



Eden Prairie Central Middle School Academic Talent Development Classes FAQ



Eden Prairie Central Middle School (CMS) offers students many ways to meet their academic needs. There are Accelerated Math and Advanced or Enriched core course offerings to provide appropriate rigor for students to extend and appropriately challenge their learning.

What are Advanced courses?

Advanced courses are offered for students in grades 6-8 who meet the criteria for placement in science, social studies, and English. These courses provide instruction based on grade-level standards with more depth and rigor, including advanced discussions and research projects that require more abstract and interdisciplinary thinking. Advanced courses are available to students who either participated in Mosaic or who meet entrance criteria.

What are Enriched courses?

Enriched courses are offered for students in grades 7-8 and deliver grade-level standards with rigorous coursework and high-level discussions, with an emphasis on independent learning. Students may self-select these courses. If your student has a strong MCA score, strong verbal and written ability, or a strong passion for a content area, Enriched courses may be a great match for them.

What are Accelerated Math courses?

There are two options for math. Students in Eden Prairie Schools are placed in classes with grade-level peers for math. Some students do benefit from accelerating to the next grade level in math. This means students are placed in a course one year ahead of the typical grade level progression (6th graders take 7th grade math, etc.). 5th and 6th graders attending Eden Prairie Schools take district math assessments in May to determine appropriate course placement.

Does Advanced or Enriched mean more homework?

Advanced and Enriched courses are generally more rigorous. Our teachers are committed to the success of their students and are mindful of keeping school work manageable in advanced and enriched courses. Students will succeed when they are invested in their learning and want to take these courses. The exact amount of homework may vary depending on the specific course.

What can I do as a parent/guardian?

As a parent/guardian, you can support your child by discussing the benefits and challenges of taking Advanced, Enriched and/or Accelerated Math courses, helping them manage their time effectively, and encouraging them to seek help when needed. It's essential to maintain open communication with your child and their teachers to stay informed about their progress. Additionally, you can explore available resources and support services provided by the school to assist your child in succeeding in these courses.

For more information, contact Leslie Eggan, CMS Talent Development Programming Specialist (leslie_egganr@edenpr.org; 952-975-7342).

Criteria for Advanced and Accelerated Courses at CMS

Advanced Reading/Writing/English	
95%tile on aReading AND Proficient on submitted writing sample	
95%tile 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 on Reading MCA	

Advanced Social Studies	
95%tile on aReading AND Proficient on submitted writing sample	
95%tile 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 on Reading MCA	

Advanced Science	
95%tile on aReading AND aMath	
95%tile on aReading with strong score in aMath	95%tile on aMath with Strong score in aReading
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5th grade teacher rating scale on Science with an Exceeds on Science MCA ● 6th and 7th grade teacher rating scale on Science with strong aReading and aMath scores 	

Accelerated Math	
Passing score on Procedural Math Placement Test Passing score on Conceptual Math Placement Test 98%ile on aMath	
Take an approved EP Online course (at your expense) Financial support available, if needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must be requested by June 6 and completed by August 15 ● Acceptance under certain guidelines ● Available for Math 6 and PreAlgebra 7 	