

**UPSD 9TH GRADE HONORS PROGRAM
REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION
2006-2007**

There are a variety of options available for 9th Grade gifted and highly capable students in MATH, SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND ENGLISH which provide learning opportunities for those students who will benefit from a more rigorous curriculum.

Subject	Program Qualification Criteria
MATH	<p>Placement in all math courses is based on successful completion of prior math course.</p> <p>Students who attended a non-UPSD school for 2005-2006, please provide end-of-year course and grade information at the time of registration. (Submit to CJH if student has been accepted as an out-of-district student.)</p>
SCIENCE* (BIOLOGY)	<p>9th grade students who successfully completed "Accelerated Science" in 8th grade will be eligible to take high school Biology.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-- OR --</p> <p>Demonstration of preparation for Biology based on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade of "A" (92% or above) in 8th Grade Science - Meeting performance criteria on standardized achievement tests (WASL, ITBS, etc.) - Demonstration of proficiency of 9th grade core science concepts based on assessment administered by Curtis Junior High School <p style="text-align: center;">(See attached application form.)</p>
SOCIAL STUDIES* (HONORS WORLD STUDIES)	<p>Evidence of successful completion of 8th grade Challenge Social Studies (US History)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-- OR --</p> <p>Demonstration of preparation for Honors Social Studies based on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade of "A" (92% or above) in 8th Grade Social Studies - Meeting performance criteria on standardized achievement tests (WASL, ITBS, etc.) - Demonstration of advanced writing skills on writing assessment administered by Curtis Junior High School <p style="text-align: center;">(See attached application form.)</p>

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HONORS ENGLISH *	<p>Evidence of successful completion of 8th grade Challenge English</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-- OR --</p> <p>Demonstration of preparation for Honors English based on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade of "A" (92% or above) in 8th Grade English - Meeting performance criteria on standardized achievement tests (WASL, ITBS, etc.) - Demonstration of advanced writing skills on writing assessment administered by Curtis Junior High School <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(See attached application form.)</i></p>
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PROGRAM SPACE AVAILABILITY/LIMITATIONS

MATH: There is no space limitation. Students will be placed in the class that best matches their current math knowledge. Any student in a high school credited course may take advantage of the Honors option.

Out-of-District Students: A copy of the student's current year final math grade will be needed for class placement. (Submit to CJH if student has been accepted as an out-of-district student.)

*** SCIENCE, ENGLISH, SOCIAL STUDIES:** *Honors English, Honors World Studies, and Biology are available on a limited basis. Students who sign up for and qualify for courses offered on a limited basis may not be able to be scheduled into some or all of the courses requested.*

Please note~~ Acceptance into UPSD does not mean acceptance into the Honors or Gifted Program nor does qualifying for the Gifted or Honors program in UPSD mean acceptance into UPSD for the up-coming year. Our hope is that the outcome of this assessment process will assist you in making the best educational decisions for your child for the upcoming school year and assist us in determining program needs in our schools. For more information about the *Transfer Process*, please go to:

<http://www.upsd.wednet.edu/academics/Forms/Registration.htm>

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Completed nomination and permission to assess forms should be returned to the Student Center at CJHS or the UPSD Assessment Office.

The deadline for nomination for the 2006-2007 school year is March 10, 2006

Student's Name _____ Current Grade _____ Birth Date _____

School _____ District (If other than UP) _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ e-mail _____

STUDENTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE WRITING, WORLD STUDIES, AND/OR SCIENCE ASSESSMENT(S):

1) Students wishing to be considered for the 9th Grade Honors English, Honors World Studies, and/or Biology need to meet the minimum performance levels on the following assessments. (Students attending school outside of UPSD, please attach scores to this form.)

ITBS Reading and Math - 90th percentile or above

WASL Reading and Math - Score of 440 or above

WASL Writing - 9 or above

(If your child does not have ITBS or WASL scores for 6th, 7th or 8th grade, please provide documentation that he/she performs at or above the 90th %ile on other standardized measures of achievement. i.e. CAT, Stanford, etc. Please include documentation with this form.)

My child meets the following minimum achievement scores? Yes _____ No _____

If your child does not meet the minimum test score qualifications, please explain why you believe your child should be assessed and considered for the 9th Grade Honors Program.

2) Students must also have an "A" (92% or better) in their current 8th Grade English, 8th Grade Social Studies and/or 8th Grade Science Course. (Please provide grade information and teacher signature for all courses you would like to have your student considered for. If currently attending a non-UPSD school, please have your current teacher sign this form.)

_____ **Honors English**
Current Grade - English 8 _____ Teacher Signature _____

_____ **Honors World Studies**
Current Grade - Social Studies 8 _____ Teacher Signature _____

_____ **Biology**
Current Grade - Science 8 _____ Teacher Signature _____

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NOTE: Students meeting screening criteria will be notified and information will be provided regarding dates and times for the writing and/or science assessment(s).

(Please complete information on second page of form)

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- Is another language routinely spoken in the home? Yes _____ No _____ What language(s)? _____
- Is there a documented need for testing accommodations for this student? Yes _____ No _____
(If "yes", you will be contacted for further information.)
- Is your child currently served in the following programs: Gifted _____ 504 _____ ESL/ELL _____
Special Education _____ Other (please specify) _____

If you live outside of the University Place School District: (please note that qualifying for the Honors Program does not guarantee acceptance into the UPSD as an out-of-district transfer student):

- ◆ Is your child is currently on a "Release of Attendance" and planning to attend a University Place School in 2006-2007?
Yes _____ No _____
If yes, has a Release of Attendance form from your resident school district been submitted to the UPSD Student Transfers Office for 2006-2007? Yes _____ No _____
- ◆ If your child currently attends school outside of UPSD, has a Release of Attendance form from your resident school district been submitted to the UPSD Student Transfers Office for 2006-2007? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, does your child currently participate in the Gifted Program in his/her current school or school district?
Yes _____ No _____

I give permission to assess my child to determine eligibility and/or possible placement in the University Place School District's Challenge Program.

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): (please print) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____

District Office Use Only:

Out of District Students:

Release of Attendance Form from Resident SD has been submitted to the UPSD Student Transfers Office: _ yes _ no

Copies of assessments included: _ yes _ no

All students:

Writing Assessment Completed _____ Science Assessment Completed _____

Student Qualifies for: _____ Honors English _____ Honors World Studies _____ Biology