*Honors Contract*

At BHS we believe that any student that shows interest and meets these standards should be encouraged to join the honors program. The program is about challenging oneself to go above and beyond the state mandated curriculum. In an honors program a student is held to a higher standard in both the work he/she completes, and the way that student presents himself or herself. With that in mind, an honors student exhibits traits that all students should aspire to: drive, timeliness, ability to multi-task, and a healthy sense of competition and inspiration to be the best in class. The student should be reading at a high level, be able to comprehend and think critically about texts, understand the verbiage associated with reading and writing, and be willing and eager to participate in a high level Socratic discussion about a myriad of themes and ideas. An honors student is above all mature and able to appropriately handle difficult themes and subject matter.

In order to join the honors program or to rejoin the honors program after failing to meet the standards you must: (Ninth graders can meet these standards first semester, honors begins second semester.)

* Have no more than 2 zeroes for the semester
* Maintain an A for both quarters and the semester grade
* Have no more than 2 unexcused tardies for the semester
* Have zero unexcused absences
* Receive the equivalent of an ‘A’ on at least one portfolio paper per quarter
* Receive an ‘A’ or ‘B’ on the first semester final exam
* Meet proficiency on all English standards

To maintain eligibility in the honors program a student must:

* Have no more than one zero or missing or late assignment per quarter
* Maintain an ‘A’ or a ‘B’ for each quarter and receive an ‘A’ or a ‘B’ on all final exams
* Have zero unexcused absences
* Have no more than 2 unexcused tardies each semester
* Receive the equivalent of an ‘A’ or ‘B’ on at least one portfolio paper per quarter.
* Meet proficiency on all English standards

If you fail to meet the eligibility requirements you will be removed from the program and placed in a regular English class at the semester break. You can earn your way back into the program by completing each of the items in the first list above.

I have read this contract and agree to the terms listed above.

Student name Signed

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