

**ARTESIA HIGH SCHOOL
HONORS/AP/DC CONTRACT
2021-2022**

Please obtain teacher approval by having your current teacher initial beside the class he or she is recommending:

Algebra II H _____	English II H _____	Chemistry I H _____	AP World History _____
Pre-Calculus H _____	AP English III _____	AP Chemistry _____	AP US History _____
Calculus H _____	AP English IV _____	Anatomy/Physiology H _____	AP Government _____
AP Calculus AB _____	DC English III _____		AP Econ _____
AP Statistics _____	DC English IV _____		DC US History _____
DC Inter Alg _____			DC Government _____
DC Math Analysis _____			
DC Statistics _____	AP Studio Art _____		

The AP/Honors/DC Approach

These courses are more rigorous in their curriculum and move at a faster pace with more responsibility placed on the student. The student is expected to be organized, focused and willing to work every day. The student should expect to spend a minimum of thirty minutes and many times up to an hour per AP/honors/DC course per night for extra study time. A time management tool is mandatory and should reflect extracurricular activity responsibilities. A strong work ethic, and the desire to achieve at the student's highest potential are paramount. Students are expected to commit themselves to the honors program by completing the first semester of coursework in each course. If at the end of the first semester the student elects to be removed from a specific course, they will not be permitted to enroll in an honors course of the same curricula for the remainder of their tenure at Artesia High School. Students who are enrolled in an AP subject are required to take the AP exam for that course in the month of May.

The deposit for the AP exam will be due within the first month of school. The remaining amount will be due by late February. If a student elects to be removed from an AP course at the end of the first semester, the student may be reimbursed for all but the \$40 deposit. Additionally, if a student does not pay for the AP exam by the deadline, the student may be removed from the course for the spring semester.

If a student refuses or fails to follow the academic contract for AP or honor classes, he or she will not receive any add-on value and will not be allowed to take any other AP or Honor classes for the remainder of their tenure. *Any deviation from this must be due to extenuating circumstances and have the approval of the grade level counselor and high school principal.*

Additional Course Specific Expectations

English

1. A summer reading project will be assigned in the month of May and must be completed by the first day of classes of the next school year. _____ Student's Initials
2. Research and documentation are valuable skills recognized by the College Board. A minimum of one major research project will be completed along with several shorter ones.
3. Time will be spent in class preparing for the AP English exams.

Math

1. Collaborative learning, possibly including a form of co-teaching a class should be expected.

Science

1. Additional lab time outside of class time may be required.

History

1. Students must stay current on local, state, and national news.
2. Students will be expected to debate current events in a mature manner.

I have read this honors contract and understand that I am making a choice to challenge myself above the normal curriculum rigor. It is important to remember that a "B" average is the prerequisite for all honors courses (please refer to the "Course Description Handbook"). I understand that if my grade falls below a "C" by the end of the first semester, I will be removed from the course and placed in the appropriate subject level.

Student Signature Date

Parent Signature Date

Counselor Signature Date