

ADVANCED HONORS DIPLOMA

For students starting with the Class of 2011 and beyond

Students graduating in the Class of 2011 and beyond will be eligible for an Advanced Honors Diploma. Students planning to apply to universities with competitive admission requirements may pursue the CCSD Advanced Honors Diploma. The Advanced Honors Diploma requires additional rigorous coursework beyond those required for the Advanced Diploma. Students will be required to fulfill the 24.0 credit Advanced Diploma requirements (including 4-years of mathematics, 3-years of science and an additional Arts/Humanities or Career and Technical Education course) and must complete the Honors, International Baccalaureate (IB), or Advanced Placement (AP) courses required of the Honors Course Program. Students must achieve a minimum of a 3.25 unweighted GPA and 3.85 weighted GPA.

Honors Course Program	
Minimum Required Areas of Study in Honors/AP/IB	Units
English	3
Mathematics	2
Science	2
Social Studies	2
*Foreign Language	1
Elective	2
Total Honors/AP/IB Units = 12	

* First year foreign language classes will not receive Honors credit.

HONORS DIPLOMA

For students through the Class of 2010

This diploma opportunity is available for students through the class of 2010. Students planning to apply to universities with competitive admission requirements may pursue the CCSD Honors Diploma. The course work in Honors, Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) classes is more intensive and rigorous. To qualify for the Honors Diploma, a student must accumulate a minimum weighted GPA of 3.50 and complete the above twelve minimum requirements in honors/AP/IB classes.

Weighted Honors Courses

Students will earn a weighted grade point factor for successful completion of Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses will be added as follows:

Honors	.025
Advanced Placement (AP)	.050
International Baccalaureate (IB)	.050

The weighted GPA cap for the Honors Program for students will be added as follows:

- The weighted GPA cap for the Honors Program is no more than twenty-eight semesters (14 classes) of Honors/AP/IB courses.
- Students will receive a weighted grade point factor of .050 for four semesters (2 classes) of AP and/or IB courses and will also receive a weighted grade point factor of .025 for twenty-four semesters (12 classes) of Honors courses.
- Students who choose to enroll in only Honors level courses will receive a weighted grade point factor of .025 for twenty-eight semesters (14 classes) of Honors courses.
- The highest possible GPA under this system is 4.80.

Advantages of the Honors Course Offerings

- Most competitive colleges and universities consider not only students' grades, but also their academic background evidenced by courses listed on the transcript, letters of recommendation from teachers and counselors, and SAT I or ACT scores.
- Enrollment in the Honors Program will assist students in their preparation for college entrance exams.
- The weighted GPA is used when determining ranking in class.

Students may take Honors courses even if they have not chosen to complete the requirements for the Advanced Honors or Honors Diploma.