

Honors Diploma

The Honors Diploma Program is designed for students who wish to participate in a comprehensive, 4-year advanced academic program resulting in honors graduation. Coursework is available in all grade levels, offering a wide variety of topics and subject matter. These courses provide an opportunity for students to enrich their learning experience, cultivate habits of independent analysis, creativity, collaboration, leadership, and intellectual skills. Success on AP and Project Lead the Way exams can even provide college credit for work done here at Jefferson.

The Honors Diploma is unique to Jefferson and is not affiliated with any state or national program.



Credit Requirements: The Honors diploma requires completion of at least 36 credits in honors or Advanced Placement courses. At least 2, but no more than 6 of these credits must be in Art, Music, World Language or Project Lead the Way. Each trimester course counts as 1.0 credit toward the Honors Diploma. Completion of a year-long course (i.e. Honors English 9) earns 3 credits. Students must complete all trimesters of a course to receive credit toward the honors diploma.

To Qualify: To earn an honors diploma, a student must maintain at least a B average and complete the necessary credits by choosing courses from the list below. Some classes may have prerequisites. Careful thought in course registration is essential to successfully completing the requirements of the program. Please plan accordingly when making course selections.

Jefferson courses that qualify:

Language Arts	Social Studies	Science	Mathematics
Honors English 9 Honors English 10 AP Language Comp AP Literature and Comp	Honors Social Studies 9 AP World History AP US History AP Macro & Micro Economics AP US Government & Politics	Honors Science 9 AP Prep Biology AP Chemistry AP Biology AP Physics	Honors Int. Algebra Honors Geometry Honors Algebra II Honors Pre-Calculus AP Statistics AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC

At least two, but no more than six of the credits must come from the following courses:

Art	Music	World Languages	Project Lead the Way
Honors Art I & II * Honors Art III & IV * AP Art *	Wind Ensemble Chamber Orchestra Connection	AP French * AP Spanish * Latin IV (if s/he takes the AP exam) *	Intro to Engineering Design Principles of Engineering Digital Electronics Aerospace Engineering Civil Engineering & Architecture
*course has prerequisites		*prior levels must be completed	

A review board will evaluate Post-Secondary Enrollment Options and other specific program requests on an as-needed basis. Courses from Bloomington's Dimensions Academy High School will qualify for credits towards an honors diploma. UMTYMP courses taken during high school will also qualify for credits towards an honors diploma.

Students interested in participating in the Honors Diploma Program should contact the Jefferson gifted & talented coordinator, Meredith Aby-Keirstead, for an application. The application can be filled out at any point during the four years but no later than February of the student's senior year.

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Statement of Intent

to enter the Jefferson Honors Diploma Program

The Bloomington School District offers two diplomas at the time of graduation – a regular high school diploma and an honors diploma. At this time, I am applying to participate in the honors diploma program.

As a participant in the honors diploma program I understand that I will:

- need to complete **36 credits** in designated AP or Honors classes
- need **at least 2 but no more than 6 of the credits** in Honors or AP Art, Music (Wind Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra or Connection), AP World Language or Project Lead the Way (Intro to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Digital Engineering, Aerospace Engineering or Civil Engineering & Architecture)
- need to maintain a **B average GPA**

Full Name (printed) _____

Home Address

Phone number _____

Circle present grade level: 9th 10th 11th or 12th Year of graduation: _____

Date

Student's signature

I have read this form and am aware of my student's intention to enter the honors diploma program. I give permission for Ms. Aby-Keirstead to pull my student's transcript to determine if she/he qualifies for this honor.

Date

Parent or guardian's signature

Please return this form to Meredith Aby-Keirstead, the JHS Gifted and Talented Coordinator. Forms may also be delivered to the main office. **Please turn in to Ms. Aby-Keirstead by the end of Tri 2.**

On another sheet, please list the classes you have taken or will take which you believe will qualify you for the honors diploma. Indicate the course name and year (9th, 10th, 11th or 12th) the class was or will be taken.