

HONORS COURSE PLANNING & DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

Course Title:
Subject Area:
Curriculum / Primary Resources:

Grade:
Course Level: Honors

Credit:

Compared with a standard College Preparatory course in this subject, this course includes:

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| ☐ | Depth & Complexity | Content is studied at a more sophisticated, advanced, or conceptually demanding level. |
| ☐ | Higher-Order Thinking | The student regularly analyzes, synthesizes, evaluates, interprets, defends, or independently applies ideas. |
| ☐ | Student Independence | The student assumes increased responsibility for inquiry, research, problem solving, or academic decision-making. |
| ☐ | Advanced Assessment | Major assessments require substantial analysis, reasoning, research, application, or original work. |
| ☐ | Advanced Resources | The student regularly engages with challenging literature, primary sources, scientific materials, data, scholarly resources, or other advanced materials appropriate to the discipline. |
| ☐ | Research & Inquiry | The student conducts sustained investigation and evaluates or synthesizes multiple sources or bodies of evidence. |
| ☐ | Advanced Application / Problem Solving | The student applies knowledge to unfamiliar, complex, authentic, or interdisciplinary problems. |
| ☐ | Substantial Academic Product | The course includes a significant research paper, investigation, laboratory study, portfolio, technical project, presentation, oral defense, or comparable demonstration of advanced learning. |

Briefly describe one or two features that particularly distinguish this course as Honors-level work:

Suggested Documentation to Retain

- ☐ Course description or syllabus
- ☐ Curriculum / resource list
- ☐ Representative assignments or assessments
- ☐ Examples of advanced student work
- ☐ Laboratory records, if applicable
- ☐ Final project / paper / portfolio, if applicable

This checklist is a planning and documentation tool, not an approval form. Parents and instructors determine the appropriate course designation for their students and should maintain records that reasonably support Honors-level work.