

WHEATMORE HIGH SCHOOL

Contract for Honors Level Courses

Wheatmore High School offers honors level courses for students capable of and willing to tackle a course load that is more rigorous than the standard curriculum. These courses are more challenging and demanding than the standard courses. To enroll in honors level courses, students must meet the prerequisites listed for honors courses and agree to the terms of this contract. To assist students in making an informed decision about attempting one or more of these courses, please carefully read the following.

PREREQUISITES FOR HONORS COURSES

- Recommendation by previous teacher
- Recommendation by counselor based on student data sheet

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Each student will demonstrate:

- Familiarity with and expertise in a variety of writing modes.
- Use of higher order thinking skills: analysis, synthesis, and evaluation.
- Active and voluntary participation in class/group discussion.
- Observable commitment to and love of learning.
- Ability to read considerable amounts of challenging literature closely.
- Maturity to work independently.
- Responsibility to prepare and deliver presentations in class.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS OUTSIDE OF CLASS

Each student will:

- Complete extensive, rigorous homework assignments and independent reading
- Complete summer and winter break assignments

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

Honors students are able to work in a mature and independent manner, whether in the classroom or working outside of the classroom. They will maintain a positive and productive working relationship with peers within the classroom setting according to classroom expectations. Students will also work outside of the classroom when necessary in a manner following school rules and expectations.

ATTENDANCE

Regular and punctual attendance is expected.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

All students are expected to show maturity and integrity in their work by:

- Working with academic honesty, citing sources and avoiding plagiarism.
- Completing and turning in all assignments on time. No late work will be accepted.
- Maintaining a high level of academics within the class.
- Performing at their best on all assignments. No test corrections will be accepted for a higher grade.

GRADING

All assignments for honors courses will fall into the following grade categories with the assigned weights:

TESTS	50%
QUIZZES	35%
HOMEWORK/CLASSWORK	15%

Honors electives will provide the same rigor; however, the grading scale will be individualized to the needs of the course.

I have read and understand the expectations of honors level courses as outlined above. By signing below, I agree to the requirements and expectations of honors courses and to the terms in this contract.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____