

Incoming Freshmen Honors Process

Note: IB (International Baccalaureate) students qualify for honors classes through the IB application process so please disregard the information below. If you qualified for IB, then you will be placed in the appropriate honors level courses.

Science- Students will have current science teacher recommend Honors Biology based on the student's current science ability. Teacher should sign off on the student's registration sheet. For questions please contact Carl Christianssen at Carl.Christianssen@jeffco.k12.co.us. There is NO summer homework for Honors Biology.

Social Studies- All incoming 9th graders interested in taking 9th grade Honors Social Studies courses at Dakota Ridge High School need to have their current 8th grade Social Studies teacher recommend Honors World Geography/Government based on the student's current Social Studies ability and sign off on the student's registration sheet. General expectation is that students **pass** their 1st semester Honors Social Studies course to continue with the 2nd semester Honors Social Studies course. For questions please contact Ryan Miller at Ryan.Miller@jeffco.k12.co.us. There is NO summer homework for Honors Government or Honors World Geography.

Math- Students will have current math teacher recommend the best level based on the student's current math ability. Teacher should sign off on the student's registration sheet. For questions please contact Jared Schulz at Jared.Schulz@jeffco.k12.co.us. There **IS** summer homework for Honors Algebra 2 math and above; please check the DRHS website in May for this info. There is NO summer homework for Honors Geometry.

English- *Current Summit Ridge students:* Students' scores from MAP Tests in the Fall and Winter MAP 1-2 of their 8th grade year at Summit Ridge will be shared with Dakota Ridge. The scores of students as well as teacher recommendations completed by the 8th grade teachers will be qualifying factors. A MAP score of 226-227 will require a very strong teacher recommendation in order to be considered; a score of 228 and above is automatically eligible but will also require a teacher recommendation. Those who qualify & want to take honors will need to acquire current English teacher's signature on their registration sheet. Honors English 9 students DO NOT have summer reading this year. For questions please contact Jill Prew at Jill.Prew@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Non-Summit Ridge students: Students will need to provide a copy of MAP Fall and Winter scores from 8th grade along with completed registration to Cindy Hollander, Dakota Ridge Registrar.. If MAP Test was not completed, please send any similar or comparable test scores that reveal the students' overall aptitude. If there is still no test to send, please contact Jill Prew at Jill.Prew@jeffco.k12.co.us. ALL students need to complete the Current English [teacher recommendation form](#) (also provided on Dakota Ridge website) to Cindy Hollander. Honors English 9 students DO NOT have summer reading this year. For questions, please contact Jill Prew at Jill.Prew@jeffco.k12.co.us.

World Language- We recommend most students enroll in a level one language class; however:

Spanish- any student who has successfully completed a level 1 Spanish class with an A or B and would like to take Spanish 2 at DRHS (not Spanish 2 Honors) must take a placement test in the spring*, be recommended by their current Spanish teacher and have their registration form signed by that teacher. World Language Level 2 or higher classes should expect summer homework, so please check the DRHS website in May for summer homework information. *Email Angela.Berkenkamp@jeffco.k12.co.us or check the website in the spring for dates.

****Native speakers & students who have taken more than 1 year** of Spanish prior to DRHS and would like to move into Spanish 2 Honors or above must contact John Banker at John.Banker@jeffco.k12.co.us to schedule an appointment for a placement interview and written evaluation in order to determine appropriate course placement. World Language Level 2 or higher classes should expect summer homework, so please check the DRHS website in May for summer homework information. *We recommend most native speakers enroll into Spanish level 3 or higher.

German- any student who has successfully completed a level 1 German class with an A or B will be asked to have a recommendation by their current German teacher. This teacher must sign their registration form in order to be placed into honors. Email Mrs. Doy at Susan.Doy@jeffco.k12.co.us. World Language Level 2 or higher classes should expect summer homework, so please check the DRHS website in May for summer homework information.