

## Westfield High School

## **School Counseling Center**

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## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Course Opt-In Form

Placement into freshman Honors courses is done through a rubric that uses the student's middle school grades, as well as ISTEP, NWEA and PSAT 8 scores. Please complete and sign this form in order to be placed in a higher level course than what has been recommended. (Example: The student was placed in English 9, but would prefer to take Honors English 9 instead.)

All requests must be turned into the WMS Counseling Office or to the WHS School Counseling Center by May 19, 2017. Please note that no schedule changes will be made after this date. Only upon a teacher's recommendation can the student move back down to the originally recommended course level, and then only at the start of the new trimester. Students cannot change levels while the course is in progress.

| Honors cou  | urse that student would like to take: |
|---|---------------------------------------|
|   | Honors English 9                      |
|   | Honors Geometry                       |
|   | Honors World Language                 |
| Student Signature:  |                                       |
| I understand that my child was not recommended for this Honors course. I have discussed this with my child's high school counselor or the department chair, and would like to proceed with the change. I understand that the Honors course will be more challenging than the regular course, and will be taught at an accelerated pace. My child will be responsible for keeping up with the work involved with the Honors course and cannot drop the course during the trimester if it is too difficult. |                                       |
| Parent Signature (Required):  |                                       |
| Parent Contact Information: Daytime Phone: Email:   |                                       |
|   | Email:                                |

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Student's Name