

Honors Programs to be Offered at NCCS High School

NCCS has many students who demonstrate excellent academic potential. It is the responsibility of our school to provide academic courses and opportunities that will best prepare these outstanding students for successful college careers.

The NCCS honors program is comprised of a series of courses offered in math, science, social studies, and ELA. These courses are offered to top performing students at all grade levels who have successfully completed the application process and who have been selected for participation by a committee of teachers and administrators.

Students who have demonstrated academic success in honors courses, accelerated courses, or regular education courses should be encouraged to apply for inclusion in this program. Please realize that students do not have to be selected for honors in all four subject areas to be part of the program. They can apply for up to four honors courses.

In order to apply for a particular honors course, a student must fill out the attached application and take a competency test in the particular academic area to which they are applying. The important dates are as follows:

Applications to be submitted to high school office	February 13, 2009	
English/Social 9 assessment	February 24, 2009 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Room 96
English 10 assessment	February 24, 2009 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Room 94
English 11 assessment	February 24, 2009 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Room 93
Social 11 assessment	February 25, 2009 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Room 114
Economics/Government	February 25, 2009 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Room 120
Algebra	February 26, 2009 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Room 68
Trigonometry	February 26, 2009 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Room 67
Earth Science	February 27, 2009 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Room 224
Living Environment	February 27, 2009 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Room 241
Chemistry	February 27, 2009 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Room 228
Students notified of the status of their application	March 6, 2009	

It is our belief that an honors program will benefit our students in many ways. Having top students grouped together in an honors course will allow teachers to cover more material and to go into more depth on topics of particular interest. The extra material covered and the increased rigor of the courses will better prepare our students for courses in college. Their participation in an honors program will also make them more attractive to top colleges and make them more competitive when applying for college scholarships.

If you would like to learn more about the NCCS High School Honors Program, please e-mail any questions or comments to me at sgratto@nccscougar.org or call me at 518-298-8638.

Regards,

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