

Request to Enroll in Advanced Middle School Courses

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You have recently requested that your child be enrolled in Advanced _____.
If any child does not meet the criteria established for identification, the parent may request to enroll him/her in the middle school course by completing and turning in this form.

If your child chooses to enroll in an advanced middle school class next year, he/she should anticipate an exploration of course content in greater depth and at a faster, more challenging pace than the typical standard class. The advanced courses are developed to be a preparation for higher-level high school classes (i.e., Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, etc.) and to give students the opportunity to experience a more challenging curriculum before the transition to high school.

Students enrolled in advanced courses must recognize and understand that they will be responsible for extended academic responsibilities and expectations, which may include a more challenging work load as well as additional writing, reading, and problem solving assignments inside and outside of class. Though students making the transition to advanced classes sometimes find they earn a lower classroom grade than they have in the past, the content and strategies they pursue in advanced coursework will better prepare them for success in their high school and college-level studies. A commitment to the course and its depth of content, along with good time management and study skills, is essential to your child's success. Once your child has committed to the advanced class, schedule changes should not be expected.

The majority of advanced middle school classes do not count for high school credit. However, Algebra I in Middle School is an exception. If a student chooses to take Algebra I in Middle School and earns a passing grade, he/she may choose to accept the Algebra I credit toward high school graduation, and the final grade will be used in calculating his/her cumulative grade point average (GPA). In this case, your student will take Geometry in his/her 9th grade year. If your child elects not to accept the Algebra I credit, he/she will take Algebra I again in the 9th grade. The final grade earned in the 9th grade Algebra I course will then be used to compute the cumulative grade point average (GPA) at the high school.

If you have any questions about any of the advanced classes offered in the middle school, please contact your child's middle school counselor or the Department of Secondary Curriculum at 972-8525.

Sincerely,
Principal McCartney

Please sign below and return to your child's middle school.

I have read the above letter and understand the expectations for advanced middle school courses. I am requesting that my child be enrolled in this class.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

*****Parents should contact their child's middle school to find out the date this form is due.**