

**ATTENTION: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents**  
**From Arrowhead High School**  
**HONORS CLASSES**  
**INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS WHO WILL BE FRESHMEN IN 2010-2011**

Honors classes are an option for gifted and highly able learners who have distinctly different academic and social needs. In honors classes the content of the subject is pursued at a faster pace, with modified approaches that include adding more depth and complexity.

The subjects with honors classes are English, Science, and Social Studies. Further information is available on the AHS website: [www.arrowheadschoools.org](http://www.arrowheadschoools.org) under the Gifted and Talented Department. Higher-level challenge is always possible through enrichment and differentiation in most of Arrowhead High School's classes.

In January, at the end of first semester, students will be recommended as candidates for Arrowhead High School honors classes. These recommendations are based on a combination of agreed upon Arrowhead Area performance criteria over time and student responses to differentiated programming. By the end of January, parents will be notified that their child has been nominated for one or more honors classes.

In February, students recommended for honors will receive a letter from the AHS Gifted & Talented Program Coordinator, Bobbie Kinsinger, directing them to apply for the respective honors classes by registering for a subject area assessment held on Saturday, February 27, 2010. This assessment will require nominated students to demonstrate their high ability and is a necessary step for acceptance into an honors class.

The honors nomination criteria could include performance on the ACT test. If your child may be a candidate for an honors class, it is **strongly recommended** that your child take the ACT test on December 12, 2009. **Lake Country School** is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade testing site and the test center code is 230880. The **registration deadline is November 6, 2009**. (Late registration is Nov. 7-20<sup>th</sup>) The additional information provided by this out-of-level test helps in honors placement, provides valuable instructional information to enable appropriate differentiation and challenge in school, and is simply good practice for any college-bound student. Test registration procedures can be found at [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org). Contact your school if the cost is a financial concern.

Questions can be directed to Lake Country's Gifted & Talented Coordinator, Debby Schneider (367-3606 ext. 126) [debby.schneider@lcs.k12.wi.us](mailto:debby.schneider@lcs.k12.wi.us) or Mrs. Bobbie Kinsinger at Arrowhead High School, 262-369-3611 extension 4658 on Wednesdays and Fridays.