Spring Branch Independent School District

PRE-AP/AP PARENT/STUDENT CONTRACT

This completed, signed contract must be submitted with your course selection form if you are choosing to enroll in Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) or Advanced Placement (AP) classes.

Student Name: _____ School: _____

Parent Name: _____ Grade Level: _____ School Year: _____

Please mark each Pre-AP/AP class in which you would like to be enrolled:

☐ English ☐ Math ☐ Science ☐ Social Studies ☐ Elective(s)_____

The purpose of the Pre-AP/AP entrance and exit guidelines is to provide information to parents and students and to facilitate students' success in academically challenging courses. While Pre-AP/AP courses are open to any student wishing to enroll, parents and students should consider the profile of students who typically experience success in Pre-AP/AP courses. **The decision to enroll in Pre-AP/AP courses ultimately rests with the parents and the students.** Pre-AP/AP classes in Spring Branch Independent School District stimulate and challenge students to perform at an advanced academic level. Therefore, Pre-AP/AP coursework requires students to engage in more independent analytical reading and writing assignments, both inside and outside the classroom.

Entrance Guidelines regarding Pre-AP/AP Courses

We encourage students who are interested in the Pre-AP/AP courses to enroll. The following guidelines provide a profile of a student who typically experiences success in Pre-AP and AP courses.

- Successful completion of prerequisite coursework
- Current or previous successful performance in related area/course
- 85th percentile or above on the most recent standardized achievement test or other district identified testing measure
- Teacher recommendation
- Careful consideration of demands of extracurricular activities, employment, community service, religious activities, and homework

Exit Information regarding Pre-AP/AP Courses

- The opportunities for a student to choose to exit a Pre-AP/AP class are limited to the 1st formal grading period (six weeks or nine weeks) of the course. Pre-AP and most AP courses are designed as full year courses. Students who enroll in these courses are required to complete both semesters of the course, unless they exit due to a grade of "D" or "F" (below 75) at the end of the first formal grading period or the end of the semester. Dropping a course with a grade of 75 or greater requires principal approval and will only be considered in extenuating circumstances. In cases where students are dropped for low grades or extenuating circumstances, replacement course options are limited to those where space is available and exclude off-campus and office aide.
- Each campus will establish guidelines for when and how students can request to drop Pre-AP/AP classes within the first formal grading period.
- Students should consider choosing to exit a Pre-AP/AP course if they are not maintaining at least a "C" average. This decision requires parent/guardian approval.
- If the student's grade in a Pre-AP/AP course falls below a 70 (failing) at the end of any formal grading period (six weeks or nine weeks), the student will be removed from the Pre-AP course unless otherwise recommended by the building principal. Reassignment from a Pre-AP/AP course to a Grade Level course will be recommended by campus personnel.
- For courses for which there are no Grade Level equivalents, students must have at least a "C" average to remain in the course at end of the 1st six weeks. The parent/guardian of a student with a "D" average who wishes the student to remain in the course must sign a statement documenting that they understand the student will not have the opportunity to exit the course until the end of the semester.

Spring Branch ISD takes pride in offering a strong curriculum in all courses. If a schedule change to a Grade Level class occurs, the student will continue to experience quality learning opportunities designed to effectively prepare him or her for high school and college curriculum.

I understand the entrance and exit guidelines pertaining to participation in Pre-AP/AP courses in SBISD.

Student's Signature	Parent's Signature	Date