

## Anne Hutchinson Academy Program Requirements

### Academic Requirements

Given the structure of LHS academic requirements, Honors students (entering or continuing) should take a least three Honors/AP/SUNY classes a year, and many will take more than that. Therefore, to be recognized as an AHA graduate (honor cords at graduation) students should complete a minimum of 24 such credits (3 per semester for four years), designated on the transcript by an X,H, or U in the sixth place.

Students are expected to take a math or science course every year of high school, beginning with Cohort V.

To remain in the Honors Academy, students need to make satisfactory academic progress, defined minimally as having no credit gaps in core subjects by the end of Term 7 of an academic year (in other words, students must make up any failed classes during Summer School). Students must also maintain satisfactory attendance. In the event that a student is labeled “chronically absent”, appropriate documentation will be requested. Students who are chronically absent without documentation may be dropped from the program.

### Requirement for Culminating Experience

In keep with the Honors Academy STEM focus, and our schoolwide focus on engaging and empowering students, a culminating experience will be required. It can take any of the following forms:

- 1) The default option is participation in the WISE Quality of Life Innovations Research Program. This course, which engages teams of students in selecting, researching, and proposing solutions to a problem in their community and in writing an empirical report, will require students to use skills from across the four core subject areas.
- 2) Submission of a project to the Regeneron Science Talent or New York City Science & Engineering Fair.
- 3) Other competitions of similar rigor, with prior approval. In any event, a written empirical paper is required.

In the Spring, there will be a Research showcase (poster session) and dinner. Parents/Families will be invited.