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**Skowhegan Area High School Advanced Placement
and Honors Criteria**

Philosophy

The Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors programs offer students exposure to college-level materials and accelerated learning opportunities. These courses are designed to challenge highly motivated, committed students. AP and Honors courses require commitment on the part of the student to complete assignments outside the classroom, both during the summer and the school year. AP also provides students an opportunity to demonstrate their learning through performance on an AP exam. Some colleges/universities may award credit to a student earning a designated score (determined by the individual post-secondary institution) on an AP exam.

Enrollment

Enrollment in AP and Honors courses offered in a classroom setting at SAHS will be determined through the teacher recommendation process. A teacher will complete an evaluation/recommendation form on which the teacher rates the student's learning characteristics, including enthusiasm for the subject; aptitude; intellectual curiosity; appropriate foundational skills; and ability/habits of work essential for success in a rigorous learning environment.

AP Exams:

Students enrolled in AP courses are expected to take the respective AP exams. In the event a student experiences documented medical issues or extenuating personal circumstances, the principal (or the principal's designee) may reconsider this expectation and make a determination.