

**\*\*YOU MUST SIGN THIS FORM IF YOUR CHILD IS REQUESTING A HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL COURSE\*\***

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Your child has requested to take a High School level course for the 2024-2025 school year. We would like to take this opportunity to describe what high school level courses entail.

Many students are very excited to begin taking a high school level course while still in middle school, but we want to ensure both you and your student are aware of the commitment involved. The high school level courses are academic classes in the same sense that Math, Language Arts, Social Studies and Science are academic classes. These high school level courses may have homework, quizzes, tests, and projects.

In high school, students receive one credit for each class each semester they receive a passing grade. For example, if your student takes Spanish in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, he/she will potentially receive two high school credits. Students in high school level courses have up until the end of the first quarter each semester to drop a class without the information being recorded on the transcript.

The high school will take the grades earned in these courses and include both the letter grade for each semester as well as the GPA (Grade Point Average) on your student's high school transcript. The high school transcript is a record of every course your student takes in high school, the letter grade received for each class, and the resulting GPA. When your student is applying to college, the application will require that you include a copy of the transcript.

Since a high school level course is not a requirement for middle school and since the grade will be recorded on your student's transcript, we would like to make sure that a high school level course is a good fit for your student right now. Historically, we have found that students receive grades in high school level courses that are similar to the grades received in the core academic classes. If your student is not currently averaging A's or B's in the core academic classes, you may want to consider having your student wait until high school to take a high school level course.

The high school level courses offer a wonderful opportunity for students to become more competitive for today's global economy. You as the parent have the ultimate decision as to whether your student is ready for this step in your child's educational career.

If you would still like your child to enroll in a high school level course for the 2024-2025 school year, please sign below.

I understand that the grades my child will receive in the high school level courses at Wilbur Wright Middle School will become a part of my student's high school transcript and high school GPA. I understand if I want my child to drop the course, I have until the end of Quarter 1 for Semester 1 or until the end of Quarter 3 for Semester 2 to contact my child's school counselor if I do not want the grade/GPA recorded on my child's transcript. I believe that my child is prepared to successfully handle the coursework for a high school credit course at this time.

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Student's Name

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Parent Signature

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Date

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