

FIRST ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WAIVER OF HONORS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (2015-2016)*

Students seeking a waiver of FACS' honors eligibility requirements to be enrolled in an honors course, DE course, or AP course, may submit a "Request for Waiver of Honors Eligibility Requirement."

GUIDELINES

- In reviewing this request, First Assembly's Honors Program (Guidance) office will consider the following issues:
 - 1) Has student identified why s/he has not met the eligibility requirements?
 - A grade of 80+ in a current honors course or a grade of 95+ in a regular course
 - A recommendation from a current teacher in that subject area (These will be collected by the guidance department)
 - Standardized tests of each student along with the student's work ethics will be considered when making a final determination of acceptance to honors classes.
 - 2) Has the student explained what s/he will do to meet the eligibility requirements?
 - 3) Is it mathematically possible (and academically probable) for the student to raise her/his course average by the end of the coming semester?

PROCEDURE

- You must submit a statement (Justification for Waiver) outlining the reasons for your request.
- After completing the top portion of the waiver form, take it to the teacher of the honors course for his or her review. Contact the teacher as soon as possible.
- If the teacher endorses your waiver request by signing the form, you must submit the form to your parents for review and signature.
- A separate waiver form must be submitted for each honors course.

DEADLINE

The deadline to submit a completed "Request for Waiver of Honors Eligibility Requirement" form to First Assembly's Honors Program in the Jones Guidance Center is **3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2015.**

Parents: Your child is requesting approval of an eligibility waiver to take an honors, DE, or AP class at FACS. In order for your child to be considered, you must sign below acknowledging that you understand your child does not currently meet the criteria for honors classes at FACS. These courses are rigorous and will require extra work and time to complete. Honors classes are structured to move quickly and cover more material than a regular class. Please consider carefully your child and his/her abilities. Honors students must be conscientious, hard-working, determined, focused and critical thinkers. ***Students who are requesting an eligibility waiver are more likely to spend an excessive amount of time on work outside of class and are much more likely to need a tutor in order to maintain the 80 average required to remain in an honors class.***

Parents: By signing below you understand your child does not currently meet the requirements for an honors class at FACS. You are agreeing to the rigor of an honors or college level class, and to your responsibility to provide the necessary level support for your child to be successful. Please note that AP classes require extra fees for testing and that DE classes require an enrollment fee. In addition, students in DE classes are required to purchase their own textbooks.

X _____
Parent Signature **Date**

Student: *Please read and sign the following statement:* My current course average does not meet FACS's honors eligibility requirements; therefore, I am requesting a waiver of the honors eligibility requirements in order to enroll in the course listed above. I understand that the endorsement of the honors course teacher and my parents is necessary, but that those endorsements do not guarantee that I will be granted this waiver. I understand that FACS's Honors Programs (Guidance) office will make the decision to approve or deny my request. I understand that this waiver request must be on file in the Jones Guidance Center prior to **3:00 p.m. Friday, April 24, 2015.**

X _____
Student Signature **Date**

**PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THE TOP SECTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED BEFORE
SIGNING ENDORSEMENTS**

The student has completed, and I have reviewed, the above information. I support this request.

HONORS PROGRAMS OFFICE USE ONLY

Approved **Denied** X _____
Honors Program Designee **Date**

*FACS Waiver of Honors Eligibility Form Adapted from <http://www.tamug.edu/honors/images/Standard-File2.pdf>