



Bishop Hendricken High School SELECT Honors Institute

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *What makes Bishop Hendricken's SELECT Institute different than other schools?*

The SELECT Institute wishes to foster a love of learning while developing skills that are fundamental to a successful educational experience throughout the high school years. We strive to offer a range of advanced and honors level courses in the 8th grade year that many other schools cannot offer given limited resources. The Institute provides a rigorous academic challenge for students who are ready for more advanced study upon completion of their 7th grade year.

In addition, it is our mission to bring every member of our community into a closer relationship with God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We do this through the development of the whole person – mind, body, heart and soul. It is an essential component of a Catholic education to help students make connections between faith and reason, and to understand what gives their learning in the classroom context and meaning in daily life. Further, in a structured and friendly environment, Bishop Hendricken helps boys to become productive young men. The Hendricken approach to education enables those who participate to develop a deeper understanding of themselves and their world so that they will work for a more caring and just society.

2. *Can I apply if I'm not Catholic?*

Applicants are not required to be Catholic. We value diversity and respect a variety of religious beliefs. Bishop Hendricken High School seeks students who show exceptional academic promise and who will be good school citizens and involved members of our community.

3. *Who will be my son's teachers in the Institute?*

All of the Select Institute faculty are highly qualified, high school level faculty who teach honors level courses in a specialized subject. The faculty who are teaching in the Institute strive to design compelling and productive classes each day. In addition, engaging projects develop students' problem-solving and creative as well as critical thinking skills. Students engage in independent research as well as group projects; learn to apply and synthesize information across subjects; hone their writing and oral presentation skills; and develop organizational and study skills that will be essential for honors level students in advanced classes during the fourth and fifth years of the program.

4. *What courses and course levels are available to students?*

Students in the Institute follow a rigorous honors level curriculum beginning with entry in the 8th grade, followed by classes in our advanced track the remaining four years. Graduates of the 5-year program will be prepared for admission to the most competitive colleges and universities in the United States. Please refer to our curriculum overview for more detailed information regarding content areas for each academic subject as well as elective offerings.

5. What is the tuition for the SELECT INSTITUTE in the first year?

Tuition is \$12,900 for the 2017-18 academic year.

6. Are scholarships or financial aid available for the SELECT Institute?

Families may apply for financial aid through FACTS Tuition Management at FACTStuitionmanagement.com. The priority deadline for financial aid applications for the 2018-19 academic year is February 16, 2018. Late applicants will be considered for financial aid as long as funds are available. Although scholarships are not available for the first year, students in the Institute will be required to sit for the 9th grade entrance exam next December, and they may then qualify for merit scholarships for grades 9 - 12.

7. What campus resources are open to SELECT students?

Our 8th grade SELECT scholars will benefit from all of the facilities and resources available to students in grades 9 – 12. They will have access to the gym, theater, cafeteria, chapel, campus ministry center, science labs, the library and computer labs, as well as the services of our guidance staff and school social worker.

8. Are there extra-curricular activities available?

Students in the 8th grade will participate in many activities such as:

Ambassadors Club	Art Club	Business Club	Chess Club
Concert Band	Debate Club	Hawks Sports Network	French Club
Italian Club	Jazz Band	Math Team	Mock Trial
National Jr. Honor Society	Science Fair	Science Olympiad	Spanish Club
Surf Club	Talon (Newspaper)	Young Men's Chorus	

9. Are there sports offered?

Student-athletes in grade 8 are eligible to participate in the Catholic Athletic League (CAL), which consists of basketball, cross country, tennis, volleyball, and soccer. We will field teams in these sports depending on interest and availability. All 8th grade students will also be eligible to participate in our intramural sports, which include basketball, tennis, bowling, golf, archery and bocce. Students will not be allowed to participate in the Rhode Island Interscholastic League teams until grade 9, per the rules of the RIIL.

10. Is there a dress code?

Students in the 8th grade are required to follow the same dress code required of our students in grades 9 -12. This dress code includes dress shirt, tie, sport jacket, pants, dress shoes, and a generally neat, "business-like" appearance.

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