

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Congratulations on your student’s willingness to register for Honors American History 1. Your student’s instructor, (Mr. Vitale) has been impressed by their work to date. He recommended your student be promoted from Standard American History 1 to the more advanced Honors American History 1 for the current school year. The Honors level course provides students with greater opportunities to challenge themselves personally and academically. As part of an Honors class, your student will be asked to demonstrate greater commitment to their work. This may mean more time on nightly homework, greater participation during debates and more preparation for formal assessments.

If you approve of a transfer to the Honors level American History 1 class, you and your student will be asked to sign this letter below. Your signature indicates approval of this change. Once the schedule is changed, placement in an Honors class will be effected and further schedule changes will not be permitted for any reason. If your student chooses to enroll in the honors class but does not complete the required assignments, the student will receive a zero for any assignments not completed. To ensure that you and your student understand this unique opportunity, please review the following conditions and sign below, indicating your willingness to allow your student to participate in this Honors course. Return this form to the classroom teacher by Wednesday 9/25/19 to be enrolled in the Honors course for the 2019/20 school year. If you do not return this form your student will NOT be placed in the requested course(s).

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS/RIGOR:

- Any work, if assigned by the teacher, must be completed and submitted by its due date.
- The course workload (homework, reading, essays, etc.) will be greater than that of the regular corresponding course.
- Preparation for and engagement in class discussions is a vital component of success.
- Honors courses are designed to develop increased skills in students’ critical reading, writing, and thinking skills in order to prepare the student for university-level work.

GRADING POLICIES:

- As Honors course grades are given a GPA bonus on your students transcript, the expectations related to grading are higher. Students who may be accustomed to receiving very high grades in other classes may have to work harder to earn these grades in Honors courses.
- The course syllabus will outline additional information, guidelines, and requirements.

PARENTAL PERMISSION:

We have reviewed and understand the above commitments and would like to enroll our student in Honors American History 1.

Print Student Name: _____ ID # _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____