

High School Honors Diploma Program

MINIMUM COURSE AND GRADE EXPECTATIONS

To be considered for an Honors Diploma students must, in addition to the regular diploma credit, Essential Skill and other graduation requirements stated in administrative regulation IKF-AR(2) - Graduation Requirements, meet the following expectations:

1. Students must enroll in and earn a final grade in eight honors courses selected from four of the five curricular areas listed below.
2. Students must maintain a 3.5 Grade Point Average in all courses taken and completed during the high school career with no “D” or “F” letter grades. All eight honors level courses must be graded with letter grades.
3. Students must meet all application and timeline expectations set by the selection committee.
4. Students are encouraged to provide the counseling office with a letter which states their “intent to apply for Honors Diploma” by October of their Junior year.

ACADEMIC HONORS CORE CLASSES

Curricular Areas

Social Science

Advanced US History
Advanced Economics/Government
Advanced Social Science electives approved by the selection committee

Language Arts

Advanced English 11
Advanced English 12
Writing 121, 122, 123
Advanced English electives approved by the selection committee

Science

Chemistry

Physics

Advanced Biology

Advanced Science electives approved by the selection committee

Mathematics

Algebra 2

Math Analysis

Calculus

Advanced Mathematics electives approved by the selection committee

Foreign Language

Spanish 2 (when taken for college credit)

Spanish 3

Spanish 4

Advanced Foreign Language electives approved by the selection committee

Fine Arts Option

Students wishing to earn an Honor's Diploma with emphasis in Fine Arts may do so in Instrumental Music, Choral Music or Visual Arts by substituting experiences in advanced instrumental performance or advanced visual arts equal to 3 credits in place of 3 credits in Academic Honors Core Classes. Please contact the counseling office or the specific instructor for details.

Applied Arts Option

Students wishing to earn an Honor's Diploma with emphasis in Applied Arts may do so in Agriculture Science and Technology by substituting experiences in Advanced Agriculture courses and FFA Leadership activities equal to 3 credits in place of 3 credits in Academic Honors Core Classes. Please contact the counseling office or the specific instructor for details.