



MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS/ACCELERATED PROGRAM OF STUDY



Parent Information Meeting
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What is an honors/accelerated program of study?

An honors/accelerated program of study allows students “to progress through an educational program at rates faster or at ages younger than conventional.”

- **Algebra I Honors**
- **Geometry Honors**
- **English I Honors**

How was my child selected for participation in an accelerated program of study?

HCS Placement Criteria

- **MAP (Measures of Academic Progress)**
- **SC Ready**

How do I know if this is the right choice for my child?

Important Points to Consider

- **Rigor and Challenge of an Honors/Accelerated Class**
- **Pacing of the Class Opportunities for Advanced Coursework in High School**
- **Four Years of English and Math at the High School Level**

Accelerated Courses

Accelerated Math Sequence

Accelerated Math 6
(Pre-Algebra)



Algebra I Honors



Geometry Honors

Accelerated ELA Sequence

Accelerated ELA 6



Accelerated ELA 7



English I Honors

(paired with Social Studies Honors which is not for HS credit)

Honors Courses

Honors Math Sequence

Honors Math 6



Honors Math 7 (Pre-
Algebra)



Algebra I



Additional Considerations Regarding AP/IB and Rigorous Coursework at the High School Level

- **College Entrance Exams**
 - **PSAT**
 - **ACT**
 - **SAT**
- **College Admissions**
 - **Ratio of AP courses offered and courses taken**
 - **Possible college credit earned with certain scores on the AP and IB exams**
 - **Rigorous coursework, including the senior year**
 - **GPA**

South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy

Applies to middle school courses carrying high school credit

- **Grades earned in middle school impact class rank and high school GPA.**
- **End-of-Course (EOC) Examinations in Algebra I and English I count for 20% of the overall grade in the course.**
- **Attendance: More than 10 absences result in failure of the course (factored into the GPA as a 50).**

South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy~Retaking a Course

- “A student who has taken a course for a unit of high school credit prior to his or her ninth grade year may retake that course regardless of the grade he or she has earned.”
- “A student who retakes a high school credit course from middle school must complete it before the beginning of the second year of high school. A student in grades nine through twelve, must retake a course by the end of the next school year or before the next sequential course (whichever comes first).”
- “In such a case, only the highest grade will be used in figuring the student’s GPA, however, both courses will remain on the high school transcript. The student may not retake the course if the course being replaced has been used as a prerequisite for enrollment in a subsequent course; i.e., a student may not retake Algebra 1 after having earned credit for a higher level mathematics course (Geometry, Algebra 2).”

When considering whether or not to retake a course, ensure the student has mastered the content in the current course so that he/she will be better prepared for the next course in the sequence.

Any Questions?



Your child was sent home today with a parent information packet, please ask them for it.

Documents included in Parent Packet:

- 1. BOY Honors/Accelerated Program of Study Parent/Guardian Letter**
- 2. High School Credit Course Placement in Middle School—Parent/Guardian Letter of Agreement (all HS credit courses)**
- 3. Middle School Course Progressions**
- 4. South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale**