

Honors English Requirements

Congratulations on being invited to participate in Honors English next year! This is an exciting opportunity for you, as well as a challenge.

There are requirements in **Honors English 1** that you must be willing to meet. Please **read** this page carefully, **share** it with your parents, and **decide** if you are prepared to make the commitment to this class.

By joining **Honors English 1**, students and parents are aware of the following:

- The student will **complete all summer reading requirements** and **related assignments**.
**Failure to complete summer reading requirements will result in the student's reassignment to regular level English 1 at the beginning of school.
- The student will **complete all major projects**, including research papers. Should a student fail to complete any of the major projects, he or she will be placed on probation for Honors English and/or moved to English.
- The student will **maintain a B average or better**. If the student earns less than a B average during any particular quarter, the teacher will notify the parent, student, and guidance counselor. At this point, the student is on "probation" for continuing Honors English. If the student earns another C+ or lower average for any quarter, whether it is consecutive or not, the student will move to English for the next quarter.
- Honors students will read **four novels** during the school year and complete projects with each.
- In the past, all honors students were required to take **Public Speaking 1 or Public Speaking 1 Honors**; however, because of time and scheduling constraints, not everyone can sign up. All of the English teachers urge every Honors English student to sign up for Public Speaking 1 during either the freshman or the sophomore year. Honors English requires students to both write and deliver oral presentations several times each year, and we find a formal speaking class to be helpful.
- Plagiarism...what is it? It is the act of passing off someone else's work as one's own, which includes paraphrasing, copying directly from the internet, as well as copying someone else's work. Consequences for academic dishonesty may consist of, but not be limited to the **loss of credit for the assignment**. Upon another occurrence of plagiarism, the student is in jeopardy of **losing credit for the course**. Plagiarism is a serious offense; in many universities, plagiarism can result in expulsion.

Honors English 1 is an exciting, rewarding, and challenging class filled with opportunity and responsibility. Please be aware of your responsibilities and the consequences of not meeting those responsibilities.

Please keep the top portion and return the signed portion to the LMHS Counseling Office room 132.

We understand the requirements and the responsibilities of participation in Honors English 1, and we will support our child in meeting these requirements and responsibilities.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

I understand my responsibilities and the requirements I must meet as a student in Honors English 1, and I willingly undertake these tasks. I also understand the consequences for failing to do so.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Date received _____