



## Prosper ISD Advanced Academics

Honors and Advanced Placement level courses are designed to academically challenge students. The curricula focuses on increasing depth and complexity and moves quickly from foundational knowledge to application of the state standards (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) and in the case of Advanced Placement, national standards set by the College Board.

Advanced courses are open to any student wishing to enroll who has completed the prerequisite coursework (where applicable). In order to assist with placement decisions, entrance guidelines have been developed to provide a profile of students who typically experience success in these courses.

The district encourages students to become well-rounded and experience life outside of academics. To that end, students are advised to take advanced coursework in their area(s) of interest allowing time for extracurricular interests and time to spend with family and friends.

### ***Students should have...***

- An interest in the subject
- Reading and communication skills at grade level or above
- Successful performance on STAAR exams
- A willingness to employ study skills and persevere when faced with challenging material that may require them to understand different perspectives and content that has greater depth and complexity
- An understanding that planning and organization are necessary skills to a successful learning experience
- An understanding that there may be additional work required outside of the school day to successfully complete the course requirements.

### **Course Expectations:**

As with all courses in Prosper ISD, students in advanced classes are held to a high level of expectation. Every student is required to:

- Attend tutorials as needed
- Complete and submit all assignments (homework, projects, reports) on the due dates
- Turn in make-up work promptly following any absence
- Do his/her own work on all assignments, projects, or exams

### **Guidelines for Withdrawing from an Advanced Academics Course:**

Students may request to level down from an Advanced Academics course at the end of the sixth week of school and at the end of the first semester for a course change effective in the second semester. The grade the student earned in the first six-weeks of the Advanced Academics course will be transferred to the newly scheduled on level academic class with a 10 point addition to the current grade, not to exceed 100. If a student remains in the course beyond the six week period, he/she will not be able to withdraw until the semester ends; please note, students dropping at semester will not receive a 10 point addition to the grade as the semester will have ended. Students and parents/guardians must discuss a plan for success with their teacher by the six week or semester due date.

Students wishing to drop a Dual Credit Course must follow [Collin College's Withdrawal Policies](#) and may reach out to the Collin College counselor for assistance.