

# Levittown Public Schools

## Grades 7 and 8 English Honors

### Frequently Asked Questions

**1. In which grades are English Honors courses offered?**

English Honors courses are offered in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Students who meet specific criteria in particular grades may be recommended for the Honors class.

**2. What are the guiding principles of English Honors?**

The English Honors program’s principles are based on the expectation that all students can perform at rigorous academic levels in this subject area, and that students should be continuously challenged to expand their knowledge and skills to the next level.

**3. What are the criteria for my child to be considered for English Honors?**

The Honors Committee uses the following criteria to determine a student’s placement:

- i-Ready score (s)
- Final Exam grade
- Teacher recommendation
- Grades in current class (Average may not be lower than 90)

**4. When is my child’s continued enrollment in an English Honors class re-evaluated?**

A re-evaluation of a student’s eligibility for continued enrollment in an English Honors class may take place quarterly.

**5. How is the English Honors class different than the non-English Honors class?**

Honors	Academic
• A rapid pace	• Grade level/academic pace
• Strong emphasis on writing	• Writing skills emphasized
• High organizational and time management skills	• Grammar skills emphasized
• Frequent, demanding homework and independent assignments	• An additional ELA lab period every other day
• Greater demands for analytical thinking, creativity, and problem solving	• Foundational skills-based curriculum
• Willingness to participate freely in classroom discussion and group projects	• Small group instruction during lab period to meet students’ individual needs

**6. Can I opt not to have my child placed in an English Honors class?**

Absolutely! You may notify your child’s guidance counselor to schedule your child for a non- honors class.

**7. Can my child be considered for an English Honors class in eighth grade if he/she wasn’t eligible in seventh grade?**

Absolutely! Your child’s eligibility would be re-evaluated at the end of seventh grade for eighth grade honors.

**8. When will I be notified of my child’s acceptance into an English Honors class?**

You would be notified of your child’s acceptance into an English Honors class in June of sixth and seventh grades.