Honors Program

Honors courses at LPHS stress academic excellence and rigor. Courses are designed to purposefully teach in-depth content in an interactive classroom environment. Honors courses extend the ideas and content of the required standards-based curriculum by differentiating content, process, and product expectations and/or include a technology component that goes beyond that which would normally be done in the non-Honors course of a similar name. Course content integrates information from other disciplines, features topics dealing with world cultures and the humanities, emphasizes critical thinking, student-directed learning, interpersonal skills, and includes a variety of instructional strategies. Extensive reading, writing and/or problem solving is incorporated in all Honors courses at Lewis-Palmer High School. Honors Courses are NOT weighted, although colleges still consider them advanced academics. AP classes are available for upper-level advanced coursework.

The following Honors courses* are offered at LPHS:

- Honors Civics & Economics
- Honors Geometry
- Honors English II
- Honors Biology
- Honors English I

For additional information contact the following Honors Program Department Coordinators:

- Ms. Dellinger at jdellinger@lewispalmer.org for English Honors Program.
- Mrs. Lucido at tlucido@lewispalmer.org for Honors Social Studies Program.
- Mrs. Bentson at ebentson@lewispalmer.org for Math Honors Program.
- Ms. Thompson at dthompson@lewispalmer.org for Science Honors Program.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

Lewis-Palmer High School participates in the College Board’s National Advanced Placement Program. AP courses are the equivalent of introductory college courses. It is possible for motivated, high-achieving students to complete certain college requirements while still in high school. The following courses may be three semesters: AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Calculus BC. Some AP courses may be offered in alternating years, depending on course enrollment numbers. AP courses culminate in national examinations in May each year. The AP Program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges/universities. It exposes high school students to college-level material and gives them the opportunity to show they have mastered it by taking a comprehensive AP exam or completing an AP portfolio. Colleges/universities may then grant credit, placement, or both to students who have demonstrated mastery. Students benefit from taking AP courses by learning a subject in greater depth, developing skills that will be critically important to successful study in college, and demonstrating to colleges their willingness to undertake a challenging course load while in high school. Highly selective colleges and universities look for successful completion of AP courses as well as honors and other accelerated coursework.