

## Information For Honors and Advanced Placement Courses

### Centreville High School

#### Open Enrollment

Fairfax County Public Schools offers open enrollment in honors and advanced placement courses. Counselors and teachers provide guidelines for appropriate selection of courses, but students and parents make the decision of which courses to take. Our goal is to ensure that students and parents have the information to make the best decision.

#### Points to Consider

High school students are required to balance a variety of responsibilities and interests. These include academics, sports, extra-curricular activities and time with family and friends. As you decide on courses for next year, be sure to consider not only your personal abilities but also reasonable limits on your time and energy. Some students take one or two advanced courses, while others take more. For additional information about advanced academic courses refer to the course expectation sheets on the Centreville High School website.

#### Standard vs. Honors and Advanced Placement Courses

Standard courses are designed for students who perform best when provided with more opportunities to work with course content and skill development. In the classroom, this means more time, more structure and more activities to master concepts. Honors and Advanced Placement courses require students to work at a faster pace and to grasp concepts quickly. To determine which placement is right for you in each subject area, consider carefully the benefits and expectations of honors and Advanced Placement courses.

	BENEFITS	EXPECTATIONS
Honors Courses	In-depth and challenging material Preparation for AP classes Value of grade increased by 0.5	Strong foundation in the subject area Ability to work independently Ability to keep up with a faster pace of instruction Time management skills An average of 1 ½ to 2 ½ hours of homework per class meeting (will vary by student and course)
AP Courses	College-level coursework Potential for college credit Value of grade increased by 1.0 Enhances transcript for college applications	