

Should I Take Honors Classes?

This is a popular question. Are you ready for honors and AP courses at Golden High School? Our teachers notice the following characteristics of successful ninth grade honors/AP students:

- Are well-organized and able to create a system that works for them, meet deadlines, and have good time management
- Strong work ethic and committed to meeting the demands of an advanced class
- Understand the time expectations of an advanced class (at least six hours of homework, reading, studying per week, plus weekends-per course-for honors English, plan for one hour each night for the first semester in addition to the summer homework)
- Use time wisely in class, and review materials daily, even when you don't have homework
- Learn to self-advocate
- Write effectively and enjoy reading
- Participate in class discussions and be curious and interested in the subject
- Have excellent attendance
- Understand that there is room to improve and explore their potential
- Can work through challenges independently or by seeking help

If you have never had an honors class but you have the characteristics above, try one! We expect you to keep your commitment to an honors class. You will not be allowed to drop an honors class once you have been enrolled. Honors/advanced classes available to ninth graders are: AP Human Geography (year-long) Honors English 9, Honors Geometry, Honors Earth Science, Honors Biology (must have completed Algebra 1)