

**SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Date:** November 7, 2019

**To:** Senior High School Principals and Vice Principals;  
Area Superintendents

**Subject:** END-OF-COURSE EXAMINATIONS FOR HONORS-LEVEL COURSES

**Department and/or  
Persons Concerned:** High School Principals and Vice Principals; High School Counselors,  
High School Honors Teachers

**Reference:** None

**Action Requested:** Review guidelines and implement immediately

**Brief Explanation:**

This circular provides updated procedures regarding End-of-Course Examinations and Projects for all district-created honors-level courses. All district-created honors-level courses must satisfy the following University of California “a-g” requirements:

1. Honors-level courses are specialized, advanced courses intended for Grade 10, 11, or 12 students who have already completed foundation work in the subject area; however, any student demonstrating an interest in the course should not be excluded from participation.
2. Students in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade enrolled in any honors-level courses will not be eligible for the UC honors designation per University of California “a-g” requirements, <http://www.ucop.edu/agguide/a-g-requirements/honors/index.html>. Weighted credit will not be awarded to students enrolled in Grade 9 honors-level courses.
3. Honors-level courses being considered for the UC honors designation will have a non-honors equivalent course offered at the same frequency (e.g., annually, every other year, etc.), in the same subject area, and at the same grade level.
4. For recommended prerequisites, see the district Course of Study, <https://www.sandiegounified.org/course-study>.
5. Honors-level courses must have a comprehensive district End-of-Course Examination or Project for Project Lead The Way (PLTW) courses. The purpose of the End-of-Course Examination is for students to exhibit depth of knowledge and sustained mastery of subject material. Weighted credit will not be awarded to students who do not participate in the comprehensive district End-of-Course Examination or Project.

6. All students enrolled in honor-level courses must take the district End-of-Course Examination. All student scores on the district End-of-Course Examination must be uploaded to Illuminate for reporting purposes. For Illuminate support: <https://www.sandi.net/staff/illuminate/illuminate-dna-data-and-assessment>
7. If students enrolled in honors-level courses do not take the district End-of-Course Examination or complete project, student transcripts will reflect an academic mark in the non-honors equivalent course.

Below is the list of honors course names, course codes, and academic credit-weight scale.

Honors	Honors Course Name	Honors Credit	
1589, 1590	American Literature 1,2 Honors	A	5
2033, 2034	French 7-8 Honors		
2093, 2094	German 7-8 Honors	B	4
2177, 2178	Japanese 7-8 Honors		
2307, 2308	Spanish 7-8 Honors	C	3
2507, 2508	Mandarin 7-8 Honors		
3301, 3302	Principles of Biomedical Sciences Honors 1, 2 (PLTW)	D	1
3303, 3304	Human Body Systems Honors 1, 2 (PLTW)		
3663, 3664	Computer-Integrated Manufacturing Honors 1,2 Honors (PLTW)	F	0
3687, 3688	Architectural Design Honors 1, 2 (PLTW)		
4181, 4182	Pre-Calculus 1,2 Honors		
6153, 6154	Physiology 1, 2 Honors		
6221, 6222	Chemistry 1, 2 Honors		
6711, 6712	United States History and Geography 1, 2 Honors		
8319, 8320	Civil Engineering and Architecture Honors 1, 2 (PLTW)		
8329, 8330	Biomedical Innovations Honors 1, 2 (PLTW)		
8339, 8340	Medical Interventions Honors 1, 2 (PLTW)		
8365	Biomedical Innovations Honors Block (PLTW)		
8368, 8369	Principles of Engineering Honors 1,2 (PLTW)		
8383, 8384	Engineering Design and Development Honors 1, 2 (PLTW)		
8979, 8989	Digital Electronics Honors 1, 2 (PLTW)		

The honors-level End-of-Course Examinations and Projects are to be completed starting January 6 through January 24, 2020 (4x4 and fall classes) and May 18 through June 9, 2020 (4x4 and spring classes).

For information on how to administer the honors-level End-of-Course Examinations, please contact Kathryn Smart in Assessment Services, at (619) 725-7063 or [ksmart@sandi.net](mailto:ksmart@sandi.net), or visit the district Assessment Services webpage. Go to [www.sandiegounified.org](http://www.sandiegounified.org); login to the Staff Portal; select Departments; select Assessment Services; select District Assessments; then scroll to the section titled **Honors End-of-Course Exams**.

For additional information on honors courses, please contact Rachel Amato, Advanced Studies Resource Teacher, at (619) 725-7308 or [ramato@sandi.net](mailto:ramato@sandi.net).

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For additional information on Project Lead the Way, please contact Dean Darley, Program Manager, at (858) 503-1752 or [ddarley@sandi.net](mailto:ddarley@sandi.net).

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