

Burlingame High School AP/Honors Classes Contract 2009-10

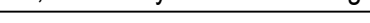
To enroll in an AP or Honors course for the 2009-10 school year, this contract must be signed and returned to the Counseling Office by **Monday, April 20 at 3:30pm**

The San Mateo Union High School District is committed to providing an environment in which all students have equal access to all classes, including Advanced Placement (AP)* and Honors (H)** classes. All classes will be open to all students who have taken the prerequisite courses, made an informed decision and understand the course expectations.

**AP courses are college level courses, where students can earn college credit and an extra grade point. **Honors classes are accelerated high school courses, where students can earn an extra grade point.*

Burlingame High School requires that all students and their parent/guardian(s) sign this contract to acknowledge that the student is making an informed decision regarding enrollment in an Advanced Placement (AP) and/or Honors (H) classes. In addition to this contract, students are also required to attend a mandatory meeting with the teacher representative of the respective AP or Honors class to be enrolled. At this meeting the teacher representative will present the course expectations.

Student and parent/guardian(s) review the following contract information:

1. I understand that participation in AP/Honor classes requires me to demonstrate:
 - a high level of student independence
 - a high degree of student responsibility
 - independent mastery equivalent to a college level course
2. I understand I must take the Advanced Placement Exam if offered, financial assistance is available on a need basis
3. I understand that I am expected to:
 - remain in the AP/Honors class for one semester
 - have a 'C' or better at the end of the first semester
 - complete the required summer work to be appropriately prepared for the course
 - uphold the 'BHS Honor Code' and follow the 'BHS Academic Honesty' policy
4. Please review the worksheet, on the backside of this contract, to assist you with selecting your course(s). 
 - Number of courses selected: _____
 - I have completed all prerequisites and suggested course preparation: Yes or No
 - Estimated amount of daily homework based on classes selected: _____ hours
 - Number of extra-activities I participate in: _____ (Examples: Athletics, Drama, Music, Clubs & Weekend Commitments)
 - Number of hours per day I spend on these extra-activities: _____
 - Number of classes I plan to take next year: _____
 - Number of hours per night I have to complete my homework: _____ (Exclude: Dinner time, TV time...etc)
 - Based on my chosen AP/Honors course selection(s), I have chosen a schedule that I can manage: Yes or No

_____ Student #	_____ Print Student Name (Last, First)	_____ Student Signature	_____ Date
	_____ Print Parent/Guardian (Last, First)	_____ Parent/Guardian Signature	_____ Date

AP/Honors Worksheet				
Course	Department	Prerequisite(s)	Suggested Preparation	Approximate Homework
Biology AP	Science	Biology 1-2 & Chemistry 1-2	'B' or higher grade in prerequisites	1-2 hours, 4-5 days per week
Calculus AB AP	Math	Pre-Calculus 1-2	'B' or higher grade in prerequisite	45 min. - 1 hour, 4-5 days per week
English 5-6 (H)	English	English 3-4 CP or English 3-4 AS	'B' or higher grade in prerequisites	1 hour per day
English Lit & Comp AP	English	English 5-6 CP or English 5-6 H	'B' or higher grade in English 5-6 H	1-2 hours, 5 days per week
Environmental Science AP	Science	Biology 1-2 & Chemistry 1-2	'B' or higher grade in prerequisites & completion or concurrent enrollment in Algebra 3-4	45 minutes per day
Italian Language & Culture 7-8 H	World Language	Italian 5-6 or teacher recommendation	'C' or higher grade in prerequisite	30 minutes, 5 days per week
Macroeconomics AP	Social Science	US History 1-2 & English 5-6	Completion of US History AP 1-2, English 5-6 Honors & concurrent enrollment in Calculus AP 1-2, Finite Math 1-2 or Pre-Calculus 1-2	45-90 minutes per day
Microeconomics AP	Social Science	Macroeconomics CP or Macroeconomics AP	Completion of Macroeconomics AP, college level reading skills & familiarity with line-slope graphs	45-90 minutes per day
Music Theory AP	Visual & Performing Arts	Teacher Recommendations		1 hour per week
Physics (B) AP	Science	Physics 1-2 & Algebra 3-4	'B' or higher grade in prerequisites	1 hour per day, 7 days per week
Spanish 7-8 (H)	World Language	Spanish 5-6 or teacher recommendation	'C' or higher grade in prerequisite	30 minutes, 5 days per week
Spanish Language AP	World Language	Spanish 7-8 H or teacher recommendation	'C' or higher grade in prerequisite	30 minutes, 5 days per week
Studio Art AP	Visual & Performing Arts	Art 3-4 or portfolio equivalent	'B' or higher grade in prerequisites	15 hours per week
US Government and Politics AP	Social Science	Contemporary World Studies 1-2, Modern World History 1-2 & U.S History	'C' or higher grade in US History AP 1-2 & Modern World History AS or 'A' in US History CP 1-2; college level reading and writing skills	30-45 minutes per day
US History AP	Social Science	Modern World History 1-2CP or Modern World History 1-2 AS	'B' or higher grade in prerequisite & college level reading and writing skills	1.5-2 hours per day, 5 Days per week