



English Department Petition Form 2021

Any student not currently enrolled in an honors English course must successfully petition before enrolling. To complete the petition process, please fill in this form and provide a sample of your writing. Any student who does not complete all of these steps will not be considered for a level change.

Return this completed form and writing sample to the English Department Head by March 23, 2021.

Materials can be dropped off in person or scanned and emailed to jessica.gott@sau26.org.

Step 1: Provide the following information.

Student Name: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

Current English teacher: _____

Course you are petitioning for: _____

School email address: _____@sau26.org.

This email will be used to notify you of the Honors Committee's suggestion for placement.

English Course History (Please fill out all that apply to you.)

Grade	Teacher	Q1 Grade	Q2 Grade	Q3 Grade	Q4 Grade	S1 Grade	S2 Grade
9 th							
10 th							
11 th							

Social Studies Course History (Please fill out all that apply to you.)

Grade	Course Title/Level	Teacher	Q1 Grade	Q2 Grade	Q3 Grade	Q4 Grade	S1 Grade	S2 Grade
9 th								
10 th								
11 th								
Elective								

Step 2: Thoughtfully and thoroughly answer the following questions.

What strengths will you bring to an honors level course? (Attach a separate page if you need more space.)

What areas for improvement do you have that you feel would be strengthened in an honors level course?
(Attach a separate page if you need more space.)

Step 3: Select a sample of your academic writing from this year’s English course for the committee to review. This writing should be analytical or persuasive and represent your best work. A report or a poem, for example, are not acceptable. **This form will not be accepted if the writing sample is not included.**

If you do not have a writing sample from your current class, please contact the English Department Head for a prompt.

In this writing sample, the committee is looking for you to demonstrate:

- Clear focus demonstrated in a claim or thesis statement
- Strength in organizing your ideas
- Sophistication in your analysis
- Complex and varied sentence structure
- Attention to detail (limited or no mechanics/grammar issues)

Reflect on how the writing sample you selected demonstrates the desired criteria. (Attach a separate piece of paper if you need more space.)

Step 4: When your completed application is submitted, your current English teacher will receive, complete, and return an evaluation form asking questions about your performance in class.

Step 5: Your petition application will be reviewed by the Honors Committee. You will be notified by email sent to your sau26.org account of the Honors Committee’s decision regarding your petition application.

Because the review of petition applications requires the time of many people, NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Please contact Dr. Jessica Gott, English Department Head at Jessica.gott@sau26.org or in the English Office on the second floor at the end of the English wing if you have questions.