

Social Studies Department
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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

New York State stipulates that all students complete two years of Global History & Geography to meet graduation requirements. Although all ninth grade students will complete the Regents curriculum, qualified students will be given the opportunity to earn honors credit within their Social Studies class. Any student wishing to do so should understand the following:

Criteria for Participation

- It is recommended that a student earn at least an 85 average by the end of the first quarter.
- Interested students must provide a writing sample and therefore are required to sit for a brief qualifying essay on Wednesday, Dec. 7th, after school in their social studies classroom. Wednesday is Social Studies extra help day, so we do not anticipate any conflicts.
- If a student opts to withdraw from the program, they must obtain their parent's signature by the end of the third quarter, which is Friday, March 31st 2017.
- In order to receive an "H" designation on their transcript, a student must remain in the Honors program through the end of the fourth quarter and sit for the 9H final exam
- This program will prepare interested students for AP World History, which will be offered to sophomores, the following year. It is possible to register for AP World History without having participated in the 9-Honors program, provided there is room in the course.

Student participants and their parents/guardians should be aware that

- Assignments and assessments shall be differentiated for honors credit for the remainder of the school year.
- The student's quarterly and final grades will reflect their performance on all assigned course work. As with any other program, student performance shall be evaluated at the end of each quarter. As this is a pre-AP program, a students' grades may drop initially.
- The student will receive the designation of an "H" on his/her final transcript upon successful completion of the honors curriculum and all other course assignments.
- Plagiarism and/or cheating on assignments or assessments will be grounds for expulsion from the Honors Program.