



# ***DUE to Counseling: March 17*** ***Petaluma High School***

*"Home of the Trojans"*

Congratulations for making the decision to challenge yourself in your academic coursework. In order to ensure that you are making an informed decision, please review this agreement with your parents/guardians, sign the document, and return it to your counselor. We applaud your decision to undertake vigorous intellectual exercise!

## **Honors/Advanced Placement Agreement**

We understand that by enrolling in any Accelerated/Honors/Advanced Placement course we are committing to a yearlong course. We also understand that these courses require a workload that is rigorous, often requiring summer work, and that student success will be predicated on the student's ability to meet the following expectations :

- Students should plan to commit an average of 3-6 hours per week per course in preparation in addition to class time. We understand that the first grading period is an adjustment period, and we will give ourselves time to settle in to the course. Students must plan to use tutorial time if additional support is necessary.
- Students should complete all required summer assignments on time, with the understanding that these assignments will count toward the first semester grade.
- There will be a significant amount of reading. Students must be willing to spend the time necessary.
- There will be intensive instruction in writing. Students will be required to practice writing regularly.
- Students will be expected to learn to be able to think, and to work independently and collaboratively.
- Students should plan to participate actively in class through careful and consistent preparation, complete note taking, and thoughtful participation in class discussions and activities.

We also understand that **the student is committed to staying in the class for the full year.** Students who are concerned about their academic performance are encouraged to seek assistance from their teacher during tutorial in order to succeed. Students are expected to make every effort to be successful in the classes that they select. Persistence and perseverance are 21st century skills! For those students selecting AP coursework, the expectation is that the student will sit for the exam as the culmination of learning. Studnet

We have read the information above and agree that we will make the commitments necessary to succeed in Honors/Advanced Placement course selection.

Print Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ I.D. Number \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Students: Please make time to talk with your **current teacher** in the same discipline as the course you wish to take. For example, talk with your current English teacher if you would like to take AP English. Ask them for their honest opinion about your chances for success in an advanced course next year. Their signature indicates that you have had the conversation.

<b>Teacher Conversation</b>	
Course requested _____	Teacher Signature _____
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\*Students requesting to take more than three (3) advanced courses will be required to meet with their parents and their counselor prior to course assignment.

Counselor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

**Courses That Require This Agreement**

Honors Biology  
 Honors Chemistry  
 AP Physics 1  
 AP Environmental Science

AP World History  
 AP American Govt/AP Economics  
 AP United States History  
 AP Psychology

Honors English 9  
 Honors English 10  
 AP English Language  
 AP English Literature

AP French Language  
 AP Spanish Language

Honors Math Analysis/Trig  
 AP Statistics  
 AP Calculus AB /BC

