



SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL

"United for Learning"

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Criteria for Honors and Advanced Placement (AP):

Currently identified as an Academically /Intellectually Gifted (AIG) student **or** non-identified student who has...

- A/B average in a prerequisite class
- 88th percentile plus on most current End of Course or End of Grade test in the requested subject area
- College Board/AP Potential predictors at appropriate level
- Teacher from prerequisite course recommendation

Students not meeting the above criteria may also enroll in Honors or AP classes if they choose with parental consent. Availability of these courses on our campus is as follows...

Advanced Placement courses offered are: English III Language, English IV Literature, Calculus AB & BC, Statistics, Environmental Science, Chemistry, Biology, US History, European History, World History, Psychology, Studio Art and Music Theory. Other AP courses may be available through the NC Virtual Public School, but these are year-long in length and only earn one credit with one additional quality point.

Honors courses offered are: English, Third Level and above Foreign Languages, Math II & III, Discrete Math, Pre-Calculus, Environmental Science, Biology, Biology II, Chemistry, Chemistry II, Physics, World History, Civics & Economics, American History I & II, Dance, Chorus, Band, Art and several second level CTE courses.

Students enrolled in honors and AP English courses are required to complete summer reading. No matter what semester the student has English, the work is due on the first day of school. Other courses may require summer assignments, supplemental textbooks or additional resources to support the student in preparing for the AP Exam. **Taking the exam is an expectation of enrolling in AP courses, and the NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) will provide these exams at no cost to students or families.** Due to the planning involved in offering these courses, ordering materials used in many of the courses and the commitment needed for the advanced work load involved, students enrolled in Honors and/or AP courses will not be permitted to drop these courses once the prior school year ends (i.e. before the start of summer vacation). **Any hardship cases may be appealed to the principal if there is a compelling reason for the student to not keep his or her commitment.**

Currently, additional quality points are awarded using two different scales as the most recent changes by NCDPI dictate an additional half (0.5) quality point will be added to the standard quality point scale for college transferable Dual Enrollment and College/University courses. Please check with your counselor if you have questions about courses available through

	Standard	Prior to class of 2019		Class of 2019 & beyond	
Grade	Quality Pt	Honor QP	AP QP	Honor QP	AP QP
A (90-99)	4.0	5.0	6.0	4.5	5.0
B (80-89)	3.0	4.0	5.0	3.5	4.0
C (70-79)	2.0	3.0	4.0	2.5	3.0
D (60-69)	1.0	2.0	3.0	1.5	2.0
F (< 60)	0	0	0	0	0

NCVPS and our local community colleges and universities that would qualify under Career & College Promise credits.

Student Name _____

School Year 2016–2017

I understand the criteria and commitment needed to be successful in the above named Honors or AP course. My signature below indicates that I am willing to put the time and effort into the work load necessary to be successful in the course and understand that I will not be able to drop the course once the summer begins.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

* The information contained in this letter will be made available on the SAHS website at www.abss.k12.nc.us/sah