

Departmental honor cords recognize a student's academic accomplishments according to specific departmental criteria. There are several common requirements of students:

- Enrolled at least 3 semesters at SHS and that course be taken during the regular school year.
- An unofficial transcript must be submitted with an application.
- No grades lower than a "B" in the requested department.
- Only AP grades will be considered weighted in terms of grade points, i.e., a "B" is equal to 4 points.

Students who meet requirements within each department will be presented with a color honor cord to be worn at the graduation ceremony.

Department Criteria

AP HONOR CORD (Yale Blue)

- 5 AP Level classes in 4 content areas
- Must complete the courses with a "B" grade or higher.
- Minimum GPA of 3.6 or higher
- Must have taken AP Exams and/or be registered for senior year AP exams for all courses being submitted. Scores of 3 or better qualify.

BUSINESS (Beige)

- 4 semesters of "A" work* without a "U"
- 2 Business teacher recommendations

*Must include at least 2 semesters of either Introduction to Business, Accounting 1, Business and Personal Finance, Computer Applications

ENGLISH (Light Blue)

- 6 semesters of "A" work* without a "U"
- No NP Marks allowed
- 2 English teacher recommendations

(outstanding/satisfactory citizenship required all 4 years)

*No grade lower than a "B" in an Honors or AP course.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE (Lilac)

- 5 semesters of "A" work without a "U"
- 2 FCS teacher recommendations

*Includes Life Management, Culinary Arts 1, Farm to Table, Food and Nutritional Science, Fashion Design I/II, Interior Design, and (CTE) Culinary Arts, Fashion Merchandising, Interior Design, or Career's w/ children.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY/AG (Burgundy)

- 4 semesters of "A" work* without a "U"
- 2 IT/Ag teacher recommendations

*No grade lower than a "B"; at least one semester shall be an advanced course.

MATH (Red)

- 6 semesters of "A" work* without a "U"
- 2 Math teacher recommendations
- Must have completed Pre-Cal OR AP stats

**Includes minimum of 1st semester Pre-Calculus (OR 1st semester AP Stats) and 3.75 GPA within department courses and no "C's"(except in Calculus AB/BC or AP Stats)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (Teal)

- 7 semesters of "A" work* without a "U"
- 2 Phys Ed teacher recommendations

*Must pass fitness test in senior year or participate in Fittest on Campus and participate in a minimum of 2 seasons of athletics (including one varsity season).

SCIENCE (Orange)

- 6 semesters of "A" work* without a "U"
- 2 Science teacher recommendations

** A" work must include:

B's or better in A.P. Biology, A.P. Chemistry, A.P. Physics and A's in all other courses. Biology/Living Earth, Chemistry/Chemistry in the Earth System & 1 advanced course

SOCIAL SCIENCE (Purple)

- 6 semesters of "A" work without a "U"
- 7 semesters of "A" work without a "U" if including Psychology.
- AP Course with a grade of A or B for entire term
- 2 Soc. Science teacher recommendations

VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS (White)

- 4 semesters of "A" work* without a "U"
- 2 VAPA teacher recommendations

*2 years in same discipline, 2 semesters advance

WORLD LANGUAGE (Green)

- 6 semesters of "A" work without a "U"
- 2 World Lang. teacher recommendations
- No grade lower than a "B"
- Minimum GPA of 3.75