

Indicators of Student Success in Advanced Courses

All Pearland ISD students who wish to accept the academic challenge of an advanced class are welcome to participate in the Advanced Program. Prior to making a commitment to course selections, students and parents should be aware of the expectations and rigorous coursework for these classes so they can make informed decisions.

Advanced curriculum is above grade level. Students should be independent learners as instruction is fast paced, in-depth, complex, and abstract. Students should understand that much of the work is done outside of class.

Directions to Parents: Review the indicators of student success listed below and select the descriptor which most clearly represents your child’s typical degree of behavior and attitude. This tool may provide additional guidance to determine if your child has the potential to be successful in an advanced course.

Indicators of Student Success		Seldom	Some of the Time	Most of the Time	Almost All of the Time
1.	Enthusiastic about learning; excited by new ideas; interested in new topics				
2.	Willing to take intellectual risks; shows strong initiative				
3.	An active participant in discussions with peers; contributes thoughtfully				
4.	Dependable; willing and able to produce what is promised or required on time				
5.	Willing to work hard and focus on important tasks with a sustained effort				
6.	Willing to admit error when appropriate; willing to accept and respond positively to constructive criticism				
7.	Willing to take necessary steps to succeed in a class (tutorials, study groups, etc.)				
8.	Personal commitment to learning				

A successful student in an advanced class would fall into the *Most of the Time* or *Almost All of the Time* category for most of the indicators.