

CCHS Honor Information

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Good morning Mr. Tran. I hope you are doing well. As promised, I conducted some research on the honors questions for CCHS. The work was fruitful.

The following bullet points are a summary of the discovery, I can give you the backstory once we speak.

- Honors English was eliminated at CCMS 2 years ago. There was quite a bit of discomfort around the decision at the superintendent level however it was pushed through with the caveat that this would not be duplicated at the high school for numerous reasons.
- Once leadership left the district this summer plans were made to begin the switch at the high school.
- At this time the decision has been made by the high school English department that there will be no honors offered in 9th or 10th grade starting next year if possible.
- There will be a town hall given by the English department that is being scheduled for November to discuss the roll out with parents. This will also be the platform that counselors and other departments at the high school are given this information.
- No other honors classes are scheduled to be eliminated in the middle or high school levels - math and science will remain intact from 6th - 12th grade.
- No AP classes will not be impacted by this decision.

The details of my research is as follows:

- I spoke with one administrator, two counselors, one English teacher, one math teacher, one art teacher, one CTE teacher, one student, one board member, six parents, two members of the current SSC, one member of the ELAC from last year, and four members of the EAC from last year. I would like to note that several people served in more than one capacity so I could keep the numbers low given the quick turnaround that was needed.
- I asked what the premise or reason for this decision was - the answer was it was to eliminate tracking, to continue the momentum of the middle school, and to give all students access to college ready curriculum - this was provided by the English teacher and counselors on the list.
- I asked if counselors were part of this decision making process - the answer was no.
- I asked if CCHS college counseling was part of this decision making process - the answer was no but I want to acknowledge that I did not speak to anyone in the department.
- I asked if any parent groups (PTA, affinity groups, and action groups) were part of this decision making process - the answer was no.
- I asked if SSC or ELAC were part of this decision making process - the answer was no.
- I asked if EAC or any other district councils were part of this decision making process - the answer was no.
- I asked if any college admissions personnel were part of this decision making process - the answer was no.

I had many more questions about the how and the why but I felt that these questions were not relevant to the collection of this preliminary data. I can share the other questions that I have, many that have been asked and left unanswered over the last two years, when we meet.

Would it be possible for us to meet before Tuesday of next week so I can discuss CCHS School Site Council with you before that meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2021? I am serving as the co-chair and have been given directives from the principal that are in direct conflict with the purpose of the council as I understand it. I would like some guidance on how to proceed and thought we could accomplish that in the meeting we already have planned.

I look forward to hearing from you. Have a wonderful day and stay well.

With gratitude and warm regards,

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