



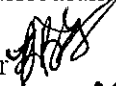
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TO Selected Superintendents and High School Curriculum Directors

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HONOR COURSE PORTFOLIO REVIEW

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) is preparing to implement the revised Honors Level Course Rubric and Honors Level Course Implementation Guide. The Department, along with valuable input from the field, has revised the process to align to the new standards and address the needs of advanced learners. The expectation is that all honors courses will align with the revised Honors Level Course Rubric. The goal is to provide a consistent framework to guide teachers, principals and LEAs in the development of courses that address rigor, relevance and relationships at the honors level outlined by State Board of Education policy.

In the spring of 2014, the first cohort of randomly selected LEAs will participate in the Honors Course Portfolio Review process. Your LEA is one that has been randomly selected to complete the honors course portfolio review process. In preparation for this review process, we encourage you to have representatives of your LEA review the new Honors Course Rubric, Implementation Guide, all of the virtual specific Content Area training presentations and the upcoming Webinar series at the Honors Implementation Wikispace <http://honorsimplementation.ncdpi.wikispaces.net/>. The Honors Implementation Wikispace provides information necessary to determine compliance with the content, pedagogy, learning activities and academically rigorous expectations of honors level courses.

Please inform your staff that in the fall semester of 2013 you will be notified of the specific courses that will be randomly selected to undergo this honors portfolio review process in the spring semester of 2014. Please contact Maria Pitre-Martin at maria.pitremartin@dpi.nc.gov or Linda Brannan at linda.brannan@dpi.nc.gov if you have any questions. Thank you for your constant support and cooperation as we work to better serve the students of North Carolina.

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