

Hutchinson Middle School

Honors Program

The Hutchinson Middle School Honors Program is designed to academically challenge and reward our highest performing students. The Honors Program is a learning contract between teachers, students, and parents. Students will take on more rigorous learning assignments within the regular classroom.

Interested Honors students will be selected on the basis of student, parent, and teacher agreement, subject area grades from the previous year (A or B), and standardized test scores (Proficient and Advanced). Eligible students may submit a brief application, which must be signed by the student, parent, and current year teacher. Students must maintain satisfactory grades, attendance, and behavior to continue in the program. Students who do not maintain satisfactory grades, attendance, and behavior are in jeopardy of losing honors status. With the exception of honors mathematics, once enrolled for honors credit, students, with parent agreement, may drop from honors participation at the completion of the trimester. Only under highly unusual circumstances, with administrative approval, will students be allowed to drop from honors participation *during* the trimester. Students taking math for honors credit must remain in the course for the entire school year. Students who meet the criteria may apply, by the stated deadline, for honors participation prior to any trimester.

Students may take one or more of the following subject area classes for honors credit: language arts, social science, science, and/or mathematics*. Eligible incoming 6th grade students may only take one subject area class for honors credit during the first trimester. Incoming 6th grade students must obtain administrative approval to take more than one honors class during the remainder of the 6th grade year. Eligible 7th and 8th grade students may take more than one honors class during each school year.

Students taking a class/es for honors credit will be graded on a separate scale for each designated assignment. The honors assignments will reflect increased rigor and in some cases an increased amount of work. The overall course grade earned will be weighted to reflect the rigor of the course. For example, a student who takes the language arts class for honors credit and earns a “B,” will receive a “B” on the report card, but the grade will be weighted as 4.0 in the GPA calculation. Therefore, it is possible for students to earn above a combined 4.0 GPA for the trimester.

Benefits

- Challenging academic program
- Honors status and notations
- Weighted GPA
- Additional Recognition and Awards

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Student Name (print first & last): _____

Subject Area for Honors Credit: Language Arts Social Studies Science Math

Current Report Card Grades: Tri 1 _____ Tri 2 _____ Tri 3 _____

CST Score (Language Arts): _____ CST Score (Math): _____

Short Response: In 100 words or less, please tell why you want to participate in the Honors program.

Student

I understand that taking this class for honors credit is voluntary and will require additional and more challenging work beyond grade level expectations. I agree to complete the requirements to the best of my ability, to maintain satisfactory behavior and attendance, and to abide by the program criteria.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent

I agree to ensure that my son/daughter completes the requirements of the honors class to the best of his/her ability, to maintain positive communication with my child and the teacher, and to abide by the program criteria.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher

I agree to challenge and support the Honors student by providing meaningful, relevant, and enriching assignments and to provide the necessary instruction for success.

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Deadlines: All applications are due a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of each trimester. Once enrolled in the Honors class/es, students who remain eligible do NOT need to reapply each trimester.