Course Expectations - Honors, AP and Concurrent Enrollment

Students enrolling in an Honors (H), Advanced Placement (AP) or Concurrent Enrollment (CE) class will be expected to complete more homework and perform at a higher level than a regular high school class. This increase in workload should not deter students from taking these classes because the increased rigor and higher expectations will prepare students to be successful in college level courses. Please review the expectations below with your parent/guardian.

Honors Classes

- **Algebra 2 Honors**: approximately 1-1.5 hours of homework and notetaking/studying outside of class time for every class meeting.
- **Biology Honors**: 0.5 - 1.0 hours of homework per class period. Multiple labs with 2 full lab write-ups and 3-4 unit exams per semester. Class will include daily check-out sheets, note-taking, CER writing, and peer review.
- **Chemistry Honors**: 0.5 - 1.0 hours of homework per class period. Several labs with full lab reports. 3-4 unit exams per semester. Faster pace than general chemistry with more mathematical concepts involved.
- **English 9 Honors**: Students should expect 1-2 hours of homework/week, in addition to 20 minutes of independent reading per night. Presentations, group projects, essays, and discussions are all common assessments.
- **English 10 Honors**: Students should expect 1-2 hours of homework/week, including reading and writing at home. Presentations, group projects, essays, and discussions are all common assessments.
- **Geometry Honors**: Students are expected to have mastered algebra skills of computation (order of operations), graphing, and solving multistep equations prior to entering Geometry Honors. Homework will be assigned every class period. Projects will be given that need to be completed outside of class.
- **Pre-Calculus with Trig Honors**: Approximately 1-2 hours of studying/practicing/participating in academic discussion outside of class time for every class meeting. All exams in this course are cumulative. Students have the option to register for college credit through CU Denver.
- **World Geo/Histo Honors**: Students should expect 1-2 hours of homework/week. Students will write in-depth argumentative paragraphs and an essay. Students will be expected to engage in Socratic Seminars, group projects and research assignments.
- **US History Honors**: roughly one 10-12 page chapter of reading with 5-7 reading questions per week; bi-weekly reading quizzes; writing, projects and presentations that are started in class and completed at home.

Advanced Placement Classes

- **AP Biology**: approximately 1-2 hours of homework and reading outside of class time for every class meeting. Classes will include note-taking, formative and summative assessments, college level labs, 2 full practice exams before AP exam.
- **AP Calculus**: approximately 2 hours of homework and note-taking/studying outside of class time for every class meeting
- **AP Chemistry**: approximately 2 hours of studying/homework and note-taking outside of class time for every class meeting. Students will participate in college level labs and write 2-3 full lab reports per semester.
- **AP Comparative Government**: 2-3 hours homework/week, mostly reading, reading questions, note-taking, & vocabulary
- **AP Computer Science**: Students will have time to work on all programming assignments and projects in class. Will only have homework if things are not completed in class.
- **AP Computer Science Principles**: Students will have time to work on all assignments and projects in class. Will only have homework if things are not completed in class.
- **AP English Language and Comp--Students should expect 1-2 hours of homework for every class period, most often consisting of reading, writing/revising, and internalizing new concepts. The reading generally consists of shorter, nonfiction texts. There is considerable writing.
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- **AP English Literature**: Students will have the opportunity to read several interesting novels and poems and engage in rich in class discussions. Expect 1-2 hours of homework each class period, mainly reading novels and writing essays. Expect to be challenged in your reading, writing, and critical thinking skills which will prepare you for success in almost any major you select in college.

- **AP Environmental Science**: Expect 1-2 hours of homework and reading per class period. Time management skills are key. Writing is a key component of this course and you will be writing every class period. You will take 2 full practice exams before the final AP exam, and will complete several college-level presentations throughout the semester.

- **AP European History**: roughly one chapter of reading per week, roughly 20-30 chapter terms & 10 short-answer reading questions per chapter; bi-weekly reading quizzes; writing for each unit; in-class activities/discussions/presentations/projects.

- **AP Human Geography**: - Expect 1-2 hours of homework nightly at the beginning of the course (usually one section of the college level textbook, or similar level of work) which becomes more accessible (and takes less time) as students gain proficiency. Assessments include exams, projects (individual and group) and regular reading quizzes.

- **AP Micro/Macro Economics**: 2-3 hours homework/week, mostly reading, reading questions, problem-solving application & vocabulary; in-class activities/discussions/presentations/projects.

- **AP Music Theory**: approximately 2 hours of homework/practicing each week; 4 multiple choice tests per semester and several quizzes in dictation and singing

- **AP Psychology**: Students should expect reading homework each night as well as viewing videos, completing projects, doing research etc. Typically students have 1-2 hours of homework per class period. Students are expected to take reading notes in preparation for regular quizzes. Students should be prepared to participate in a fast-moving class.

- **AP Physics**: 1-2 hours of homework per class period. Daily multiple choice and free-response questions. Cumulative exams modified from real AP exams. Students will take 2 full AP practice tests during the year.

- **AP Research**: 4000-5000 word paper, 20 minute oral presentation, both due in April. Students will have ample in-class work time but will need to conduct research outside of class.

- **AP Seminar**: Rigorous coursework to be done in class (will be homework if not completed in class); research, 3 major essays, presentations, group and individual work; REQUIRED AP exam

- **AP Spanish**: collaborative time to practice speaking and improving writing in class, 2-3 hours of reading, listening comprehension activities outside class.

- **AP Statistics**: NOT the easier Math AP class. About 1-2 hours per class meeting on online practice, reading. About 1 hour a week on article analysis. Two projects per year that take 8-10 hours outside of class.

- **AP Studio Art**: 2-3 hours of homework/week; critiques, reflections, evaluations, discussions

- **AP US Government**: 2-3 hours homework/week, mostly reading, reading questions, note taking, & vocabulary

- **AP US History**: roughly one chapter of reading per week, roughly 20-30 chapter terms notes per chapter; weekly reading quizzes; essays for each unit; in-class activities/discussions.

**Concurrent Enrollment Classes**
These classes are college classes taught by college instructors. Students should expect an increase in workload and time commitment to be successful in concurrent enrollment classes.

- CRJ 110-Intro to Criminal Justice
- CRJ 125-Policing Systems
- CRJ 135-Judicial Review
- CRJ 145-Correctional Process
- ECO 101-Economics of Social Issues
- ECO 201-Principles of Macroeconomics
- CRJ 125-Policing Systems
- CRJ 135-Judicial Review
- CRJ 145-Correctional Process
- ASL 121-American Sign Language 1
- ASL 122-American Sign Language 2
- COM 115-Public Speaking
- HUM 115-World Mythology
- ENG 121-Composition 1 (seniors only)
- ENG 122-Composition 2 (seniors only)
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