

AP/HONORS CONTRACT

Name _____ Grade _____ Counselor _____

HENRY M. GUNN HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED PLACEMENT & HONORS CLASSES CONTRACT

Gunn High School supports any student who wishes to enroll in Advanced Placement (AP)/Honors (H) classes. Please remember that Advanced Placement courses are college level courses. Students should be motivated to take an AP/Honors class by an appreciation for the subject. Students who are overextended with academics, and/or extracurricular activities, should give careful consideration to whether they have time to devote to an AP or Honors class as well as to the number of AP and Honors classes that they can successfully complete. Gunn High School suggests a maximum of two AP/Honors classes per semester.

Students who enroll in an AP/Honors course are expected to:

1. Learn independently! They will read, learn, ask questions, pursue outside reading and research, integrate and discuss material from diverse sources.
2. Meet any prerequisites prior to enrolling in an AP course.
3. Prepare for and take tests on time.
4. Accept that enrollment in an AP course does not guarantee an A or B grade.
5. Spend more than the average amount of time on work outside of class. **These courses are designed to be rigorous.**

Students who enroll in AP/Honors course(s) and their parent/guardian must read closely and sign the following contract:

1. AP and Honors courses require more work than non-AP/H courses (up to 6 hours a week). I recognize that I have to demonstrate independence and responsibility in planning my time to complete all coursework and studying.
2. I commit to remain enrolled in the AP course(s) I have chosen for the entire year. **If special circumstances arise and I must drop an AP course, I understand there may not be space available in a college prep class. I understand I may have to delay taking a required class because of my drop.**
3. I understand that Gunn High School does not recommend students take more than two AP classes per year.
4. I understand there may be a prerequisite for an AP/Honors course as outlined in the Gunn course catalog. By enrolling in an AP/Honors course, I certify that I meet any prerequisites
5. I agree to uphold Gunn High School's Academic Integrity Policy.
6. I will speak with my parent/guardian, teacher, or guidance counselor if I start feeling overwhelmed with my academic workload.
7. I realize that by enrolling in an Advanced Placement course I am expected to take the corresponding Advanced Placement Examination in May. Funding support for this examination may be available for students with demonstrated financial need.
8. I will complete the Time Management Worksheet to the best of my ability and use this tool in selecting my courses to maintain a balanced life.

_____ <i>Student Signature</i> <i>Date</i>	_____ <i>Parent Signature</i> <i>Date</i>
AP/Honors courses I plan on taking <i>(Gunn recommends a maximum of 2)</i>	

OFFICE ONLY: Counselor received on _____