

East Lee County High School

Agreement Form for Honors and Advanced Placement Courses

ELCHS Registration

Counselors and teachers provide guidelines for appropriate selection of courses, but students and parents make the final decision about which courses to take. Our goal is to ensure that students and parents have the information necessary to make the best decision.

Points to Consider

High school students are required to balance a variety of responsibilities and interests. These include academics, sports, extra-curricular activities and time with family and friends. As you decide on courses for next year, be sure to consider not only your personal abilities but also reasonable limits on your time and energy. Some students take one or two advanced courses, while others take more. For additional information about advanced academic courses refer to the East Lee County High School Program of Studies.

Standard vs. Honors and Advanced Placement Courses

Standard courses are designed for students who perform best when provided with more opportunities to work with course content and skill development. In the classroom, this means more time, more structure and more activities to master concepts. Honors and Advanced Placement courses require students to work at a faster pace and to grasp concepts quickly. To determine which placement is right for you in each subject area, consider carefully the benefits and expectations of honors and Advanced Placement courses.

	BENEFITS	EXPECTATIONS
Honors Courses	In-depth and challenging material Preparation for AP classes Weight of grade increased by 0.02	Strong foundation in the subject area Ability to work independently Ability to keep up with a faster pace of instruction
AP Courses	College-level coursework Potential for college credit Weight of grade increased by 0.04 Enhances transcript for college applications	Time management skills An average of 1 to 1 ½ hours of homework per class meeting (will vary by student and course)

If, after careful consideration, you decide that honors or Advanced Placement courses are right for you, please sign this form and return it to your counselor with your course selection sheet. The course selection sheet and this form represent your **commitment** to the courses that you choose.

Once students have selected their courses, ELCHS administration makes decisions on the master schedule, staffing, and ordering supplies. **For these reasons, schedule change requests are accommodated only under limited circumstances. No schedule change request will be considered before the first Interim Report goes home.** For a request to be considered by the schedule change committee, 1) a student must complete all of their assignments; and 2) a parent/teacher conference must have taken place. Changes may not be possible due to space or may require multiple period and/or teacher changes to the student's schedule.

Name _____	ID# _____
Grade Level for 2016-2017 _____	
Student's Signature _____	
Parent's Signature _____	