: _____ Course 2: _____

Course 3: _____ Course 4: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____