



Middle School Honors Application Packet

The following criteria are considered when granting acceptance to a **Beacon Academy Honors** class:

- MCA test scores
- Student in good academic standing in honors subject applying for
- Have a 3.5 grade point average or better/or elementary equivalent grades (for the current school year or, for acceptance into a fall class, from the previous school year)
- Have earned an A in the Honors Subject applying for English, Science or Social Studies, during the previous two semesters
- Have an excellent attendance record
- Teacher recommendations

Students who are selected to enroll in a **Beacon Academy Honors** class will be chosen on the basis of demonstrated skills and merit. All decisions by the Honors Application Team and Beacon Academy Administration are final. The **Beacon Academy Honors** class guidelines are attached. Students and parents should review them carefully before making the decision to apply for admission to an honors class.

Students will:

Demonstrate mastery of course fundamental skills and concepts and exhibit a high level of academic understanding.

- Final academic grade for any class taken shall be 85% or higher. Any students earning less than 85% will not be allowed to take a successive honors class until academic excellence has been re-attained.

Demonstrate motivation and commitment.

- All honors students will demonstrate appropriate behavior, a positive attitude, excellent attendance, and exemplary work habits.
- All honors students will be expected to carry a much heavier work load, including, but not limited to, extra homework, longer reading assignments, additional novels, research and/or additional projects.

How to complete the application process (if you have already been in an honors class, you need only complete steps #1 & #3):

1. Complete and sign the application form.
2. Have two (2) adults (one may be completed by a Beacon staff member) who know you well complete **Reference Forms** and submit the forms with your application (one should be a parent or guardian.)
3. Attach a copy of your most recent report card AND your previous year final report card.
4. Return the application, references, and copies of the report cards to the Beacon Academy main office.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Semester 1

June 6, 2019

Semester 2

December 18, 2019

Beacon Academy Honors Guidelines

The following criteria represent the standards for participation in a **Beacon Academy Honors** class.

Basic Guidelines:

- A limited number of seats will be available each semester for each class.
- Accepted students will be moved from their study hall and placed into their honors class. Honors students will not have a study hall in their schedule.
- Students will not be placed into honors classes based on friendships or any relationship dynamics.
- **Honors Pre-Algebra, Honors Algebra and Honors Geometry are yearlong courses.**
 - Students who are also applying for both the yearlong math and a semester honors class in the fall, will only need to hand in one set of references and grades.
- **7th and 8th grade Honors Social Studies, English and Science are Semester courses.**
 - Due to the schedule, students are only able to take one (1) honors class a semester.
 - There will be no **continued enrollment**. Students must apply each semester.
 - Students applying for a second and/or subsequent semester must only fill out an application with a class selection and attach a copy of their grade report.
 - Students will be asked for their top two honors class selections for each semester's application period.

Semester Classes Only:

Students who are not accepted into a class during one semester and wish to apply for a class during a subsequent semester must complete a second application. Acceptance will be determined on the same basis as initial applicants; each semester offers a new selection of honors classes.

2018-2019	
SEMESTER I Quarter 1 & Quarter 2	SEMESTER II Quarter 3 & Quarter 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Science – Engineering ❖ Social – Sociology ❖ English – Mythology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Science – Human Biology ❖ Social – Economics ❖ English – Public Speaking/Oral Interpretation
Year-Long Course	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 6th Grade Honors Pre-Algebra ❖ 7th Grade Honors Algebra ❖ 8th Grade Honors Geometry 	
2019-2020	
SEMESTER I Quarter 1 & Quarter 2	SEMESTER II Quarter 3 & Quarter 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Science – Engineering ❖ Social – Sociology ❖ English – Science Fiction Literature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Science – Human Biology ❖ Social – Economics ❖ English – Public Speaking/Oral Interpretation
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For additional information and questions, contact the **Honors Staff:**

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Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Grade: 6th 7th 8th

YEAR-LONG HONORS CLASS – Fall Acceptance Only

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 th Grade Honors Pre-Algebra (Year-Long Class) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7 th Grade Honors Algebra (Year-Long Class) <input type="checkbox"/> 8 th Grade Honors Geometry (Year-Long Class) |

SEMESTER LONG HONORS CLASSES – 1 Subject per Semester; Must reapply every Semester. (Only 7th & 8th grade students are eligible.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New to honors
(Fill out pages 1-4 & References) | <input type="checkbox"/> Have taken an honors course at Beacon
(Fill out pages 1-2) |
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1st Choice Subject: (check one)

- Social Studies
- English
- Science

2nd Choice Subject: (check one)

- Social Studies
- English
- Science
- If I don't get my first choice, I would rather not be in honors.

Gathering grades or a recent report card is the student's responsibility.

Acceptance will be pending if grades, application questions, parent/guardian and student's signature or references are not completed.

Please fill out grading section on page 2.

*****Student and Parent/Guardian please sign and date this page.*****

Please have your teachers fill in your previous semester & current semester grades. Previous trimester grades can be found on your most recent report card.

We will also accept a copy of current/past report cards or a copy of grades from Parent/StudentVUE.

SUBJECT	* PREVIOUS SEMESTER GRADE	* CURRENT SEMESTER GRADE	TEACHER SIGNATURE
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			

** If applying for honors for Semester 1 please use Quarter 3 from the previous year for previous semester grades and Quarter 4 from the previous year for current semester grades.*

To the best of my knowledge all information that I have provided is accurate and true. I am aware of the guidelines that I have to meet if I am selected and choose to accept placement in **Beacon Academy Honors** classes.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

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(Please use only the space provided)

1. Why are honors appealing to you and how do you feel you will contribute to the class?

2. Who has been an influential person in your life? Explain.

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3. What would you say is your best quality and how do you apply it to your daily life in and out of school?

4. Please list the extracurricular activities and organizations in which you have been active (in Beacon or your community).



Honors Recommendation Form

_____ is applying for an honors class at Beacon Academy and has identified you as a reference. Please complete the reference form, seal it in an envelope, and sign across the flap before returning it to Beacon Academy.

How long have you known the student and in what capacity?

Please rate this student's responsibility

Superior Good Average Poor

Please rate this student's overall character

Superior Good Average Poor

On a scale of 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest), please rate the student in the following areas:

_____ Self-discipline

_____ Originality

_____ Independence

_____ Integrity

_____ Initiative

_____ Dependability

_____ Leadership

_____ Academic ability

_____ Cooperation

_____ Ability to follow directions

Please add any additional information that you would like us to consider when reviewing this student, you may use an additional sheet if you wish.

I recommend this student:

Enthusiastically Strongly Fairly Strongly With Reservation

Print Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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