

# Honors English-Grades 9-10

HBHA is excited to offer an honors program for the ninth and tenth grade English classes.

## Who is eligible to take honors English?

Any student currently enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade English who has a B or higher from the previous year's English class.

## Requirements for Honors Distinction on Transcript

Fulfill all of the requirements listed on the English honors contract.

## How the Program/Process Works

This program is for students interested in earning honors distinction on their official HBHA transcript. An Honors Contract delineates the course requirements and learning outcomes. It specifies what the student and teacher will do during the semester to successfully complete the honors course work. The contract is signed by the student, teacher, and parent or guardian. The contract is reviewed and approved by the Department Chair and Administration. The student receives a copy of the contract, a copy is filed in the Administrator's office, and the teacher retains a copy.

Students interested in English Honors are encouraged to approach their teacher to express an interest in the program. Interested students will be interviewed by the teacher to discuss the honors curriculum and the contract.

The required components of an English Honors Course which are to be specified in the Honors Contract include:

- Learning Outcomes for the Honors Course.
- Specific assignments e.g. portfolio, papers, presentations, reading assignments, etc...
- Regular meeting times with the Honors teacher and Honors students during mentoring.
- Obtain a grade of B or higher in the parent course.

Beyond these basic requirements, an English Honors Course may resemble an "independent study" model. The teacher will provide direction and mentoring. Meeting times and dates are required and will be documented.

## Honors Course Distinction on Transcript

The Honors Distinction will be assigned by the Honors Faculty based on successful completion of the Honors Contract and an assessment of the work product e.g., formal paper, portfolio, research report, oral presentation etc... The faculty member may elect to assign a Pass / Fail grade to denote that the basic requirements of the Honors Contract were met. The Honors Designation on the transcript is independent of the grade for the parent course, but the student must receive a grade of B or higher in the parent course to receive the Honors Designation.