



Head of School Letter

During our State of the School address, a parent asked a great question. The topic was regarding AP classes. He inquired why we do not offer them at SCCS. The main reason for this decision is because the curriculum is dictated by the College Board organization. This means that AP teachers across the country cover the same exact topics in their classrooms because they are forced to teach those topics. We, as a school, would not have any room to alter what is taught in an AP class. As a Christian school, we desire to have control of what curriculum we use. What is taught and how things are taught is important to us. We especially do not want to give up our opportunity to present curriculum through a Biblical worldview. Jesus needs to always be central in what we do. It is who we are as a school.

Instead of AP classes, our Rhetoric School offers Honor classes to our students. We do this in our regular classes by adding additional honors assignments for those students enrolled in the honors class. Honors students receive a boost in their GPA for the extra rigor they undertake. To be accepted as an honors student in any class, the student must have a high enough grade in that subject from the previous year and a teacher recommendation.

A nice number of our students opt to pursue taking honors classes with us. This potentially gives them a weighted GPA of higher than a 4.0. It is the weighted GPA that we look at to determine the graduates who are recognized as our valedictorian and salutatorian.

Hopefully this gives you a better understanding as to why we offer honors classes instead of the AP classes. If you would like more details on the subject, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would love to discuss the topic with you further.