

## SITE OPERATIONS CIRCULAR NO. 1022

Office of Leadership and Learning

### SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Date:** November 13, 2020

**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:

Honors-level courses are specialized, advanced courses designed for 10th-, 11th- or 12th-graders who have already completed foundation work in the subject area. High school courses offered at the grade 9 level that schools might locally designate as “honors” are not eligible for the UC honors designation.

1. 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.
2. For recommended prerequisites, see the district Course of Study, <https://www.sandiegounified.org/course-study>.
3. Honors-level courses must have a comprehensive final examination or a substantive, culminating project. The purpose of the final exam/project is for students to exhibit depth of knowledge and sustained mastery of subject material.
4. All students enrolled in honor-level courses must complete the district End-of-Course Examination or Project and it must be uploaded to Illuminate for reporting purposes.
5. 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.

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

Honors Course Code	Honors Course Name	Honors Credit Weight	
1380, 1381	English 3,4 Honors (HP)	A	5
1589, 1590	American Literature 1,2 Honors		
2033, 2034	French 7-8 Honors	B	4
2093, 2094	German 7-8 Honors		
2177, 2178	Japanese 7-8 Honors	C	3
2307, 2308	Spanish 7-8 Honors		
2507, 2508	Mandarin 7-8 Honors	D	1
3301, 3302	Principles of Biomedical Sciences Honors 1, 2 (PLTW)		
3303, 3304	Human Body Systems Honors 1, 2 (PLTW)	F	0
3503, 3504	Graphic Design 3,4 Honors		
3663, 3664	Computer-Integrated Manufacturing Honors 1,2 Honors		
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		
8979, 8989	Digital Electronics Honors 1, 2 (PLTW)		

The honors-level End-of-Course Examinations and Projects are to be completed:

- Courses ending Quarter 1 = October 12 – October 30, 2020
- Courses ending Quarter 2 = January 4 - January 22, 2021
- Courses ending Quarter 3 = March 22 - April 9, 2021
- Courses ending Quarter 4 = May 17 - June 15, 2021

For information on how to administer the honors-level End-of-Course Examinations, please contact Kathryn Smart in Assessment Services, at **619-732-6784** 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**.*

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For support with Illuminate, contact Tressa Renee, Illuminate Systems Development Coordinator, 619-725-7201 or [trenee@sandi.net](mailto:trenee@sandi.net)

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).

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

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