

Honors/AP Contract

Eastern Wayne High School

Honors-level courses follow the NC standard course of study but allow for more enrichment, challenging students to grow as independent learners. Honors courses are worth an additional .5 quality points toward a student's weighted GPA.

Advanced Placement (AP) courses follow a curriculum prescribed by the College Board. These classes are designed to be equivalent to first-year college classes. In May, there is a national exam for each AP course, and students are required to take it. If students score high enough on the national exam, they can earn college credit for the AP course. AP courses are worth an additional 1.0 quality points toward a student's weighted GPA.

The following descriptions outline what sets an Honors or AP class apart from a standard-level class.

Students who register for Honors and/or AP courses should expect:

- In-depth coverage of concepts
- Individual projects
- Intensive writing assignments
- Reading outside of the classroom
- Homework most every night
- More rigorous tests and grading
- Faster pace of moving through the curriculum

Students who register for Honors and/or AP courses will:

- Learn to use higher-level reasoning/critical thinking/problem-solving skills
- Be encouraged to keep notes and assignments organized
- Be encouraged to ask questions/seek clarification on topics that are challenging to them
- Learn how to meet deadlines
- Learn to study/work independently and responsibly on assignments
- Learn to produce high-quality work
- Learn to accept constructive criticism of their work
- Learn to demonstrate a strong work ethic
- Learn to use online resources

Regarding Math: Some students may opt to register for two math courses in one school year for the purpose of advancing to our most rigorous math offerings (AP Calculus or WCC math courses) prior to graduation.

Students should not "double up" in math for the purpose of finishing their required math credits early. Colleges expect to see students taking a math course every year of high school, and EWHS counselors are expected to schedule students for a math course every year of high school.

In signing this agreement, I, _____ (student's printed name), am acknowledging and committing to the requirements of higher level coursework. I understand that I will not be allowed to drop this class nor move down to a lower level.

Student Signature/Date

Parent Signature/Date