

The Waiver Process
as it pertains to 9th Grade Honors English and World Studies

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Does this mean that I am automatically placed into an Honors class?

A: No. Placement is NOT automatic. You must first complete and submit a Waiver Application AND you must earn a score of Advanced Proficient on a writing task.

WAIVER APPLICATION

Q: Where do I get the Waiver Application?

A: During the month of March, you will meet with your respective MHS counselors at UMS and at that time, if you qualify for the Waiver Process, you will be given a Waiver Application by the MHS counselor.

Q: What does the Waiver Application require me to do?

A: The Waiver Application requires the following:

1. Explanation as to why you want to pursue Honors learning
2. Parent signature
3. Your signature

Q: When do I need to return the Waiver Application?

A: The Waiver Application must be completed **AND** returned to Mrs. Doyle-Smith at UMS by **April 1, 2019**.

Q: How is the Analytic Writing Task part of the Waiver Application?

A: In order to be eligible to waive into Honors English and/or World Studies, students must sit for and obtain a score of Advanced Proficient on a writing task to take place at UMS on **EITHER** **April 10, 2019 or April 11, 2019**.

Q: What happens if I return the Waiver Application after April 1, 2019?

A: No Waiver Applications will be accepted after April.

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ANALYTIC WRITING TASK

Q: Can I attend both sessions in an effort to improve my score?

A: Students may attend **ONE** session **ONLY** of the analytic writing task.

Q: What score do I need to obtain on the analytic writing task to qualify for an Honors class?

S: Students must obtain a score of Advanced Proficient on the analytic writing task.

Q: What is an analytic writing task?

A: An analytic writing task is one that requires the student to read various texts and then construct a written response to a question and/or series of questions.

Q: How much time do I have to complete the analytic writing task?

A: Students are allotted the entire after school session of approximately 1 hour.

Q: How can I prepare for the analytic writing task?

A: No preparation is necessary. This is an assessment of your current skill level.

Q: Following the analytic writing task, how will I know if I have successfully earned an Honors placement?

A: You will be notified of your placement via email by your respective high school counselor.

Q: What happens if after the Waiver Process I don't receive an Honors placement?

A: Throughout your high school career, you will have the opportunity to work toward placement in Honors level courses. You can always find the requirements for Honors courses at the higher grade levels by referring to the MHS Program of Studies.

Q: Following the Waiver Process, what happens if I qualify for an Honors placement but do not then wish to pursue an Honors course?

A: You are not beholden to accept the Honors Placement. However, all conversations regarding placement **MUST** occur with your High School counselor prior to the end of your 8th grade school year.