

“Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow.”

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Fitchburg High School is proud to announce its new and innovative **Honors Academy** for exceptional incoming ninth grade students. The mission of the Honors Academy is to provide outstanding students with an opportunity to participate in a sequence of sophisticated courses with an accelerated pace throughout their years at Fitchburg High School. Students accepted into the program will be expected to pursue personal excellence in academics while cultivating leadership skills through a series of required community based service activities. To align with FHS’s Advanced Placement (A.P.) initiative, a specific focus on mathematics, science and English will be emphasized.

Scholars accepted into the Honors Academy will participate in an intensive, technologically rich learning experience aimed at rigorous, integrated academic preparation for selective and competitive post-secondary education. Graduates of the program will have completed at least one A.P. course in each of the following content areas: science, mathematics, English and social studies. It is noteworthy that there will be at least 12 A.P. course offerings at Fitchburg High School in 2013-2014.

Based on your child’s results on the seventh grade MCAS exams, he or she is invited to apply to the Fitchburg High School Honors Academy. Students who are eligible must have demonstrated the following skills:

- An overall average of at least 90% during eighth grade (7th grade results will be analyzed as well)
- Advanced or Proficient on 7th MCAS exams

The placement exam for mathematics and English will be administered on Saturday, March 23rd at 9:00 a.m. at Fitchburg High School. The testing session will begin in the FHS auditorium and will take approximately 2.5 hours. The placement examination is a requirement for acceptance into the Honors Academy. Please RSVP to Jeremy Roche or Albert Mercado, Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Freshmen Transition – (978)-345-3240 ext. 197. Finally, candidates will be expected to secure a reference from a current or former teacher. More information will be forthcoming on that component as necessary.

Congratulations on your child’s academic successes to date and we hope to welcome him or her as a scholar in the first Honors Academy and a member of the FHS class of 2017. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us as needed.

Best Regards.

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