

## **AP/HONORS POLICY**

**For AP/Honors Placement for the 2020-2021 school year**, students at Sacred Heart Academy are recommended into AP/Honors Courses in the following ways:

Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders who have achieved a designated score on the Catholic High School Entrance Exam (CHSEE) or (TACHS) are eligible for Literary Genre 9 Honors, AP World History I, Living Environment / Biology Honors and the opportunity to apply for the AP Capstone Research Program.

### **Requirements for Current Students Taking AP and Honors Courses for the First Time in a Department:**

Students may be preliminarily placed into an AP or Honors course if they have an average of 92 or higher [including Quarter 1 (20%), Quarter 2 (20%), and Midterms grades (10%)]. Students who have an average below 92 and who want to take an AP or Honors course may appeal to the department after Quarter 3 grades. If a student's average drops significantly, placement by the department may be reconsidered.

### **Requirements for Students Taking AP and Honors Courses for the Second or More Time (s) in a Department:**

Students may be preliminarily placed into a second or third AP course within the same department if they have an unweighted average of 87 or higher [including Quarter 1 (20%), Quarter 2 (20%), and Midterms grades (10%)] in their current AP/Honors course in that department. Students who have an average below 87 and who want to continue to take an AP or Honors course may appeal to the department after Quarter 3 grades. If a student's average drops significantly, placement by the department may be reconsidered.

**Note:** Grades for AP/Honors courses are weighted for the final Grade Point Average (GPA) each year. The grade for an AP or Honors course is obtained by multiplying the final mark by 1.1. Each year both unweighted and weighted final GPA's are indicated on a student's high school transcript.

Weighted averages are *not* used for:

- AP/Honors Placement
- National Honor Society
- Math/Science/World Language Honor Societies

If a student receives a failing unweighted grade (below 65%) in a course, weighting cannot be used to pass the course.