

**SANTA SUSANA HIGH SCHOOL
ADVANCED PLACEMENT/HONORS COURSE CONTRACT**

Advanced Placement and Honors courses are the most rigorous offered at Santa Susana High School. They require a considerable amount of commitment and outside-of-class effort. This commitment should not be taken lightly, as no provision is made for students desiring to drop after the course has begun. It is highly recommended by Counselors and Administrators that Sophomore students not take more than one Advanced Placement class.

Students who wish to be considered for Advanced Placement and Honors courses should apply in the Counseling Office. The general criteria for placement are prior grades, standardized test scores, teacher recommendation (s) and portfolio. The following specific criteria will be used to determine acceptance in either Advanced Placement or Honors courses.

1. AP Spanish and French – Teacher’s decision.
 - a. AP Spanish: Students who did not take Spanish Honors 3 must pass an objective test and write an essay which will be presented to the AP Spanish teacher, and participate in an interview with the teacher.
2. AP Calculus, AP Statistics, AP Computer Science and Honors Algebra II/Trigonometry, Honors Math Analysis – Teacher’s decision.
3. AP Biology, AP Physics, CP Physics, AP Chemistry and Honors Physiology – Teacher’s decision.
4. AP American Government, AP Economics, AP U.S. History and AP World History
 - a. English and/or History teacher’s recommendation
 - b. Standardized test scores
 - c. GPA
 - d. Quality of classes taken in grades 9 – 11.
5. English 11 AP and English 12 AP
 - a. Students will be selected on the following criteria:
 1. Standardized Test Scores
 2. Teacher/Counselor recommendation
 3. GPA
 4. Timed essay to be given in spring (required score: 4 or higher out of 9)
 - b. Committee makes final decision.
6. English 9 and 10 Honors
 - a. Students must qualify by meeting at least 3 of the following criteria:
 1. Standardized Test Scores
 2. Teacher/Counselor recommendation
 3. GPA
 4. Appropriate essay from the portfolio may be required.
 - b. Committee makes final decision.
7. Spanish III Honors
 - a. Students should have a “B” or better in Spanish I and II.
 - b. Students who received a “C” in Spanish I and/or II must pass an objective test and be recommended by Spanish II teacher.
 - c. GPA of 2.0 or better.

*** Parents and students will be required to attend a mandatory meeting.**

****There may be a required summer assignment for all Honors and AP courses.**

*****Students should expect about an hour of homework for each hour of class time.**

By signing this contract, both student and parent acknowledge having read the above and **agree to commit to the entire course and take the AP Exam** (in AP classes only). An AP exam costs approximately \$80.00 to \$90.00. If a student wishes to drop an AP or Honors class please know there will be no space available in other classes, as seats are determined by original requests. If this should occur, the student may have to complete the coursework at Adult Ed. or Moorpark College. It is understood that Advanced Placement and Honors courses are scheduled on a sign-up, special request basis and final selection rests with the instructor.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

PARENT SIGNATURE

STUDENT NAME – PRINT

ID #

DATE