

High School Science Placement Rancho Science teachers will recommend students for one of three levels of science in high school: Honors Science, College Prep Science, or Basic Science.

The students recommended for honors are those who maintain a high A (95% and higher per University High School's course catalog) for their entire eighth grade year in science. It is a very high requirement. At Rancho, science is not separated into GATE and non-GATE classes as in humanities, or into different levels the way math classes are. Honor students precipitate out at 95% in general education. The grading of the science classes at Rancho is designed so that students of all ability levels will feel successful.

Maturity, excellent classroom behavior, well-established work habits, high test scores, and impeccable academic integrity are considered to be essential characteristics of an honor student. These should be present in addition to the high A course grade.

College Prep Science is still considered a rigorous course of study by universities (you may check the high school websites for further explanation of their courses).

Students with grades not considered passing are recommended for Basic Science.

After teacher recommendations are finalized, all changes in course selection are to be made by the high school staff only.