

HONORS COURSES/RECOGNITION

More courses should be designated as "honors" courses. A committee (which includes district facilitators) acts as a screening board for courses nominated for honors status.

Honors courses shall meet the following requirements:

- a. Honors courses are significantly more rigorous in quality, quantity, and pacing. The material is more challenging, dealt with in more depth, and accelerated.
- b. Honors courses assume that students are willing to devote a considerable amount of time and outside study to the course.
- c. Honors courses should incorporate interpretive skills and higher level thinking skills, including analysis, synthesis and evaluation. Integration of other disciplines should be given strong consideration in any honors course designation.

Students taking honors courses will receive honors recognition and a weighted grade if they earn a grade of "C" or higher in the course.

In order to graduate with honors from Anoka-Hennepin, the following criteria must be met:

Highest Honors - At least 3.9 weighted GPA. Students must take at least 10 credits in honors courses from two or more departments during their high school career. At least two credits must be taken during the senior year.

High Honors - At least 3.6 weighted GPA. Students must take at least six credits in honors courses during their high school career. At least one credit must be earned during the senior year.

Honors - At least 3.3 weighted GPA. There are no requirements concerning honors courses for the category.

Transfer credit would be prorated based on the year the student transfers into the high school program. Students in post-secondary programs would need to apply for honors course recognition for the courses they have elected to take. Weighted program grade point averages (WT.GPA) will be used by high schools to determine graduation honors recognition, internal school recognition honors that utilize grade point average, and may be used by colleges in determining scholarship recognition.

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