

KHS HONORS ENROLLMENT

ALL STUDENTS, ALL OF THE TIME

Grade 9 ELA and Global Studies



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Beginning September 2023...

- All ninth graders will have the option to self-select into Honors-level ELA and/or Global Studies classes.
- Prior eligibility criteria have been removed (for these two classes only).



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Beginning September 2023...

- Students opting into Honors-level ELA and/or Global Studies will be required to satisfy reading, writing, critical thinking, and workload requirements of the class.
- Students will be guided to supports as needed:
 - Student Success Center
 - Activity Period
 - Peer tutoring
 - Talk to the teacher!



KHS GLOBAL STUDIES COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

GLOBAL HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 9 - 2

The purpose of this course is to help students understand and explain the world around them. The goal is to develop skills to enable students to become successful informed citizens. Students will use intellectual skills to demonstrate understanding of major ideas, eras, themes, developments, and turning points in world history from the dawn of man to approximately 1500 CE. Students will develop an understanding of geography and the connection between geography and history. Students will develop the ability to communicate their understanding of world history from various perspectives while developing critical thinking and writing skills. There will be a common local final exam for this course.

GLOBAL HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 9 Honors

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KHS ELA 9 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ENGLISH 9 REGENTS

This course begins the sequence of four years of English Language Arts study aimed at achieving success in the areas of reading, writing, thinking, listening, and speaking. The theme for ELA 9 is perseverance. Students will read a collection of fiction and non-fiction texts, choose independent texts for choice reading, and complete a variety of projects centered around this theme. ELA 9 is a foundational course to foster the skills they need to be successful in high school and beyond!

ENGLISH 9 HONORS

While the curriculum and standards are similar, Honors classes incorporate a larger breadth and depth of skills within the first year. Reading, writing, and class discussion are at a higher level; classes use more challenging texts and other resources to foster deeper connections and insights into the essential questions and enduring understandings of the ELA 9 curriculum. The reading and writing goals for this level course begin a sequence of learning for success in College/AP Level classes. Students who are ready to challenge themselves with Honors level material may self-select into this course. Appropriate support will be available in and outside the classroom to help students to be successful in transitioning to honors level work in 9th Grade and beyond.



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What makes an “Honors” student?

- Someone willing to work hard and who has foundational skills—even if you’re not the best student initially.
- Someone who enjoys learning new things and is excited to work with their peers to create a learning community.
- Someone who comes to class either with a skillset or willingness to gain that skillset. That might mean attending extra help sessions.
- Someone who is intrinsically motivated and responsible.
 - ◆ “Responsible” means *regular attendance!*

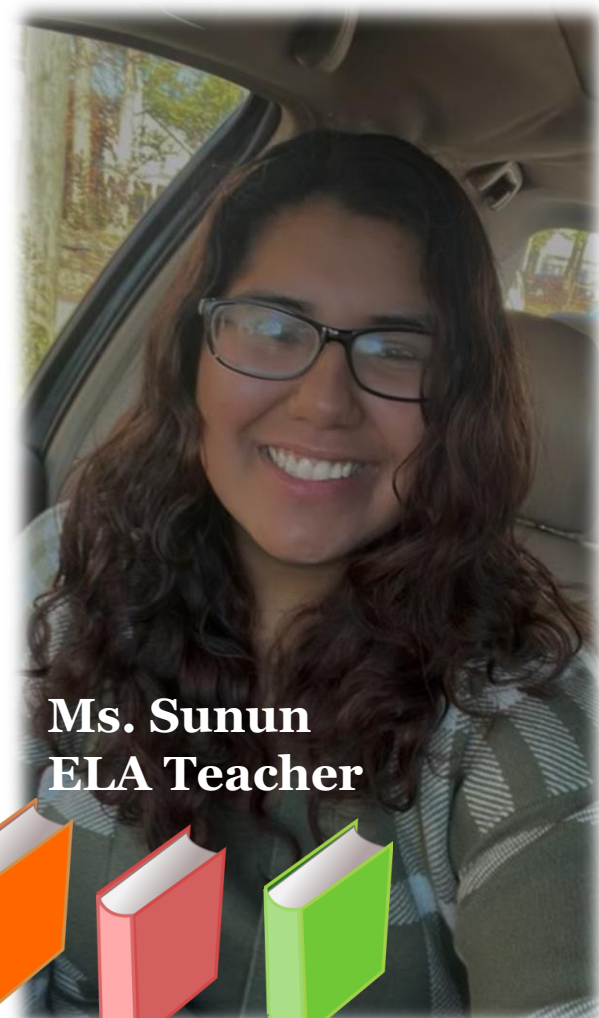
Here are some of your questions....

- What do we read in ELA Honors?

The theme for 9th grade English is *perseverance*. A lot of the stories we read in class are centered around that theme. We read all kinds of things! Poetry, short stories, novels, plays, articles, etc.

Here are some of the titles you might see next year!

- *The Odyssey* by Homer
- *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare
- *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi
- *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai
- *The Last Cuentista* by Donna Barba Higuera



Ms. Sunun
ELA Teacher

Here are some of your questions....

- What do we do in a typical class?

This will depend on who is your teacher, every teacher has their own style for lessons, but here are some of the activities you might encounter in an Honor's Level Class:

- Discussion Board Writing on your Chromebooks
- Identifying main ideas with supporting details
- Analyzing with maps/documents/graphs/charts/etc.
- Independent Near-Pod activities
- Socratic Seminars and Class Discussions about Texts
- Focused Free Writing / Journaling
- Enduring Issues essay and Constructed Responses
- Group Work
- Comparing different mediums to tell stories
- And LOTS more. We like being creative!



Ms. Caserta
Social
Studies Teacher

Here are some of your questions....

- Can I just try it out?

So, this is a yes/no answer!

Yes, you can try honors. At the seven week mark you will need to either commit or have your schedule changed.

Before the first quarter is over, you will need to decide about whether you will stay in your honors class.

A photograph of Mr. Beckwith, a Social Studies Teacher, sitting at his desk in an office. He is wearing a light-colored shirt and a patterned tie. The desk is cluttered with papers, a computer monitor, and a pen holder. In the background, there are red lockers and a globe.

Mr. Beckwith
Social Studies
Teacher

Here are some of your questions....

- Is there any penalty to drop back to regular classes?
- What is the grading, attendance, and late work policy?

There is no penalty to drop down to English 9 or Global 9! You will just need to make your schedule change before the end of the first 7 weeks of school.

Your guidance counselor and teachers will be here to support you with that decision.

The grading, late work, and attendance policies for all core content classes are **similar** and you will get clear guidelines about them your first week of school from your 9th grade teachers next year!

Keep in mind as an honors student, *regular attendance* is an important part of being successful in an honors class.



Ms. Garmon
ELA Teacher

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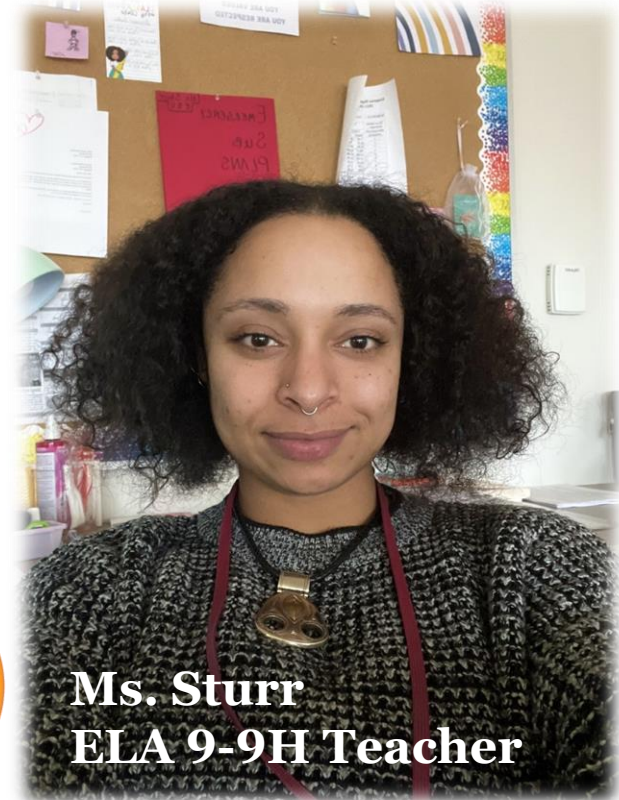
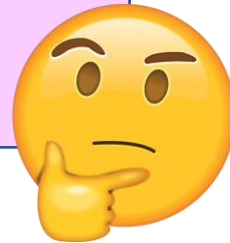
- How will this help me in the future?
- Will Honors classes improve my college portfolio?
- Do Honors affect my chances of entering AP classes?

In an honors class, you will develop your skills to:

- Be more self-motivated
- Learn to pace yourself/ Time Management
- Elevate your perspective, think deeply about questions!

Honors classes will help you gain the skills to be successful in an AP class faster, **but you don't have to take honors to enter AP courses as an upperclassmen.**

Thinking about your college portfolio is great! Honors classes will help you prepare for the types of writing pieces you will need to add to your college portfolio.



Ms. Sturr
ELA 9-9H Teacher



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Any more questions?

Reminder:

New entrance requirements for Sept 2023 for are **Grade 9 ELA** and **Global Studies** only.



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Resources:

- [Course of Study Guide](#)
- Web FAQ:
KingstonCitySchools.org/Honors2023

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