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Re: Grade 7 Honors Program Application

Dear Grade 6 Parents and Students:

The junior high school Honors program is rigorous and demanding. Many aspects of a student's life, in and out of school, should be considered before applying for admission to the program. It is comprehensive in scope and faster in the pace of instruction. Students are expected to maintain high standards of performance at all times. There are guidelines to remain in the program, including but not limited to maintaining an 85% or higher average. Also, junior high Math and Science Honors classes are accelerated courses which culminate in Regents exams at the end of grade 8. Students who are successful in Math and Science Honors can earn high school credit. It should be noted, however, that all 7th and 8th grade classes are aligned with the new Common Core Learning Standards and are part of a challenging Regents program that leads to the applicable Regents exams in high school.

The enclosed information packet and application form are being made available to all grade 6 parents. Candidates for admission to the Honors program must meet specific criteria for eligibility in order to be accepted. Applications will be reviewed and determinations for admission will be made by the department coordinators. **The completion of an application does not guarantee acceptance into the Honors program. Only those students who score at the top of the matrix and demonstrate a strong desire to participate in Honors are accepted. You will be notified in writing of our determination.**

Please note that, due to our team/block scheduling configuration, students must qualify for and be placed in both Math and Science together as a block, and/or in both ELA and Social Studies together as a block.

Enclosed is an overview of the characteristics of the Honors program. The district coordinators can also answer specific questions related to the application process or the individual courses in the program.

Please take time to review and discuss the above information and the Honors criteria with your child. If, after careful consideration, you decide to have your child apply for the program, please check the appropriate box(es) on the attached application form. Otherwise, check the box indicating that you do not wish to apply for the program. In either case, please sign and date the form and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by April 1. **In addition please initial the bottom right hand corner of the applicable pages, illustrating your review of the details.**

This is the only opportunity that your child will have to apply for grade 7 Honors. However, students who meet eligibility criteria can be accepted into the Honors program in subsequent years.

Sincerely,

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