



The Grove School  
**--HONORS CONTRACT--**  
Information and Enrollment Agreement

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

As part of our academic program, students have the opportunity to take Honors courses in grades 9-12. They are challenging, yet rewarding, classes for those students who are willing to put forth the extra effort. These courses allow students to develop college preparatory skills and prepare for Advanced Placement (AP) and/or Dual Credit courses.

Honors and non-Honor students will be scheduled in to the same class period. Students signing up for the Honors class will complete additional assignments and projects and will be held to a higher standard for their work.

Throughout these courses, some assignments may require **extensive time** outside of class. When making the decision to select Honors courses, students should consider factors such as involvement in extracurricular activities, ability to work independently, and the total number of Honors courses they plan to take that year. Both student and parent must be aware that Honors work is rigorous. It is imperative that students and parents understand the commitment before making the obligation because **SCHEDULE CHANGES MAY NOT BE GRANTED.**

Students (and their parent/guardian) who wish to register for an Honors course must sign the following contract in order to be enrolled:

1. I recognize that participation in Honors classes requires me to:
  - a. demonstrate increased student independence,
  - b. take on a high degree of responsibility, and
  - c. meet higher standards than students in regular courses to earn the same grade.

Note: Regular classes typically require 30-45 minutes homework nightly. Honors courses will require **additional** time for nightly homework.

2. I commit to completing any required summer work on time and in a satisfactory manner.
3. I commit to remain enrolled in the Honors course I have chosen for the entire year. While transfers to a regular class may be granted, the following policy will be applied:
  - a. **The last day to change from an Honors course to the regular course is Friday, September 13.**
  - b. When transferring after September 13, a student's grade will follow them into the new non-Honors course.
  - c. Students who drop an Honors course after Friday, September 13 will receive a WF (Withdraw Fail) on their transcripts.
4. I agree to uphold academic honesty. I understand that I may be dropped from any Honors class without credit if I plagiarize, cheat, or submit work that I did not personally complete as an assignment for this class.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors applications are due Friday, March 1, 4 pm.**



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**Student/Parent Checklist**

Prior to enrolling in any Honors course, the student and parent should work together to consider the following points. This list is intended to start the conversation between parent and student. If an item(s) in the list applies, it does not exclude your child from the course, but you need to be aware of the potential for negative impact on performance.

- Has the student challenged themselves in prior courses and maintained high grades in those?
- Does the student have the recommendation of current teachers in the content area?
- Has the student missed 3 or fewer days per term in the current academic year, **including extended absences, field trips, family trips, etc.?** \*Extensive missed class time, regardless of the reason, will negatively impact performance
- Is the student prepared to manage multiple overlapping tasks (e. g. projects, papers, readings, tests, etc.)?
- Does the student have a demanding part time job or other obligation?
- Does the student participate in any extracurricular activities **requiring 3+ hours per week outside school?** Please list them all here:

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I would like to enroll into the following Honors classes:

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Courses**

*High school courses offered at the grade 9 level are not eligible for the UC honors designation. That means that 9<sup>th</sup> grade Honors courses will not bump your GPA. Only grades in honors course beyond 9<sup>th</sup> grade are weighted.*

**Grove recommends taking no more than two honors courses in a year.**

- Honors Human Geography (taught by Mr. Murphy)
- Honors English 9 (taught by Mel Knypstra)
- Honors Biology (taught by Mrs. O'Brien)

**Students will be notified if they have been accepted into the Honors classes of their choice by April 30. Grove considers the following factors: grades, attendance, # of missing assignments in any given subject, PSAT scores, CAASPP test scores.**

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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