



North Pole High School



Home of the Patriots

Honors and Advanced Placement courses are more challenging and academically rigorous than regular classes. The quality of work expected is higher and the quantity of work expected is greater. Students will be responsible for more work on their own, outside of class, and possibly over breaks. As a result, the grade earned in the Honors / AP class may not be what it has been in a regular class.

The benefits of Honors and AP classes are many. In general, students are better prepared for college. There is a sense of accomplishment from having done well in these courses. Advanced students benefit during the college application process. Successful completion of these courses increases the probability of scholarships. In recognition of the increased rigor of AP courses, an extra *grade point* is awarded. In other words, an *A* is worth 5 points for GPA and a *B* is worth 4 points. Individual colleges each set their own policies regarding accepting AP classes and exam scores as waivers for required coursework. It is expected that students in AP classes will take the AP Exam in May and this text does have a fee.

Students who desire to leave or come into the class late (after the sign-up deadline, after the summer assignment, days or weeks into the semester, or at the semester break) must have approval of his or her counselor, current language arts teacher, and an administrator.

_____ **Class Requested (9 Honors, 10 Honors, 11 AP, 12 AP)**

_____ **Student Name (Please Print)**

_____ **Student Signature**

_____ **Parent / Guardian Signature**

Completing this application DOES NOT guarantee placement in the class. Students will be placed based on the following: teacher recommendation, prior class experience, grades, this application, available space, and scheduling needs. Once a student is officially registered in an honors / AP class, it is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher and pick up any summer assignment work.

Give this application to your current Language Arts teacher once you have completed filling it out.

2015-2016 Academic School Year
NPHS Language Arts Honors / AP Placement Application

Address the following questions in a brief essay response.

Describe your past Language Arts class experience. How have you handled the typical language arts assignments? How do you rate yourself in reading, writing, speaking, and listening? If you were in an honors / AP class before, what was that experience like for you? If not, what makes you seek out the next level of language arts? How does this class fit into your future plans? How do you expect to grow as a language arts student? How well do you respond to peer review, teacher feedback, and constructive criticism?

Teachers complete this portion.

_____ **Date you received this application**

_____ **Name of Teacher**

_____ **Your Recommendation**

Optional Additional Comments: