

# FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



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## RODRIGUEZ HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Student:

Congratulations on your decision to enroll in Advanced Placement (AP) and/or Honors coursework for the 2016-2017 school year at Rodriguez High School. AP and Honors courses provide rigorous, fast-paced curriculum and instruction and require students make a yearlong commitment of time and dedication to the AP/Honors course(s) in which they enroll. Students who enroll in AP courses are strongly encouraged to take the corresponding examination offered at the end of the course in May. Many colleges and universities offer college credit for a passing score on the Advanced Placement examination. However, students should check with the colleges/universities to which they plan to apply for more specific information.

In order to successfully complete Honors/Advanced Placement coursework, students are expected to:

- Demonstrate high levels of commitment to academic scholarship
- Produce clear and cohesive written compositions
- Demonstrate punctual daily attendance
- Complete an average of 6 hours of homework per class per week
- Complete summer work as assigned
- Accept that enrollment in Honors/AP course does **not** guarantee an A or B grade

AP/Honors courses are for the serious and dedicated student who is willing to devote the time and effort needed to successfully complete the course. Very rigorous standards are maintained in AP courses, and students find them to be significantly more demanding than regular or even Honors classes. AP course grades receive extra weight in GPA calculation, although the program was not designed for this purpose, but rather to expose students to the challenge of college level coursework. Students are strongly encouraged to balance their time and not take too many advanced courses within one academic school year. If a student is struggling with the demands of AP/Honors coursework, he/she should take advantage of interventions offered at RHS: meeting with the teacher and/or counselor, attend course-specific tutorials, and participate in School After School tutoring. Other strategies for academic success may include: forming a study group, reviewing AP questions and responses, and accessing Shmoop.com (free online test prep).

In order to confirm your request to take Advanced Placement/Honors coursework in the 2016-2017 school year, please complete and return the attached Advanced Placement & Honors Contract to your counselor.

Sincerely,

Rodriguez High School Counseling Department  
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