



Fullerton School District
Educational Services / GATE Program
Junior High Honors Courses Information for Parents

COURSE OFFERINGS:

Honors classes are offered at the three junior high schools and two K-8 schools for identified GATE and high-achieving students in grades 7 and 8. Honors courses are incorporated into the students' program requirements in Language Arts. Additional courses in other content areas may be offered. Advanced Mathematics courses are offered at all five schools as well. Mathematics course participation is based on student achievement on District administered placement tests. GATE students enrolled in Honors/Advanced courses participate in at least one class per day with other gifted students. The following chart shows current school offerings:

School Site	Honors Courses
Beechwood	Seventh Grade Honors Language Arts Eighth Grade Honors Language Arts
Fisler	Seventh Grade Honors Language Arts Eighth Grade Honors Language Arts
Ladera Vista	Seventh Grade Honors Language Arts/Social Studies Core Eighth Grade Honors Language Arts Eighth Grade Honors Social Studies Eighth Grade Advanced Science
Nicolas	Seventh Grade Honors Language Arts Seventh Grade Honors Social Studies Seventh Grade Honors Science Eighth Grade Honors Language Arts Eighth Grade Honors Social Science Eighth Grade Honors Science
Parks	Seventh Grade Honors Language Arts Seventh Grade Honors 1:1 Language Arts Eighth Grade Honors Language Arts Eighth Grade Honors 1:1 Language Arts
Advanced Mathematics Curriculum offered in grades 7 and 8	Advanced Pre-Algebra Advanced Algebra Honors Geometry

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM:

Honors courses provide students with learning experiences designed to strengthen higher-level thinking skills and to allow students to go into more depth and complexity with their academic work. Honors courses strengthen conceptual understanding and engage students in meaningful hands-on activities where they make connections between their lives and their courses. The Honors Language Arts course provides students with the opportunity to read, analyze, discuss and write in a variety of forms related to State Content Standards. Particular attention is given to developing good writing and communication skills which includes the use of instructional technology to demonstrate learning and to build 21st century skills.

Students participating in Honors courses are provided with additional enrichment opportunities beyond the scope of grade level standards. Honors students are expected to be independent learners who are capable of advanced reading comprehension, advanced writing skills, and advanced mathematics understanding. Students should be prepared to put forth the extra time and effort that is required to be successful in these classes. The Junior High and K-8 Honors programs serve as an effective bridge to prepare students for the rigor of high school honors, Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses.