

# 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!

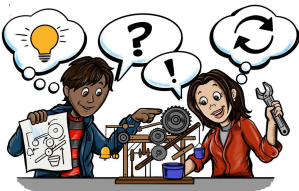
## EXPLORE YOUR PASSIONS AND DEVELOP YOUR TALENTS!

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!



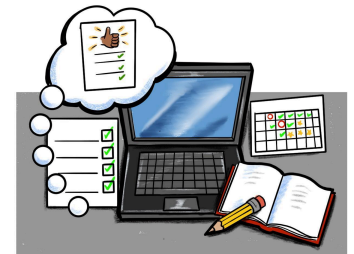
Open enrollment honors courses focus on expertise and deeper learning.

- 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!)

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

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

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