

WHY SHOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN OPEN ENROLLMENT HONORS COURSES IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?



CHALLENGE YOURSELF!

Open enrollment honors courses in FCPS provide opportunities for students to go beyond course standards in a specific subject(s).

- Pick areas where you feel you have a strength or interest!
- Push yourself to develop new skills and expertise!
- Experience a new challenge!

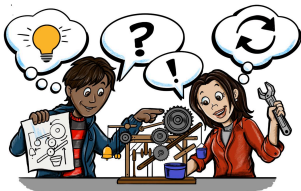
EXPLORE YOUR PASSIONS AND DEVELOP YOUR TALENTS!

Open enrollment honors courses help talent development for all students.

- Get personal support for success!
- Dive deep into subjects you enjoy, from literature to science to history.
- Self-assess and celebrate your own growth!



LEARN IN ENGAGING WAYS!



Open enrollment honors courses focus on expertise and deeper learning.

- Go beyond grade level standards!
- Engage in “deeper thinking” advanced academic curriculum and strategies.
- Collaborate more with peers!
- Focus on the process of learning: Inquiry, design, revision and sharing!

TAKE OWNERSHIP OVER YOUR LEARNING!

In open enrollment honors courses you’ll experience:

- **A different structure and pace!** Some lessons may be compacted or move faster to allow for more time to do hands-on projects and activities!
- **More independence and autonomy** in your learning, giving you the freedom to explore your interests and be in control of your learning!



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Share your interests in taking honors courses with your parents, school counselor & teacher!

CONSIDER SOME OF THESE REASONS TO TAKE HONORS CLASSES:

(use this as a checklist before you meet with your counselor!)

HONORS SOCIAL STUDIES	HONORS ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
<p>Do you enjoy...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Learning about different time periods, important figures, and how societies have developed over time?<input type="checkbox"/> Analyzing materials to understand different perspectives and draw conclusions?<input type="checkbox"/> Forming your own opinions, debating ideas, and defending your viewpoints with evidence from history?<input type="checkbox"/> Making connections between the past and current events, and understanding how history shapes the world today?<input type="checkbox"/> Discussing how issues impact different societies and cultures around the world?<input type="checkbox"/> Conducting research on historical events, social issues, and/or significant figures to answer questions and deepen understanding of complex topics?	<p>Do you enjoy...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Reading a variety of genres, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and plays?<input type="checkbox"/> Crafting essays, stories, and analytical responses?<input type="checkbox"/> Engaging in thoughtful discussions about the texts that you read? This can include forming and defending your own opinions, considering multiple perspectives, and asking probing questions.<input type="checkbox"/> Diving into the deeper meaning of texts, looking beyond surface-level plot points to explore symbolism, themes, and author intent?<input type="checkbox"/> Taking initiative in your learning, whether through researching topics of interest, completing independent research, or working on long-term projects?
HONORS MATH	HONORS SCIENCE
<p>Do you enjoy...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Using strategies like step-by-step thinking or creative problem-solving techniques (like engineers do)?<input type="checkbox"/> Asking deep questions to better understand or improve the reasons behind answers or solutions?<input type="checkbox"/> Using known math strategies or rules to help solve new problems?<input type="checkbox"/> Understanding the limits of your solution and knowing when it works and when it doesn't?<input type="checkbox"/> Turning real-life situations into math problems and understanding what the numbers and symbols mean?<input type="checkbox"/> Researching and finding the right tools to solve a new or unfamiliar problem?	<p>Do you enjoy...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Conducting investigations through experimentation and observation?<input type="checkbox"/> Solving problems and thinking critically to figure out solutions to complex challenges?<input type="checkbox"/> Reading scientific articles and other resources to expand your knowledge?<input type="checkbox"/> Discussing scientific ideas with others?<input type="checkbox"/> Thinking about how science impacts society and how scientific concepts can be used in everyday life?<input type="checkbox"/> Breaking down complex ideas and applying logic to understand scientific phenomena?

IF YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT ANY OF THESE, THEN HONORS IS FOR YOU!

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