

Poway High School
9th Grade Honors Criteria

Honors HS English 1-2

A successful student must be:

- A strong reader who LIKES to read.
- An analytical writer who does not avoid essay assignments.
- An able memorizer who can recall discreet material, such as vocabulary words, easily.
- An effective time manager who can juggle multiple assignments.
- A proficient organizer.

Honors Geometry 1-2 (more challenging than middle school Geometry)

A successful student must be:

- A consistent A or B⁺ student in middle school Algebra.
- An individual with strong study skills, both with homework and test preparation.
- A capable mathematician who is serious about preparing for AP Calculus AB in the senior year.

Honors Algebra 3-4

A successful student must be:

- An individual who is ranked as one of the TOP Geometry students in middle school.
- A highly capable mathematician who is enthusiastic about reaching AP Calculus BC in the senior year.

Honors Biology 1-2

A successful student must be:

- A strong reader.
- An individual who consistently performs at a high level, demonstrating a solid work ethic.
- An able learner who has both the time and discipline to complete projects in addition to routine workload.
- A motivated student who attends tutorial to study and complete work.

Honors Spanish 3-4

A successful student must be:

- An A student in middle school Spanish and mathematics (high correlation).
- A fast-paced learner who has completed Chapter 16 of Voces Vistas.
- An individual with strong study skills, good recall of vocabulary, and a firm understanding of present-tense verb and subject agreement. Some exposure and recognition of past and future tense is also recommended.

NOTE: Balance is an important key to high school success. Time consuming extracurricular and volunteer activities are also a meaningful factor when selecting a challenging course load.