ELAC Parent Meeting

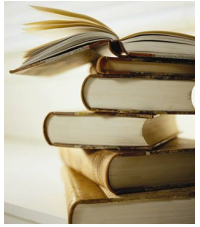
Presentation for future 7th and 8th graders

Agenda

- ❏ Information on Academic Courses
- ❏ Options for Elective Courses
- ❏ WEB
- ❏ Q

Information on Academic Courses - English

- There are two levels of English in 7th grade, honors and college prep.
- Students who earn A-‘s or above all three trimesters in any of the 6th grade English classes will automatically be placed in English 7 H.
- Students who do not meet these qualifications will need to complete a petition for review.
- If a student qualifies but does not want to be in honors, please send an email to your student’s counselor.



- There are two levels of English: honors and college prep.
- If a student is currently in English 7 H and earns B-‘s or above all trimesters, they will automatically be placed in English 8 H.
- If a student earns a C+ or below any of the trimesters, they will need to complete a petition form for review to continue in honors.
- If a student is in English 7 CP and would like to move to English 8 H, they will need to complete a petition form for review to move into honors

**Petitions are available in the Counseling Office

Information on Academic Courses - Social Studies

- There are two levels of Social Studies in 7th grade, honors and college prep.
- Students who earn A-‘s or above all three trimesters in any of the 6th grade Social Studies classes will automatically be placed in Social Studies 7 H.
- Students who do not meet these qualifications will need to complete a petition.
- English 7 and Social Studies 7 are not linked, so a student can be in one and not the other.
- Once students are in the honors level, they will automatically continue in honors each year as long as they earn B-‘s or above all trimesters.
- Social Studies 8 H and CP are offered
- If a student is currently in Social Studies 7 H and earns B-‘s or above all trimesters, they will automatically be placed in Social Studies 8 H.
- If a student earns a C+ or below any of the trimesters, they will need to complete a petition form for review to continue in honors.
- If a student is in Social Studies 7 CP and would like to move to Social Studies 8 H, they will need to complete a petition form for review to move into honors.

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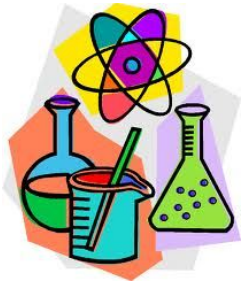
Information Academic Courses - Science

- The first honors Science class is in 8th grade.
- All students in 7th grade will take Life Science 7 CP.



- Physical Science 8 H and CP are offered.
- Students who earn A-‘s or above all trimesters in Life Science 7 CP automatically move into Physical Science 8 H.
- Students who do not automatically qualify will need to complete a petition form for review to move into honors.

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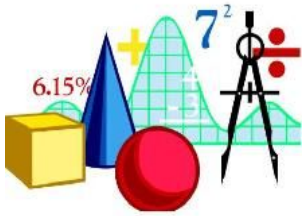
Information on Academic Courses - Mathematics

- If students are currently in Math 6 Accelerated and earn B-‘s or above all trimesters, they will continue automatically into Math 7 Accelerated.
- If students are currently in Math 7 Accelerated and earn B-‘s or above all trimesters, they will continue automatically into Algebra 1 H.
- If students are currently in Math 6 CP and earn A-‘s or above all trimesters, they will receive a letter about the summer Math Boost Camp opportunity. This typically takes place the first three weeks of summer to cover the first half of the Math 7 CP curriculum that was taught in Math 6 Accelerated. If students earn a passing score on the boost test, they can move into Math 7 Accelerated.
  - Students who do not meet criteria for math boost camp, can self-study and have the opportunity to take the exam. Please send an email to Mr. Niemczyk for self-study materials.

Information on Academic Courses - Mathematics

- There are four levels of math in 8th grade
  - Math 8CP
    - Students in Math 7 CP move to Math 8 CP.
  - Algebra 1 CP
    - Students in Math 7 Accelerated and earn C's.
    - Students in Math 7 CP who take the summer Math Boost Camp or self-study and earn a passing score on the boost exam.
  - Algebra 1 H
    - Students who earn B-'s or above all trimesters in Math 7 Accelerated.
  - Geometry H
    - Students who earn B-'s or above in Algebra 1 H taken in 7th grade
    - The 2019-2020 school year is the last year Geometry H will be offered on middle school campuses. After next year, students will need to take the Geometry H class at the high school and return to middle school for their remaining 8th grade classes. Parent transportation will need to be provided.
    - For future math planning, the math sequence is as follows: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Math Analysis,Calculus and/or Statistics.



Options for Elective Courses for 7th Graders

- Career Wheel
  - Three, rotational, trimester-long courses. Offerings may include art, computers, music (guitar), debate, introduction to Spanish,etc.
- Computer Animation & Game Design
- Principles of Computer Science
- Debate/Public Speaking
- Leadership (ASB)
- Yearbook (ASB)
- Drama
- Chorus
- Band and Strings

Options for Elective Courses for 8th Graders

- All elective classes offered in 7th grade are also offered in 8th grade
- Additional elective classes offered in 8th grade:
  - Spanish 1 CP
  - Advanced Art
  - Office/Library Aide/TA
  - Special Friends

WEB

- WEB stands for “Where Everybody Belongs”
- There is not a WEB elective class. There is a WEB CORE class.
- WEB leaders help throughout the school year in a lot of ways, but are primarily the students who provide a connection for and support incoming 6th grade students
- Students must complete an application.
- Students can participate in WEB in addition to any other activity
- There is a summer commitment to be at Cougar Camp on the Monday and Tuesday of the full week before school starts.

Q

- We want to remind you to take some time to log in to Q to see how your students are doing in their classes.
- **CLASS NEWS** gives the most current information about nightly assignments.
- In Q you will find their current grades in each class and their assignments and points for each.
- Your students also have access to Q, where they can keep up to date with their grades and assignments.
- If you do not know how to log in or use Q, you are welcome to come into the Counseling office for help or ask your students at home.

ParentConnection

Thank You for Coming

*Please feel free to send us an email with any additional questions.