



USD 232

Honors to Grade Level Course Comparison

Below is a comparison of Honors classes to grade level classes.

This document is to provide your family with information to aid in your decision making process.

	Pre-AP Civics/Geography	Civics/Geography
Summer Assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Check with specific school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students will have homework regularly. ● Homework can include projects, readings, researching, and writings and will be more detailed and challenging than the grade level course. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students will be expected to prepare for geography quizzes outside of class. ● An average of 1-2 assignments per week are given to be completed outside of class. ● One project per unit will be assigned requiring some outside of class work.
Rigor of Civics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Most reading is done individually by the student at home. The expectation is that students read at home and then are ready for discussion in class. ● Historical document analysis will be done both inside and outside of class. ● Content will be taught at a quicker pace. ● Students will be challenged to take positions and develop their opinions regarding different subjects and issues while supporting their beliefs with historical documents and facts. ● Advanced reading and writing skills are a requirement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● More difficult readings will be read together as a class and discussed. ● Students will be given the opportunity to take positions and develop their own opinions. ● Students will continue to develop their writing skills.
Rigor of Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Most reading is done individually by the student at home. The expectation is that students read at home and then are ready for discussion in class. ● Map quizzes and tests will be given, correct spelling of all locations is expected ● Content will be taught at a quicker pace. ● Students will often times be presented with current issues and will be challenged to make decision and address solutions to the issues that are discussed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Map quizzes and tests will be given, spelling does not count (unless work banks are provided). ● Core units taught are: Europe, Middle East, Africa, Asia and Latin America.
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Focus on preparing the student for college & career readiness. ● Preparation for AP European History (10th grade) AP US History (11th grade), & AP Government (12th grade) ● Weighted credit- standard grade plus .5 ● Colleges look for AP/rigorous courses on transcript 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Focus on preparing the student for college & career readiness. ● Preparation for World History (10th grade), US History (11th grade) and Government, Political Participation, or Constitutional Law (12th grade). ● Provides a smooth transition into high school courses.