



Riverside Secondary School Honours Program for Grade 9's – 2021/2022 INFORMATION

Grade 8's entering Grade 9 at Riverside have the option applying for one, two or all three of our honours Grade 9 classes: English, Math, and Science. We have a strict cap on the number students admitted to each section, and so there is a selection process including an application form and a test. This program provides extra challenge and depth over and above the regular curriculum. Please note: any student can apply to the Riverside honours classes and write the assessment, however, students out of Riverside's catchment will not be processed for acceptance until their cross catchment application is approved. The cross catchment application process opens February 5th / 2021 and can be accessed through <http://www.sd43.bc.ca>.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SCIENCE 9 HONOURS

The format of this course provides students an opportunity to complete Science 9 in an enriched, extended and varied setting. A typical honours student has a good understanding of how they learn and is has the ability work both independently and collaboratively. The outcomes of the course remain the same as a regular Science 9 class but with opportunities to enhance their learning further. Grade 9 students will have the further opportunity to apply for Science 10 Honours.

MATH 9 HONOURS

This course will allow students to cover the mathematics 9 curricular content at an accelerated pace so that time can be devoted to enrichment and exploring problem solving at the higher levels of Bloom's taxonomy. This will include preparation and participation in several math contests and Riverside's Math Challenge Club. Students must enjoy challenges and have a passion for solving non-routine problems. Students will also be expected to share their expertise by acting as tutors. Application and assessment test required.

ENGLISH 9 HONOURS

This course is intended for students who demonstrate exceptional skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing. This class is for the student who shows a keen interest and passion for English and the art of communication. The course emphasizes the development of academic writing, in-depth reading, and critical class discussions through an inquiry process. The discovery of thematic connections across genres is emphasized. As this class will be at an accelerated pace, students should be self-motivated and responsible learners. Opportunities for writing to a wider audience will be offered through blogging and self-publishing. Student selection is based on a questionnaire and a short writing assignment.

PROCESS & DATES

January 6th - Honours application database opens on Riverside website
January 20th - Honours application database closes
January 25th - English Honours Virtual Assessment 6-7pm *Teams invite will be sent by Friday, January 22nd -students must hit submit before 7pm-This is a firm deadline, a device with Microsoft Teams & internet required

January 26th - Science Honours Virtual Assessment 6-7pm *Teams invite will be sent by Friday, January 22nd - students must hit submit before 7pm-This is a firm deadline – a device with Microsoft Teams & internet required

January 27th - Math Honours Virtual Assessment 6-7pm *Teams invite will be sent by Friday, January 22nd - students must hit submit before 7pm-This is a firm deadline – a device with Microsoft Teams & internet required

February 5th - Cross boundary applications open

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