



# Sylvania Schools

Introducing the Junior  
High Honors Program  
*Beginning in 2020-2021*

[Link to Guide](#)



[t.ly/PrPwV](https://t.ly/PrPwV)

# *What is the new Honors Program?*

The new Honors Program does the following:

- Honors Science and Social Studies are added as opportunities for junior high students.
- Math III, the highest Math course, becomes Honors Math.
- GATE Reading and English lose their GATE title, but retain their curricula. The same teachers teach (mostly) the same content, now being titled Honors English.

# *Why make this change?*

- Students do not receive a full GATE experience, despite the title.
- GATE English is only accessible to a restricted number of students.
- Students ready for advanced work in science and social studies have no opportunity for that advanced education.
- Developing paths to high school is restricted.

# *What will these courses be like?*

- The content of the course will determine the specifics of the honors instruction.
- All courses will offer more sophisticated exploration of skills and standards.
- More opportunities for independent, creative exploration will exist.
- Students will study with other advanced students.

# *Are these accelerated courses?*

No. These are advanced courses, which means they provide advanced instruction on a student's expected grade level. Accelerated courses offer content and instruction at least one grade level above the student's expected grade level.

# *Recommendations*

Teachers in grades five through seven will recommend students for honors courses.

## *Recommendation Data*

Ohio's State  
Tests in  
Relevant  
Subjects

STAR  
Assessment  
Data

ITBS Skill  
Rating

Teacher  
Evaluation

# *Developmental Appropriateness*

Students will only be able to enroll in a limited number of honors courses.

6

2 courses total,  
including  
accelerations

7

3 courses total,  
including  
accelerations

8

3 courses total,  
including  
accelerations

# *What will this look like?*

## Hailey



- Strong in math, but not identified as gifted
- Not as strong in English language arts
- Recommended for Honors Math 6 and Honors Science 6
- Recommended for Honors Social Studies 7 the next year
- Accelerates to Honors Algebra I in eighth grade
- Enrolls only in honors science and math courses in freshman year
- Graduates with six math credits and seven science credits, all honors and AP courses
- Goes to college for a career in biomedical engineering



# *What will this look like?*

## **Elijah**



- Strong in English language arts
- Gifted in all areas
- Recommended for all four honors courses
- Registers for Honors English 6 and Honors Social Studies 6
- Recommended for all four each year due to gifted identifications
- Adds Honors Science 7 and continues to Honors Science 8
- Begins freshman year with Honors Algebra I
- Graduates with 4 credits of math, 5 credits of social studies, 4 credits of English and five credits of science, all honors and AP
- Enrolls in college for English literature and eventually becomes a professor of American Literature

# *What should I do now?*

Wait.

Recommendations will be available in early January. At that time, counselors and teachers will be available to help with the registration process.



*Questions?*



Sylvania Schools

*Thank you!*



[t.ly/PrPwV](https://t.ly/PrPwV)