



HUNTERDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

HONORS HUMANITIES PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND EXPECTATIONS

Overview:

With its unique interdisciplinary approach, the Honors Humanities program at Hunterdon Preparatory School offers an exciting opportunity for students to engage in honors-level English and Social Studies work. It goes beyond the regular course content, providing additional enriched and enhanced curricular experiences. The program's diverse areas of inquiry, including but not limited to culture, literature, philosophy, and the arts, will broaden students' horizons and deepen their understanding.

In addition to receiving honors-level work during a student's assigned English and Social Studies class, they will be assigned to an afternoon Honors Humanities Lab that will meet one day a week instead of one afternoon elective. **Note: Students can still attend their chosen electives the other two days a week they are offered.**

Expectations:

The Honors Humanities program is designed to strengthen students' analytical and problem-solving skills, among other critical skills such as writing and enhancing research abilities. This program is designed to help students develop the skills that are necessary for success at the college level. To be a successful Honors Humanities student at the Hunterdon Preparatory School, each student must possess or be willing to learn the following skills:

- **Reading and comprehension skills:** Students must have the ability or be willing to improve their ability to understand and comprehend large amounts of written material.
- **Outline and summarization skills:** Students need to possess the skills or be willing to learn how to outline and summarize reading assignments clearly and concisely.
- **Critical thinking skills:** Students need to be able to analyze, evaluate, and discuss information gathered from reading and research. Students are expected to participate in all class and lab discussions.
- **Writing skills.** Students need to possess the proper fundamentals of writing and be willing to write essays and research papers.
- **Analysis and evaluation skills.** Students must present answers to analysis and evaluation-type questions in written and oral form.
- **Research skills.** Students need to be able to learn proper research techniques and apply these skills.

- **A great attitude.** Students must welcome a challenge and desire to be pushed to the “next level!” Each student needs to understand that there will be formal assessments (tests, quizzes) and homework. Each student must be willing to complete work outside of the classroom setting.

Important considerations for students before deciding to apply:

- Are you willing to take on a lot more rigorous work?
- Are you willing to complete homework and independent work?
- Do you want to be challenged?
- How strong a reader and writer are you?
- How strong is your interest in English and History?

Enrollment:

All students interested in enrolling in this program **must** apply by completing a Hunterdon Preparatory School Honors Humanities Program Application.

You can access the application in one of two ways:

1. Print out the Application Form
2. Ask your English teacher for an application