



## DOUGHERTY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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### **AP / HONORS Acknowledgement**

Dougherty Valley High School supports any student who wishes to accept the challenge of Advanced Placement (AP) or Honors classes. With that challenge comes certain expectations regarding the maturity and capabilities of the enrolled students. Please remember that Advanced Placement courses are college level courses. Students should be motivated to take an AP/Honors class by an appreciation for the subject. Students who are overextended with academics and/or extracurricular activities should seriously consider if they have the time to devote to an AP/Honors class and the number of AP/Honors classes they can successfully complete. ***Dougherty Valley High School suggests a maximum of two AP classes per year.***

#### **Students are expected to:**

1. Be independent learners, willing to read, learn, ask questions, pursue outside reading and research, integrate and discuss material from diverse sources.
2. Meet any prerequisites prior to enrolling in an AP course.
3. Prepare for and take tests ON TIME.
4. Spend more than the average amount of time on work outside of class.\*  
*\*Based on feedback from students, expect to spend an average of 8-10 hours per week for each AP/Honors course on homework/projects (certain classes may require more hours).*

#### **Students who enroll in an AP/Honors course and their parent/guardian must adhere to the following acknowledgement:**

1. I recognize that I have to demonstrate independence and responsibility. AP/Honors courses require more homework compared to non AP/Honors college prep courses (see above for average time per week, per class).
2. I commit to remain enrolled in the AP/Honors courses I have chosen for the entire year. If special circumstances arise and I must drop an AP course, ***I understand there may not be space available in a college prep class.*** I understand that if there is not space, I may have to take the course at another time or through an approved Non District Course.
3. I understand that Dougherty Valley High School does not recommend students take more than two AP classes per year.
4. I understand there may be a prerequisite or recommendation for an AP/Honors course as outlined in the district course catalog. By enrolling in an AP/Honors course, I certify that I meet these prerequisites/recommendations.



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5. I agree to uphold Dougherty Valley High School's Academic Integrity Policy and understand that any violation of this will result in outlined discipline (which includes loss of an opportunity to receive letters of recommendation from teachers and required reporting to colleges).
6. I will speak with my parent/guardian, teacher, or counselor if I start feeling overwhelmed with my academic workload.
7. I realize that by enrolling in an Advanced Placement course I am encouraged to take the corresponding Advanced Placement Examination in May.
8. I will complete the Time Management Worksheet to the best of my ability and use this tool in selecting my courses to maintain a balanced life.

**IMPORTANT:** Course registration is in March. If you would like to drop from an AP/Honors course after you select your classes for next year, you have until **FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023** to notify your counselor in writing. If your request is made after April 14<sup>th</sup>, drops are subject to space availability and may not be granted.