



Choosing a 9th Grade English Course

Honors Freshman English	English 9
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Is Honors Freshman English the right choice?

A successful Honors student...

- ✓ Meets or exceeds the standard (level 3 or 4) on the 7th grade reading and writing MNSP, and earns good grades in 7th / 8th grade language arts.
- ✓ Reads well, and is willing to read or do homework for at least 30 minutes a night.
- ✓ Is confident in his/her writing abilities.
- ✓ Is organized; thoroughly completes assignments and turns them in on time.
- ✓ Perseveres through challenging tasks and academic obstacles.
- ✓ Takes responsibility for his/her own learning; asks for help/clarification when needed.
- ✓ Plans to take challenging classes such as Honors or Advanced Placement in high school (NOT a pre-requisite for any AP class).
- ✓ (MOST IMPORTANT) is willing to commit time and energy to challenging him/herself on a daily basis.