

## Automatic Advancement Law Impacts at North Creek

9th Grade (current 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

The State of Washington recently passed a law that requires schools to automatically enroll students in the next most advanced course available to them at their grade level if they pass the English, Math or Science state assessments (the Smarter Balanced and WCAS exams). Families have the right to “opt out” of this automatic advancement. Specifically:

### **English:**

If you pass the English Smarter Balanced test, there is no impact at North Creek as all 9<sup>th</sup> graders are automatically in Pre-AP English 9 (with students designated as Highly Capable having the option to take Pre-AP English 10).

### **Math:**

If you pass the Math Smarter Balanced test, there is no impact at North Creek as all 9<sup>th</sup> graders are in math classes that lead to dual credit (high school credit and possible college credit) courses in the future.

### **Social Studies:**

If you pass the English Smarter Balanced test, automatic advancement means you would be registered for AP World History in either 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade when you decide to fulfill the World History requirement for graduation (both AP World History and regular World History fulfill this requirement).

Opting out means you would have the option to take regular World History instead of AP World History when you decide to fulfill the World History requirement for graduation (both AP World History and regular World History fulfill this requirement).

### **Science:**

If you pass the WCAS Science state assessment, there is no impact at North Creek as all 9<sup>th</sup> graders are in science classes that lead to dual credit (high school credit and possible college credit) courses in the future.

If you have questions, please see your counselor.