

The Living Wisdom High School Honors Challenge Program

The practice of honoring top students is important in a Living Wisdom High School, but in a significantly different way than is practiced in more traditional schools. The standard approach is to identify the students with the highest grade point averages and encourage them to take Advanced Placement classes and join the school's honor society. A Living Wisdom School focuses on a broader range of accomplishments.

In our school the Honors Program is open to students in the 11th or 12th grades who have shown substantial progress in the following areas.

1. Emotional Maturity: Takes responsibility for maintaining their peace of mind; works with life's ups and downs in a constructive way, avoiding outbursts of anger and frustration; consistently relates to broader realities beyond personal likes and dislikes; is solution-oriented,
2. Financial Responsibility: Meets tuition goals in a timely manner; has shown initiative, creativity, perseverance, and time-management skills,
3. Academic Independence: Dedicated to learning; tries their best regardless of teacher or subject; report card grades reflect a high standard of work - not necessarily straight A's, but consistently high colors demonstrating quality of effort,
4. Commitment to School Ideals: Inwardly motivated by the ideals of Service, Adventure, Self-Discovery, and Personal Excellence as evidenced by report card colors and growth in the Tools of Maturity

Each year's program will be different depending on the students involved.