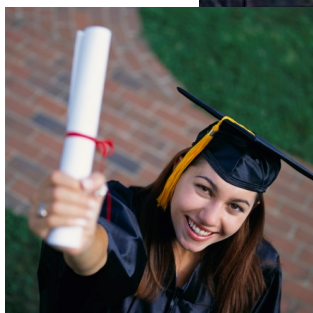


Fitchburg High School's Honors Academy



**Congratulations on being an
academically talented and motivated
student searching for the best school to
fulfill your educational ambitions!**

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- **Each school offers different enriched opportunities and challenges that promise to fulfill your goals.**
 - **The choices and programs may seem daunting.**
 - **The range of program, structures, and options are different.**
 - **Fitchburg High School's Honors Academy Experience**



Mission

To provide exceptional students with an opportunity to participate in a sequence of sophisticated, advanced courses during their four years at Fitchburg High School. If accepted into the Red Raider Honors Academy, students will pursue personal excellence in academics and citizenship and cultivate leadership skills through a series of required community-based service activities. To align with FHS's Advanced Placement courses, there will be a focus on mathematics, science, and English.



Agenda

8:30 AM to 9:00 AM-Arrival and Check in, Fitchburg High School, Front Lobby

9:00 AM to 9:20 AM-Student and Parent Presentation, FHS Auditorium

9:20 AM to 9:30 AM-Restroom Break and Testing Assignments

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM-Accucess Testing*

11:30 AM to 12:00 PM-VIP Tour of Fitchburg High School

12:00 PM -Student Pick Up in the Front Lobby



Welcome to the Honors Academy

- Provides a college prep curriculum for students who have initiative, are curious, and want to be lifelong learners
- Promotes students who can think critically, solve problems, and appreciate diverse perspectives
- Promotes students who can communicate effectively in writing, verbally, and technologically
- Prepares students to be active leaders who practice honesty, responsibility, and respect their communities



Be a part of the experience!

- Enhance students' academic experiences to prepare for college.
- Improve students' college application.
- Increase scholarship opportunities.
- High expectations for all students
- Access to Honors, PreAP and AP Curriculum



Honors Academy Relevance

- Students are motivated by applied, contextual, project-based teaching and learning
- Students select program based on post-secondary education goals and career interests
- Students gain workplace experience and community service
- Students develop skills important to success in careers, society & life, in addition to academic skills



Honors Academy Benefits

- Trained teachers who embrace “small learning community” philosophy
- Partnering Organization experts who volunteer time, talent and technology
- Increased access to AP Program
- Increased opportunities in dual enrollment courses through Fitchburg State University
- Students who successfully complete the program are guaranteed acceptance into Fitchburg State University Honors Program with a scholarship



Requirements of Program

- Minimum B average and fulfillment of service requirements
- Students must complete at least one Advanced Placement class in each of the following content areas:
 - Science (Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics B)
 - Math (Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics)
 - English (English Language, English Literature)
 - Social Studies (US History, Psychology, U



What is an AP Course?

- AP Stands for Advanced Placement.
- The AP Program is regulated nationally by The College Board .
- AP courses help prepare students to take a national exam in the particular content area. If the student scores well (usually 3 or higher on a 5 point scale) on this exam, he/she can earn college credits while in high school.
- Fitchburg High School is endorsed to offer 14 AP courses for the 2013-2014 school year.



Components of Program

- Capstone service based project during senior year;
- Special designation on the transcript;
 - *Student completed the rigorous requirements of the FHS Honors Academy*



Proposed Freshmen Schedule

| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
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| Pre-AP Biology | Pre-AP Biology | Foreign Language | Foreign Language |
| Common Core Alg 1 | Common Core Alg 1 | CC Geometry | CC Geometry |
| Freshmen Seminar w/Tech | **History of Fitchburg** | World History | World History |
| English | English | PE, Art, Band or Other Approved Elective | PE, Art, Band or Other Approved Elective |

Don't miss the opportunity to join
our Honors Academy Community.

Application deadline: April 12th
Admission decision will be made by April 24th
Student Decisions need to be made by May 1st



**NOW is the time to
Join our Honors Academy!**

Any Questions?
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