

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: November 30, 2016

To: Senior High School Principals and Vice Principals; Area Superintendents

Subject: End-of-Course Examinations for Honors-Level Courses

Department and/or Persons Concerned: High School Principals and Vice Principals; High School Counselors, High School Honors Teachers

Reference: None

Action Requested: Review guidelines and implement immediately

Brief Explanation:

This circular provides updated procedures regarding End-of-Course Examinations for all district-created honors-level courses. All district-created honors-level courses must satisfy the following University of California 'a-g' requirements:

1. Honors-level courses are specialized, advanced courses designed for 10th, 11th, or 12th grade students who have already completed foundation work in the subject area.
2. Students in the 9th grade enrolled in any honors-level courses will not be eligible for the UC honors designation per University of California 'a-g' requirements, <http://www.ucop.edu/agguide/a-g-requirements/honors/index.html>.
3. Honors-level courses being considered for the UC honors designation will have a non-honors equivalent course offered at the same frequency (e.g., annually, every other year, etc.), in the same subject area, and at the same grade level.
4. For prerequisites, see the district Course of Study, <https://www.sandiegounified.org/course-study>.
5. Honors-level courses must have a comprehensive district End-of-Course Examination. The purpose of the End-of-Course Examination is for students to exhibit depth of knowledge and sustained mastery of subject material.
6. All students enrolled in honor-level courses must take the district End-of-Course Examination. All student scores on the district End-of-Course Examination must be uploaded to Illuminate for reporting purposes.
7. If students enrolled in honors-level courses do not take the district End-of-Course Examination, student transcripts will reflect an academic mark in the non-honors equivalent course.

Below is the list of honors and non-honors course names, course codes, and academic credit weight scale.

Honors Course Code	Honors Course Name	Honors Credit Weight	
6711, 6712	United States History and Geography 1,2 Honors	A	5
1589, 1590	American Literature 1,2 Honors		
4181, 4182	Pre-Calculus 1,2 Honors	B	4
6221, 6222	Chemistry 1,2 Honors	C	3
6153, 6154	Physiology 1,2 Honors		
2033, 2034	French 7-8 Honors	D	1
2093, 2094	German 7-8 Honors	F	0
2177, 2178	Japanese 7-8 Honors		
2307, 2308	Spanish 7-8 Honors		

Non-Honors Course Code	Non-Honors Course Name	Non-Honors Credit Weight	
6701, 6702	United States History and Geography 1,2	A	4
1583, 1584	American Literature 1,2		
4161, 4162	Pre-Calculus 1,2	B	3
6211, 6212	Chemistry 1,2	C	2
6151, 6152	Physiology 1,2		
2007, 2008	French 7-8	D	1
2057, 2058	German 7-8	F	0
2167, 2168	Japanese 7-8		
2327, 2328	Spanish 7-8		

The honors-level End-of-Course Examinations are to be administered starting January 9 - January 27, 2017 (4x4 fall calendar schools) and May 24 - June 14, 2017 (4x4 spring and traditional calendar schools).

For information on how to administer the honors-level End-of-Course Examinations, please contact Velvet Wright in Assessment Services, at (619)725-7063 or vwright@sandi.net, or visit the district Assessment Services webpage. Go to www.sandiegounified.org; login to the Staff Portal; select Departments; select Assessment Services; select District Assessments; then scroll to the section titled **Honors End-of-Course Exams**.

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