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RE: KCSD Honors Program

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

The Kingston City School District Honors Program begins for many students in grade 8, with an opportunity for students to take accelerated high school level math and science curriculum culminating with the Algebra Common Core Regents and the NYS Earth Science Regents. The Honors Program for Humanities begins in grade 9 with the opportunity for students to take English 9 Honors and Global Studies 9 Honors. Students must be recommended for acceptance into the honors courses using the specific criterion outlined on the reverse side of this letter.

Students, not initially accepted into the honors program at the middle school level, may enter into the honors program at the beginning of any academic year with the appropriate common assessment average, teacher recommendation, guidance recommendation, STAR score and state assessment score.

Please be advised that after a recent district review of the honors program, requirements to maintain honors level courses in the following academic year have been revised. Honors students are required to maintain at least an 88% common assessment average, a score of an 85% or higher on the New York State Regents exam, (for courses with no regents exam the final exam will be used), and a satisfactory teacher recommendation. Students in honors courses are closely monitored throughout the year and will be notified if grades are trending below the end of the year course average requirement. Students will not be removed from the honors course within the academic year if not maintaining the average; however, they will not be able to register for the subsequent course if the requirements to maintain honors level courses are not met as indicated by the criterion located on the reverse side of this letter.

Please take time to review the requirements for initial entrance into the honors program as well as for maintaining honors level coursework with your child. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the honors requirements, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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