

**Mead High School  
Honors English Program  
Grades 9-12**

As students enter high school, enrollment in Honors and Advanced Placement classes opens up to students willing and able to complete the level of work required. **If more students request these classes than can be placed, the criteria described below may be used to assure that the most qualified students are placed.**

***Program Description***

The Secondary Honors English program offers academically rigorous coursework to students desiring to continue or enter a challenging sequence of courses. The honors courses will include:

- more frequent writing
- additional required reading, inclusive of key classics
- vocabulary development
- in-depth units that require critical thinking
- extended work on conventions and proficiency in use of the extended language
- more rapid pacing of coursework
- increased study and analysis of poetry
- preparation for AP coursework and exams
- commitment to completing the summer project

***Strongly Recommended Criteria for Enrollment in Honors Program***

- reading at least two grade levels above current grade level
- scoring above standard on the ELA Smarter Balanced Assessment
- An A or high B in his/her 8<sup>th</sup> grade English class

***Note: To guarantee the right to remain in the Honors Program, students must maintain 80% average.***

Please consider the above criteria carefully and decide if you are prepared to commit to the academic rigor and summer project involved in the Honors Program before registering for Honors classes.

If you have questions, please contact the 9<sup>th</sup> grade honors teacher, Dori Whitford or your high school counselor.