

AP/Honors Requirements and Calculation

In an effort to make AP and Honors placement fair and unbiased, the Honors committee designed the following objective calculation for all Hickory Grove Baptist Christian School students desiring placement in an AP or Honors course:

Four pieces of information were gathered for every student wishing to enroll in an AP or Honors course.

- SAT/PSAT Scores
- Year-end Grade Average in individual classes
- Assessment Test Scores for the subject area
- Number of zeros for the 3rd and 4th Quarters in each class

Using this information, an "AP" or "Honors" score was calculated by weighting the information as follows:

SAT/PSAT Score	45%
Year-End Average	35%
Assessment Score	20%
Total	100%

This score was then adjusted for zeros in the class, which are indicative of a student's work ethic. Ten points were added to the score if the student had no zeros; five points were deducted for one zero; ten points were deducted for two or more.

The final score obtained for each student was compared to a benchmark score of 285 for AP classes and 250 for Honors classes. Those students whose scores met or exceeded these requirements were placed in the appropriate AP or Honors class.

SAT/PSAT scores weighed heavily in the calculation because of the stringent AP testing requirements. English, History, and Biology used Critical Reading and Writing scores; Math and Chemistry used Math scores.

No subjective measures were used in these calculations. The numbers stood for themselves. No exceptions were made for any student, even at a teacher's request.