**KT Expectations for Honors Courses**

Both Honors and College Preparatory courses are designed to prepare students for college. Honors courses require more independent reading and move at a faster pace than College Preparatory classes. While the patterns of behavior listed below are important at all levels of study, they are **essential** for students participating in an Honors course.

1. Actively engages in and takes responsibility for his/her own learning; is organized, prepared, and willing to ask for help.
2. Asks questions to acquire understanding in class; seeks additional instruction outside of class when necessary to clarify understanding
3. Consistently and thoroughly completes homework assignments on time
4. Actively and voluntarily participates in daily classroom activities, remaining focused on the learning objectives
5. Takes a leadership role for assigned collaborative projects and works independently and enthusiastically on individual projects
6. Enjoys and participates in evaluative and analytical discussions

1. Pursues opportunities for revision or extra-credit, if presented

**KT Expectations for AP Courses**

AP courses are taught at the college level and are designed to address a broader content, at a deeper level, at a faster pace than required by the Massachusetts curriculum frameworks. A great amount of outside reading is required. While the patterns of behavior and demonstrable skills listed below are important at all levels of study, they are **essential** for students participating in an AP course.

1. Meets all honors criteria (see above)
2. Displays an enthusiastic disposition to think critically and analytically, and enjoys engaging in discussions of abstract concepts and ideas
3. Demonstrates a strong interest and passion for the subject matter
4. Shows both willingness and ability to commit the time and effort necessary to handle a rigorous course load

In addition, there are certain demonstrable skills that support successful participation in an AP level course. They are:

1. Reads independently and readily recalls essential knowledge
2. Organizes and synthesizes large amounts of material
3. Writes organized, sophisticated essays