

Text of Amendment to 19 TAC
Chapter 74. Curriculum Requirements
Subchapter C. Other Provisions

§74.30. Identification of Honors Courses.

(a) The following are identified as honors classes as referred to in the Texas Education Code, §33.081(d)(1), concerning extracurricular activities:

- (1) all College Board advanced placement courses and International Baccalaureate courses in all disciplines;
- (2) English language arts: high school/college concurrent enrollment classes that are included in the "Community College General Academic Course Guide Manual (Part One)";
- (3) Languages other than English: high school/college concurrent enrollment classes that are included in the "Community College General Academic Course Guide Manual (Part One)," and languages other than English courses Levels IV-VII;
- (4) Mathematics: high school/college concurrent enrollment classes that are included in the "Community College General Academic Course Guide Manual (Part One) " and Precalculus;
- (5) Science: high school/college concurrent enrollment classes that are included in the "Community College General Academic Course Guide Manual (Part One)"; and
- (6) Social studies: Social Studies Advanced Studies, Economics Advanced Studies, and high school/college concurrent enrollment classes that are included in the "Community College General Academic Course Guide Manual (Part One)."

(b) Districts may identify additional honors courses in the subject areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, or a language other than English for the purpose of this section, but must identify such courses prior to the semester in which any exemptions related to extracurricular activities occur.

(c) Districts are neither required to nor restricted from considering courses as honors for the purpose of grade point average calculation.

The amendment above, adopted by the State Board of Education, modifies the definition of advanced courses and aligns the rule with newly amended Texas Education Code, §33.081, which narrows the number of courses that may be exempt from "No Pass, No Play" requirements. The amendment was adopted with no changes from what was published as proposed.

The courses referenced in section (b) above do not have to be submitted to the University Interscholastic League, they may be maintained at the local school district level.

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