



Spanish Fort Middle School
Advanced Placement Courses

Spring 2020



7th Grade Rubric

Spanish Fort Middle School Criteria for Advanced 7th Grade Classes 2020-2021

Student Name: _____

7 th Grade Advanced Courses	Students meet 2 of 3 criteria to be placed in advanced courses.		
Accelerated Mathematics 7	1 st Semester Math Average for 6 th grade _____ 80% or higher	Fall Assessment _____ Suggested score of 2609 (Scantron Math)	Winter Assessment _____ Suggested score of 2667 (Scantron Math)
Advanced Life Science 7	1 st Semester Science Average for 6 th Grade _____ 80% or higher	Fall Assessment _____ Suggested score of 2609 (Scantron Math)	Winter Assessment _____ Suggested score of 2667 (Scantron Math)
Advanced English Language Arts 7	1 st Semester English Average for 6 th Grade _____ 80% or higher	Fall Assessment _____ Suggested score of 2854 (Scantron Reading)	Winter Assessment _____ Suggested score of 2883 (Scantron Reading)
Advanced Civics/Geography 7	1 st Semester Social Studies Average for 6 th Grade _____ 80% or higher	Fall Assessment _____ Suggested score of 2854 (Scantron Reading)	Winter Assessment _____ Suggested score of 2883 (Scantron Reading)

***** A student is required to have a minimum grade of "75" or higher regardless of standardized test scores to be eligible for advanced classes.**

7th Grade Qualifying Letter

Spanish Fort Middle School

Advanced Placement Classes **7**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son/daughter has been recommended for the following Advanced Placement classes based on these criteria: First semester grades, Fall and Winter Scantron Assessment Scores.

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

* Please check the box(es) indicating that you would like your child to be placed in that advanced middle school course for the 2020/2021 school year.

If your child chooses to be a part of any Advanced Placement class next year, he/she will be learning the same material as other students in core classes, but in greater depth and at a faster, more challenging pace. The advanced middle school courses are intended 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 summer assignments, a more challenging workload, as well as additional writing and reading 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(es), **schedule changes should not be expected.**

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Since school will not be in session, we are requesting that you do the following, if possible:

- Take a picture with your phone, the student laptop or scan documents and email them to our Registrar, Teri Fisher, tfisher@sbcc.org
- Mail back to SFMS - 33988 Jimmy Faulkner Dr., Spanish Fort
- Drop off at our designated drop-off box near the front door of our school.

Sincerely,
Oliver Sinclair
Principal, SFMS

Please sign below and return to your child's homeroom teacher no later than

Friday, April 3rd, 2020. (NO CHANGES WILL BE MAY AFTER MAY 4th, 2020)

DUE 

*If you asked for it and you get it, YOU KEEP IT!
And if you don't ask for it and you get it, YOU KEEP IT!*

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

Parent Signature

Student Signature

8th Grade Rubric

Spanish Fort Middle School Criteria for Advanced 8th Grade Classes

2020-2021

Student Name: _____

8 th Grade Advanced Courses	Students meet 2 of 3 criteria to be placed in advanced courses.		
Algebra 1 in Middle School	1 st Semester Math Average for 7 th grade _____ 90% or higher in Math 7 80% or higher in Advanced Math	Fall Assessment _____ Suggested score of 2695 (Scantron Math)	Winter Assessment _____ Suggested score of 2743 (Scantron Math)
Advanced Physical Science 8	1 st Semester Science Average for 7 th Grade _____ 80% or higher in Science	Fall Assessment _____ Suggested score of 2695 (Scantron Math)	Winter Assessment _____ Suggested score of 2743 (Scantron Math)
Advanced English Language Arts 8	1 st Semester English Average for 7 th Grade _____ 80% or higher in English	Fall Assessment _____ Suggested score of 2928 (Scantron Reading)	Winter Assessment _____ Suggested score of 2954 (Scantron Reading)
Advanced World History 8	1 st Semester Social Studies Average for 7 th Grade _____ 80% or higher in Social Studies	Fall Assessment _____ Suggested score of 2928 (Scantron Reading)	Winter Assessment _____ Suggested score of 2954 (Scantron Reading)

*** A student is required to have a minimum grade of "75" or higher regardless of standardized test scores to be eligible for advanced classes.

8th Grade Qualifying Letter

Spanish Fort Middle School

Advanced Placement Classes 8

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son/daughter has been recommended for the following Advanced Placement classes based on these criteria: First semester grades, Fall and Winter Scantron Assessment Scores.

_____ _____
 _____ _____

* Please check the box(es) indicating that you would like your child to be placed in that advanced middle school course for the 2020/2021 school year.

If your child chooses to be a part of any Advanced Placement class next year, he/she will be learning the same material as other students in core classes, but in greater depth and at a faster, more challenging pace. The advanced middle school courses are intended 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 summer assignments, a more challenging workload, as well as additional writing and reading 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(es), **schedule changes should not be expected.**

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT*

Since school will not be in session, we are requesting that you do the following, if possible:

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- Mail back to SFMS - 33988 Jimmy Faulkner Dr., Spanish Fort
- Drop off at our designated drop-off box near the front door of our school.

Sincerely,
Oliver Sinclair
Principal, SFMS

Please sign below and return to your child's homeroom teacher no later than

Friday, April 3rd, 2020. (NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE AFTER MAY 4th, 2020)

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

Parent Signature

Student Signature

LETTER FOR STUDENTS WHO DID NOT QUALIFY

Spanish Fort Middle School

Advanced Placement Classes 7-8

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son/daughter has NOT met the criteria for enrollment in Advanced Placement classes at Spanish Fort Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year. The criteria for advanced placement classes are as follows: First semester grades, Fall and Winter Scantron scores. If any child does not meet the criteria for enrollment, the parent may request to enroll him/her in the middle school course by contacting their grade level counselor.

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. 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(es), schedule changes should not be expected.*

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.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Enclosed you will find the Advance Placement Qualifying Letter with the Elective Class choice form for the 2020/2021 school year. The form states that these are due back to our school by April 3rd. Since school will not be in session, we are requesting that you do the following, if possible:

- Take a picture with your phone, the student laptop or scan documents and email them to our Registrar, Teri Fisher, tfisher@sbcs.org
- Mail back to SFMS - 33988 Jimmy Faulkner Dr., Spanish Fort
- Drop off at our designated drop-off box near the front door of our school.

Sincerely,
Oliver Sinclair
Principal, SFMS

Please sign below and return to your child's homeroom teacher no later than **Friday, April 3rd, 2020. (No changes will be made after May 4th, 2020)**

DUE 

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I have read the above letter and understand the expectations for advanced middle school courses. *If you would like to request your child be enrolled in these classes, please contact your child's grade level counselor.*

Parent Signature

Student Signature

7th Grade Advanced Classes:

- Accelerated Math (prerequisite for 8th grade)
- Advanced English Language Arts 7
- Advanced Life Science
- Advanced Civics/Geography

8th Grade Advanced Classes:

- Algebra 1 – High School Credit
- Advanced English Language Arts 8
- Advanced Physical Science
- Advanced World History

7th Grade Elective Options

Spanish Fort Middle School Rising 7th Grade Electives

Proposed Course Selection For 2020/21

7

Student: _____ Parent Name: _____



Elective descriptions are listed on the attached page.....

PLEASE CHECK BOXES BELOW: *Student will take 7 Periods per day*

- If you would like a one year long elective listed, then choose that elective AND two semester electives
- If you would **not** like a one year long elective listed, then choose **four** semester electives

Students may not take Band and Choir at the same time. However, students may choose to take Band and Gifted **or Choir and Gifted, ONLY if that student has been Labeled Gifted through BCBOE.**

Year-Long Electives:

- Girls' Choir
- Boys' Choir
- Band (Achieved Class: _____)
- Gifted (Students who participated in Project Jubilee)

Please make sure you fill out the back of this document.

1/2-Year Semester Electives:

(Rank 1 thru 5 with 1 being your first choice)

- ____ Art
- ____ Computer Tech 7
- ____ Drama
- ____ Health
- ____ Intro to Spanish

Congratulations!
You were selected for: _____

*Every effort will be made to grant student's choice of classes. However, elective classes will be available dependent on teaching personnel, availability and student schedule for the 2020/21 school year.

There will be no schedule changes. Classes are subject to change without notice.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please turn into your homeroom teacher by: _____

APRIL 3RD, 2020

Official Use: _____
Date: _____

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7th Grade Elective Descriptions

7th Grade Electives

Cultural Studies

Family and Consumer Science is a course that is designed to assist students in recognizing the importance of the family. Course content provides opportunities for students to explore characteristics of strong families; family customs and traditions; healthy relationships; marriage readiness; parenting issues; consumer behavior; clothing, housing, and food needs throughout the lifespan. Assessing the effects of technology and career options related to family and consumer sciences and human services.

Art

This course will provide instruction on the basic elements of art. Students will explore how to create and produce arts products, relating and connecting them to historical, current and personal events. Students will also have an introduction to history of art.

Drama

Creating, performing, responding and connecting are some of the skills students use to understand how drama communicates ideas and allows for self-expression. Students will study, write and/or perform scenes and monologues. Students will also be introduced to basic history of Drama.

Health

Health Education is a class that provides the resources that students need to know to live a responsibly healthy life. We will focus on the physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual aspects of health. You must choose daily to live a healthy lifestyle to stay a healthy individual!

Computer Skills

This introductory course is designed to aid the student in better understanding the function of a computer for school and personal use. Emphasis will be placed on an introduction to Google applications. Internet safety, appropriate search techniques, and the use of word processing and spreadsheet for productivity will also be addressed in this course.

Intro to Spanish

This course is designed for students of all levels of ability. Basic pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar, and culture are emphasized throughout the course.

8th Grade Elective Options

Spanish Fort Middle School Rising 8th Grade Electives

Proposed Course Selection For 2020/2021

8

Student: _____ Parent Name: _____

★ Elective descriptions are listed on the attached page

PLEASE CHECK BOXES BELOW: ***Student will take 7 Periods per day***

- If you would like a one year long elective listed, then choose that elective AND two semester electives
- If you would **not** like a one year long elective listed, then choose **four** semester electives

Students may not take Band and Choir at the same time. However, students may choose to take Band and Gifted **or Choir and Gifted, ONLY if that student has been Labeled Gifted through BCBOE.**

Year-Long Electives:

- Girls' Choir
- Boys' Choir
- Band (Achieved Class: _____)
- Gifted (Students who participated in Project Jubilee)
- Spanish (*Credit based class for High School*)

Please make sure you fill out the back of this document.

1/2-Year Semester Electives:

(Rank 1 thru 3 with 1 being your first choice)

_____ Career Preparedness (*Credit based elective for High School*) (All 8th Grade students will be required to take Career Prep, if not taking a year-long elective.)

_____ Career Technology 8

_____ Debate

_____ Drama

Congratulations!
You were selected for: _____

*Every effort will be made to grant student's choice of classes. However, elective classes will be available dependent on teaching personnel, availability and student schedule for the 2020/21 school year.

There will be no schedule changes. Classes are subject to change without notice.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please turn into your homeroom teacher by: **APRIL 3RD, 2020**

Official Use: _____
Date: _____

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8th Grade Elective Descriptions

8th Grade Electives

Career Preparedness – A (Credit based elective for High School)

The course prepares students with knowledge and skills in the areas of career development and academic planning and computer skill application. This course is a prerequisite to Career Preparedness-B.

Career Technology 8

This course is part of the Department of Alabama Career and Technical Education, which prepares students for technical careers available today and the future careers in our region. We will study the effects of technology and explore different careers. Students will learn which careers match their interests and aptitude. They will also practice skills needed in the workforce: oral presentations, writing and summarizing, problem solving, teamwork, etc.

Debate

This course will develop and improve public speaking, argumentative, and critical thinking skills in communication settings. Students will prepare and deliver speeches and participate in several of in class debates and forums on current topics. Techniques will be taught to control speech anxiety, and structure and organize information to present to a variety of audiences. As such, the fundamentals of physical and vocal delivery skills, use of language and gesturing, as well as listening skills will be learned. Please note that time requirements are given for each speech.

Drama

Creating, performing, responding and connecting are some of the skills students use to understand how drama communicates ideas and allows for self-expression. Students will study, write and/or perform scenes and monologues. Students will also be introduced to basic history of Drama.

Spanish – Full year Elective (High School Credit)

This course is designed for students of all levels of ability. Basic pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar, and culture are emphasized throughout the course.

Further questions:

- If you have further questions, please email your child's grade level counselor:

7th A - L - Lewanna Goodrich

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7th M-Z and 8th grade - Nigia Bolton

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