

# 2025-26 6th Grade Academic Extension Options

Central Middle School



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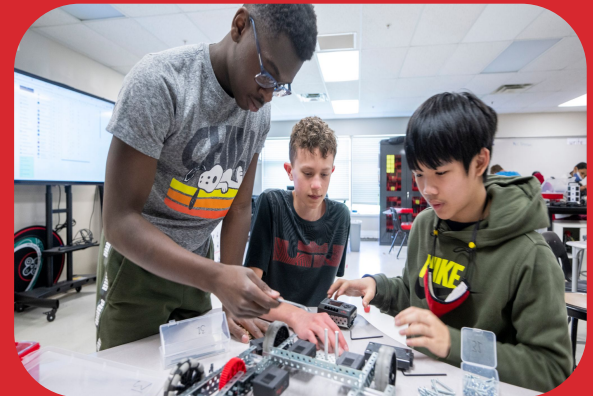
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# Agenda

1. Advanced Core Courses
2. KeyScholars Social Studies
3. Math Courses/Progressions
4. Spanish Courses
5. Next Steps



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## Advanced Core Classes

Advanced Courses are designed for students who exhibit talents in core subjects. Advanced courses are available to students who either participated in Mosaic or who meet entrance criteria.

Please indicate your interest in one or more of these courses during registration. To do this, you will select "Request Advanced xx." **Requesting an advanced course does not guarantee placement in the course.**

# Advanced Core Classes – 6th Grade

## Advanced Writing

The Advanced Writing class approaches the 6th grade standards with:

- greater depth
- an increased focus on sentence structure, punctuation use, and writing organization.
- a focus on students' voice and choice and creativity
- guided practice and conferencing

## Advanced Science

In the Advanced Science 6 course, students will :

- engage in experiences that prioritizes depth and complexity
- include deep conversations, extensions, projects, and presentations
- emphasize research and in-depth annotations of text enhance their scientific critical thinking and communication.



# Advanced Core Classes – 6th Grade

## Advanced Social Studies

In the Advanced Social Studies 6 course, students will:

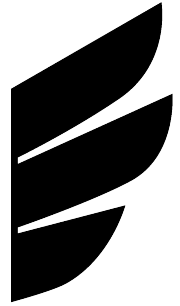
- engage in experiences that prioritizes depth and complexity
- include deep conversations, extensions projects, and presentations
- emphasize research and in-depth annotations of text
- enhance their historical critical thinking and communication skills.

## Advanced Reading

In the Advanced Reading 6 course, students will:

- reach common educational goals through personal exploration, development and research
- read inside and outside of the classroom
- develop strong vocabulary, understanding of the mechanics of genres and a comprehensive meaning of the written word





## Advanced Core Classes – 6th Grade

- Mosaic students are eligible for Advanced courses of their choice
- Not available in Spanish Language
- Entrance criteria varies by subject



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# Criteria for Advanced Reading/Writing at CMS

Reading/Writing/English	
95%ile on aReading AND Proficient on submitted writing sample	
95%ile on aReading with strong score on submitted writing sample	Proficient on submitted writing sample with strong score on aReading
Teacher rating scale on English with an “Exceeds” score on Reading MCA	





## Criteria for Advanced Social Studies at CMS

### Social Studies

95%ile on aReading AND Proficient on submitted writing sample

95%ile on aReading with strong score  
on submitted writing sample

Proficient on submitted writing  
sample with strong score on aReading

Teacher rating scale on Social Studies with an “Exceeds” score on Reading  
MCA



# Criteria for Advanced Science at CMS

Science	
95%ile on aReading AND aMath	
95%ile on aReading with strong score in aMath	95%ile on aMath with strong score in aReading
<p>-5th grade teacher rating scale on Science with an “Exceeds” score on Science MCA</p> <p>-6th and 7th grade teacher rating scale on Science with strong aReading and aMath scores</p>	



## Next Steps for Advanced Core Classes

- Mosaic students will be placed in the core courses requested
- Interested 5th graders in Eden Prairie Schools will complete a writing sample at the end of **February**
- Additional testing will occur in April and May (FastBridge and MCAs)



## Writing Samples:

In-district 5th graders who indicate interest in Advanced Reading/Writing and/or Social Studies will be completing a writing sample during the **week of Feb. 24th**.

- There will be 2 options for students to choose from for their writing sample, and they can handwrite or type their work. Students will have **45 minutes** to complete their sample.

Here is the Rubric that will be used for scoring students' writing samples.

Students will NOT be receiving feedback or scores on their work. Families will be informed of their students' course placement in **June**.



## Not a current Eden Prairie Student?

- Students who are **new to Eden Prairie Schools but enrolled by April 30th**, will complete a writing sample in May and take FastBridge tests in May, if needed.
- Students who **enroll after April 30th** will be placed in Core classes. After the FastBridge testing in the Fall, eligible students will complete a writing sample and/or take the math placement tests.

# KeyScholars Social Studies



# KeyScholars Social Studies 6

This course follows the same curriculum as Social Studies 6, and has been adapted for the unique needs of gifted learners. It includes numerous enrichment opportunities throughout the year.

Current KeyScholars 5th graders will be automatically registered for this course.

Any student who also meets the criteria for Advanced Social Studies 6 will be placed in the Advanced course instead.





# Math Course Options



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## Accelerated Math

There are two options for math in 6th grade.

- Students in Eden Prairie Schools are placed with **grade-level peers** for math.
- Some students do benefit from accelerating to the next grade level in math. These students are placed in a course one year ahead of the typical grade level progression (6th graders take 7th grade math, etc.)

**There is not an “advanced” math class at CMS.**



# Math for Incoming 6th Graders

Grade Level: **Math 6**

Accelerated Level: **Accelerated Honors PreAlgebra 6 -or- Telescope Math 6**

*For students who have completed 5th grade Mosaic math or meet eligibility.*

5th graders in Eden Prairie Schools will take district math assessments in April and May to determine appropriate course placement. More information will be shared later this spring.



# Criteria for Accelerated Math at CMS

## **Accelerated Honors PreAlgebra 6 and Telescope Math 6/Skipping a Year**

Passing score on Procedural Math Placement Test  
Passing score on Conceptual Math Placement Test  
98%ile on FastBridge aMath, consistently





## 6th Grade Telescope Math

Telescope Math 6 blends math concepts from Math 6 and PreAlgebra 7 into one year. Students who successfully complete this course are placed in Accelerated Honors Algebra in 7th grade.

- Eligible students who were **not** in Mosaic are generally placed in Telescope Math 6 since they have not had instruction in 6th grade content.

**The same placement process will determine eligibility for both Accelerated Honors PreAlgebra and Telescope Math.**



# Current Math Progressions

## Typical Progression

### Middle School:

- Math 6
- PreAlgebra 7
- Algebra 8 - OR - Enriched Algebra 8

### High School:

- Geometry - OR - Honors Geometry
- Algebra 2 - OR - Honors Algebra 2
- FST (Functions, Statistics, Trigonometry)
- Statistics- OR - AP Statistics\*
- PreCalculus - OR - Honors PreCalculus
- Calculus AB - OR - AP Calculus AB\*

\*College credit available

## Accelerated Progression

### Middle School:

- Accelerated Honors PreAlgebra 6  
-OR- Telescope Math 6
- Accelerated Honors Algebra 7
- Accelerated Honors Geometry 8

### High School:

- Honors Algebra 2
- Honors PreCalculus
- AP Calculus AB & BC\*
- AP Statistics\*
- Calculus 3\*
- AP Computer Science Principles & Java A&B\*

\*College credit available



# Next Steps for Accelerated Math Classes

- Students in Mosaic will be placed in Accelerated Honors PreAlgebra 6.
- **All other 5th grade students** in Eden Prairie Schools will take the Procedural Math Placement test **during the week of April 7th.**
- Students with qualifying FastBridge aMath scores AND a passing score on the Procedural Math Placement test will take the Conceptual Math Placement test **at the end of May.**

This placement process is the **only path** for students to be placed in Accelerated/Telescope Math.



## Not a current Eden Prairie Student?

- Students who are **new to Eden Prairie Schools and are enrolled by April 30th** will take the Math Placement tests on Monday, May 19th. If any additional achievement testing is necessary, it will take place in May.
- Students who **enroll after April 30th** will be placed in Core classes. After FastBridge testing in the Fall, eligible students can take the math placement test.

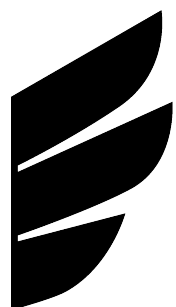


# Spanish Courses at CMS



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# Spanish Immersion/Advanced Course Placement

## Spanish Course Progression:



5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Eagle Heights Spanish Immersion	Advanced Spanish Immersion 1	Advanced Spanish Immersion 2A	Advanced Spanish Immersion 2B
Other elementary school	World Languages and Cultures 6	Spanish 1A	Spanish 1B

To move into a more advanced Spanish course, students can request the higher-level course during registration. They will then be tested for that placement in the spring.



# CMS Courses Taught in Spanish

6th grade:

- Spanish Math 6
- Spanish Reading 6
- Spanish Social Studies 6
- Spanish Science 6

\*Recommend that Spanish Immersion students take as many courses taught in Spanish as possible.

7th grade:

- Enriched Spanish Social Studies 7

8th grade:

- Enriched Spanish Social Studies 8

# Final Notes



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# Advanced/Honors Course Requirements

Once a student is placed in an Advanced or Honors course, it is expected that they maintain a course grade **of at least a B** AND a Summative Assessment average **of at least a C+.**

Students who do not meet these requirements can be moved out of the Advanced/Honors course, or may need to retake the Accelerated math course.



## For your information:

Please indicate your interest in Advanced or Accelerated courses during registration. To do this, you will select “Request Advanced xx.” **Requesting an advanced course does not guarantee placement in the course.**

Caregivers will receive notification of their student’s placement in Advanced or Accelerated courses in **June**.

**Students have one opportunity to take the assessments.**

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# Questions?

**Thank you!**

**Please reach out with  
any questions.**

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