

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT, HONORS AND
COLLEGE PREP LEVEL II, III INFORMATION SHEET**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Over the last six years we have revised and upgraded our curriculum and course selection for our students. We want to continue to give our students the best academic opportunities to complete globally with other students.

We have defined College Prep, Honors, and we have five (5) AP (Advanced Placement) in our curriculum. In addition, we have six (6) dual credit courses in place. With this accomplished, we continue to raise our academic standards and increase our academic recognition among colleges and universities.

There is information attached that will define these courses. Your son/daughter will have the registration form which will include the pre-requisites for the courses. Hopefully, this information will guide you with the course selections.

Students will be reviewed by the department for academic pre-requisites in order to be accepted into College Level II and II, Honors and AP courses. Students will need to return registration form and fee to complete the registration procedure. Late returns may cause scheduling difficulties. This should be done by **March 20th**.

Please read the descriptions of AP, College Prep and Honors courses. Students will need to meet the high level standards of the courses. The instructors will not deviate from these objectives. It is important that they cover specific amounts of material to prepare for AP exams and Honors classes. Students, therefore, must keep up with the work! **The instructor cannot hold up the whole class for one or two students who have difficulty comprehending in a high level course. This is why we have listed all the pre-requisites and require recommendations. We want students to be in the proper level for successful achievement.**

We strongly advise the students to seek guidance assistance with course selections. We will meet with the students as a group and, if needed, individually (by appointment). Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Anne Bennis-Hartman
Assistant Principal of Academics and Guidance

This form must be completed and returned with the registration form and fee by **March 20th to Mrs. Hartman or Mr. Bocchese in the Guidance Office.** This is needed for application into **AP, Honors and College Level II/III courses.**

I have read the above information and course level descriptions. I understand the guidelines included for taking Honors, AP and College Prep Level II/III courses.

COLLEGE PREP-LEVEL I

These courses prepare students to meet the requirements for a post-secondary education.

COLLEGE PREP –LEVEL II

These courses are of high quality. Students will need to meet academic prerequisites and obtain teacher recommendation.

COLLEGE PREP –LEVEL III

These courses are of higher quality and intensity than College Prep II. Students will need to meet academic prerequisites and obtain teacher recommendation.

HONORS-LEVEL IV

Honors courses consist of challenging course load work for the students. The guidelines are similar to college prep, but the workload and objectives are increased for the students. Students will need to meet academic prerequisites and obtain teacher recommendation.

DUAL CREDIT-LEVEL IV

We are able to offer dual credit courses to our students in Foreign Language classes III and IV, Psychology II, Law and Government, Anatomy and Physiology and Physics AP. This is done in conjunction with local county colleges. Students will earn college credit upon successful completion of each course. There is a college application fee in order to be enrolled for the credits. This is an optional feature of the course. More details are available upon registering for the course in the fall.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES-LEVEL V

Advanced Placement Courses gives students an opportunity to earn college credit during their high school years. These courses are extremely intense and challenging for the students. Students must be highly motivated and willing to accept commitment and the high workload of these courses. **Some summer coursework might be required.** A standardized test is offered at the end of the course in May to earn the college credit. Students will still earn high school credit if the standardized test norms are not met (according to the college standard) if they meet the appropriate objectives and goals of the course.

There is a fee of approximately **\$84.00** to take the test along with an extra fee for books and materials. Admission to these courses will be granted on the basis of previous academic grades, teacher recommendations and standardized test scores.

REQUIREMENTS FOR COURSE ADVANCEMENT

1. Students must annually pass all courses to graduate/stay enrolled at Sacred Heart.
2. It is a privilege for placement into Honors/AP classes, not a right.
3. Students will be placed into Honor/AP classes based on academic success in previous courses. To remain in Honors or AP courses students need to achieve a final average of “B”(85) or a final average of “C+(81)” *with a teacher recommendation.*
4. Students who do not maintain the appropriate grade may be transferred to College Prep level.