



2022-2023

ADVANCED ACADEMICS

Galveston ISD Grades 5th – 8th

PARTICIPATION

Advanced Academics includes courses, programs, assessments, services and supports that provide opportunities for students to demonstrate college and career readiness. Galveston ISD recognizes the value of student access to learning opportunities that strengthen college and career readiness. Students who participate in advanced academic coursework are on the pathway to building a foundation for future success. Advanced Academic courses challenge students beyond grade-level academic courses and prepare them for success in future advanced coursework. Gifted / Talented students are served by these courses as required under Texas Education Code §29.121.

Because of the district's commitment to the State of Texas Strategic Priority Number Three: *Connect High School to Career and College*, Galveston ISD encourages **all** students to experience **at least one advanced academic course** during middle school to have a full understanding of the rigor required to be *college ready*. Families who feel their child may benefit from the experience are encouraged to meet with the counselor to discuss the best-fit option for their child.

Minimum Requirements

- Average of 70 or higher in core academic classes in previous school year.
- Score of Approaches or higher on STAAR for Reading and Math.
- Student request for advanced academic course.
- Parent/Guardian agreement to expectations on file.

Advanced Academic Expectations

- Embrace increased curriculum depth and complexity.
- Accept more rigorous pace of instruction.
- Complete advanced homework/projects.
- Attend summer enrichment and/or complete summer readings and projects.
- Participate in advanced academic activities (ex. Science Fair).
- Maintain passing standards in advanced academic classes and on state exams.

Requirements and expectations will be reviewed annually to determine continuing participation. Parents/Guardians and their students choose to participate and may choose to withdraw; however, some curriculum is progressive, and withdrawal or failure to meet expectations may prevent immediate re-entry. Galveston ISD uses assessments and progress measures (see below) to assist in scheduling students appropriately.

The mission of Galveston Independent School District is to Educate, Engage, and Empower each student for a life of excellence.