

LCMS HONORS CRITERIA: LANGUAGE ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

Below is the criteria for placement from a regular level Language Arts or Social Science class into an honors class.

Honors courses are provided for highly advanced academic students who have consistently demonstrated skills above grade level. The criteria for recommending a student from his or her current placement in a regular level class to an honors placement for the following school year are as follows:

Language Arts Criteria:

- The student must have maintained a minimum 90% in his or her regular language arts class for two consecutive semesters prior to application for Honors Language Arts.
- The student must have maintained a minimum 90% in writing and a minimum 90% in literature and 100% in AR for two consecutive semesters prior to application for Honors Language Arts.
- The student must have earned advanced reading scores on the Universal Screener, Renaissance Learning's STAR Reading test, as indicated by the minimum lexile levels below:
Grade 6: 1150
Grade 7: 1280
Grade 8: 1335

Social Studies Criteria:

- The student must have maintained a minimum 90% in his or her regular Social Studies class for two consecutive semesters prior to application for Honors Social Science.
- The student must have maintained a minimum 90% in writing for Social Science.
- The student must have earned advanced reading scores on the Universal Screener, Renaissance Learning's STAR Reading test, as indicated by the minimum lexile levels below:
Grade 6: 1150
Grade 7: 1280
Grade 8: 1335

Process:

A student meeting these criteria may have his or her name submitted by the current Language Arts and/or Social Science teachers to the applicable honors review committee(s). Parents whose student meets the above criteria and would like their student to be considered should contact their student's current Language Arts and/or Social Science. The applicable honors committee(s) will review all student materials and make the final decision on the appropriate placement.

Continued Placement:

Students enrolled in an honors class must maintain a "B" or higher semester grade in order to remain in the honors class. Students with less than an 80% will automatically be placed in a regular level class at the semester.