

Metro Arts Honors Program

- Metro Arts offers Honors coursework in conjunction with all standard core and elective courses. The student who is enrolled in an Honors version of a course will attend the standard class and complete all regularly assigned course work. The student will also be given Honors coursework to complete outside of class.
- A student who successfully completes the course will be given the Honors distinction on his or her transcript. That notation tells the colleges to which a student applies that the student is willing to challenge his or herself academically. Additionally, Honors students enjoy a significant advantage when it comes to competing for scholarships.
- Honors courses emphasize critical and creative thinking and use primary texts. Metro Arts Honors courses are not the same as Advanced Placement courses. They do not offer college credits or align with national AP exams. Metro Arts Honors courses are enriched and offer the material in greater depth. Honors courses at Metro are designed to prepare students for the work load and standards of excellence they will encounter at the nation's most competitive universities and colleges.
- In order to take Honors classes the student must have a consistent record of at least an A- average in the subject and demonstrate a high level of self-motivation. If approved, the student, teacher and parent will create and sign an Honors contract. Honors classes are offered to sophomores, juniors and seniors and only one Honors course may be taken the first time a student applies. In the future, if the student is successful, they may apply to take up to two Honors courses.
- Once enrolled in the class as an Honors student, the student must stay in the course for at least one semester, and have a B or better at the end of the first semester in order to continue to second semester.
- Honors classes at Metro are weighted higher than standard classes. They will raise student GPA up one letter grade higher than the grade received. Earning an A in an honors course is equal to a 5.0 in that course for the purposes of overall student GPA calculations.

Metropolitan Arts Institute Honors Course Contract

Honors courses are the most rigorous classes offered at Metro. They require a considerable amount of commitment and time. No provision is made for students desiring to drop after the course has begun.

Each student who wishes to be placed in an Honors course must apply through their sponsoring teacher. The general criteria for placement are: prior grades, standardized test scores and teacher recommendations.

The student and parent are also required to attend a mandatory meeting with the Honors course teacher. At this meeting the teacher will present the course expectations. The meeting must occur in the semester before the course begins.

Student and parent/guardian(s) review the following contracting information:

- I understand that participation in an Honors class requires me to demonstrate a high level of academic and creative independence as well as intellectual and creative ability.
- I understand that I am expected to remain in the Honors class for one semester, and must have a B or better at the end of the first semester in order to continue on to the next semester.
- I understand that I must complete the required summer work and will be graded on the work immediately upon returning for the fall semester start.
- Each Honors course will require an extra hour or more of homework per hour of class time. This equals three extra hours per week minimum with a likely maximum of five extra hours per week.
- By signing this contract, both the student and parent/guardian(s) acknowledge having read the above and agree to commit to the course. It is understood that final approval for Honors courses rests with the administration.

Print Student Name

Signature Date

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Signature Date

Print Faculty Name

Signature Date

Administrative Approval

Date