

Characteristics of a Successful AP/Honors Student-Science

Taking honors and advanced placement (AP) courses can be a big commitment and should be considered carefully. These courses can take a significant amount of effort and work outside of school. The following characteristics are found in our most successful honors and AP students. Students who are considering taking an honors or AP course should have the majority of these characteristics before signing up for a class.

- Has the ability to grasp new concepts at a rigorous pace without intervention.
- Completes assessments in a timely manner utilizing the most efficient strategies.
- Utilizes a variety of strategies to solve problems.
- Able to apply skills and concepts to new and non-routine situations.
- Independent and self motivated learner.
- Makes transitions easily and maintains focus on learning experiences without prompting.
- Actively engages in classroom activities and discussions.
- Completes homework independently and thoroughly in an appropriate amount of time.
- Receptive to constructive feedback.
- Makes efficient and effective use of class time.
- Independently seeks clarification when necessary.
- Participates in lab work independently and safely.
- Works effectively with other students.