Eastridge High, East Irondequoit Central

The Program of Studies offered at Eastridge includes a variety of programs designed to meet particular student needs, from those needing additional support to meet expectations or to work up to their potential, to those needing more rigor.

**ACADEMIC PLACEMENT**

**AVID:** AVID targets students in the academic middle, who have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. These are students who are capable of completing rigorous curriculum but are falling short of their potential. Typically, they will be the first in their families to attend college, and many are from disadvantaged backgrounds. An interview selection process required.

**Regents:** Regents level courses are college preparatory courses. Some Regents courses require a state final assessment.

**Honors:** Honors level courses are offered to students who have excelled in academic classes. Recommendations are based on teacher evaluation, test scores, and overall academic attitude. Honors level courses will prepare students for the rigors of Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses.

**AP:** Advanced Placement courses are some of the most academically rigorous that Eastridge has to offer. These courses are designed to challenge and prepare students for a college environment. The successful completion of an AP exam may afford the opportunity of earning college credit. Upon completion of the course, students are required to participate in the AP exam.

**International Baccalaureate (IB):** IB is a comprehensive, rigorous program that is meant to develop well-rounded students and prepare them for college and life. Students have the opportunity to take IB courses for certificate credit or the full diploma program starting in grade 11.

**Academic Intervention Services (AIS)**
AIS is a skills-based program offered to students to assist them in the successful completion of courses and graduation requirements. Placement in AIS is based on a variety of factors determined by teachers and counselors and the building principal. Parents and students are notified if AIS is recommended for student success.

**National Honor Society (NHS) Requirements**
Students are eligible for NHS second semester of junior year, and need to meet the following requirements:
- 90% overall average (GPA)
- Evidence shown in leadership, character and service
- Completed application

If students do not meet all of these requirements, they will be reviewed in semester one of their senior year.

**Ninth Grade Academy**
The Eastridge High School Ninth Grade Academy is designed to provide incoming freshmen with a smooth transition to high school. Freshmen teachers, administrators, counselors and parents work together to plan specific strategies for individual student success. It is developed around the concept of a small learning community and is located at the east end of the school building. Incoming freshmen are connected to the ninth grade staff that will use research proven best instructional strategies to teach the curriculum as well as address their students' needs more personally. Teachers work in a collaborative environment and are committed to the learning of the students they share.