



Colton High School Honors Diploma

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Requirements

- Meet regular CHS diploma requirements
- Minimum of 6 "Honors" credits —see listing below
- Minimum of 28 academic credits (full schedule of a minimum of 7 classes per semester over 4 years)
- Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher
- All courses require a letter grade except those which may only be graded as pass/fail (i.e. Teacher Assistant, Elementary/Middle School Mentor).
- Meet requirements for Colton Initial Mastery (CIM)
 - Meet or exceed on all required state assessments
May use alternative assessment (i.e. SAT, ACT, PSAT, Work Keys)
May use work samples as alternative assessment **only for writing**
 - Complete required work samples in all subject areas
- Meet requirements for Colton Advanced Mastery (CAM)
 - Senior Collection of Evidence (including senior project) assessed as exceeding based on Colton High School's Scoring Guides
- Complete 50 hours of approved community service (see definition below)
- Complete Application for Honors Diploma

The purpose of the Honors Diploma is to encourage and reward students who pursue a rigorous, advanced course of study during their high school years. It is established as a part of Colton High School's education plan for academic excellence and is available to students who meet its challenging requirements. All students are encouraged to pursue an Honors Diploma.

In addition to completing all regular diploma requirements, students pursuing an Honors Diploma must complete 6 honors credits with a 3.50 cumulative grade point average. It is expected that students wishing to obtain an Honors Diploma will earn 28 credits over four years, taking a minimum of 7 classes per semester. Also, students must meet the requirements for both the Colton Initial Mastery (CIM) and Colton Advanced Mastery (CAM). Fifty hours of approved community service are also required to qualify for the Honors Diploma.

Students who meet the Honors Diploma requirements will receive an "Honors" seal on their diploma.

Note: If a student pursuing an honors diploma wishes to take classes outside the regular school day, this request must be made to the principal and counselor for approval. In addition, these classes must be taken for a letter grade.

The Colton High School Honors Diploma graduate with the highest grade point average will be designated the Valedictorian of his/her class. The Honors Diploma graduate with the second highest grade point average will be designated the Salutatorian of his/her class.

Honors Courses

- English:** Honors English II Technical Writing Creative Writing
 AP English Ancient Lit (if taken for college credit)
- Mathematics:** Pre-Calculus AP Calculus AP Statistics
- Science:** AP/Advanced Biology Chemistry Physics
 Medical Opportunities Advanced Medical Opportunities
- Second Language:** Spanish III Spanish IV
- Social Sciences:** Psychology AP Psychology Western Civilization
- Fine/Performing Arts**:** Art III Art IV
 Band III Band IV Instrumental Jazz Ensemble
 Choir III Choir IV Vocal Jazz Ensemble
- Other**** Culinary III Culinary IV
 Editor—Student Editor—
 Newspaper Yearbook
 Advanced Manufacturing
 Advanced Horticulture

** Not all students in these courses will receive honors credit. The teacher will decide what defines Honors-level work, i.e., student band director, yearbook editor or newspaper editor. These requirements may be outlined in the course syllabus.

- Additional courses may be added with approval of principal.
- Eighth grade coursework taken at the middle school (math/science) does not qualify as Honors Diploma courses.

Community Service

Unpaid, volunteer work done for an organization, group, club, school, church, service or others that does not directly benefit you; e.g., you are not paid nor do you receive academic credit. Service hours must be tracked on the CHS community service form and your dates and hours of service signed off by an adult member of the organization or group. Listed on the reverse side are some resources for volunteer opportunities in Clackamas County or the Portland metropolitan area.