

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH ACHIEVING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

7th Grade: English Language Arts | Science| Social Studies

Science

28 or higher on ELA AND Math rubrics

Strong ability to effectively participate in respectful, responsible, high-level discussion.

Ability to effectively work in small groups and independently in lab setting

Social Studies

28 or higher on ELA rubric

High Ability to independently analyze primary source documents

Ability to investigate historical events from multiple viewpoints

English Language Arts

28 or higher on 7 tiered rubric

Ability to speak confidently in front of the class.

Ability to independently analyze reading selections, short stories, and novels.

Ability to independently construct and analyze writing pieces.



General Honors Description

Our honors classes will offer students challenging curriculum that allows for academic growth by providing high achieving students with rigor and critical thinking activities. Students who are choosing to enroll in honors courses should meet the recommended pre-requisites as well as have an understanding that these course will include additional readings, activities, projects, and other assessments that require significant work outside the classroom.



Course Descriptions

Social Studies

Grade 7 Honors Social Studies is designed for those students who show strong potential and enjoy history. We will be covering Ancient Civilizations through European Exploration. In the honors class we will emphasize using primary sources to evaluate historical events. We will participate in debates, trials, and project based learning experiences that allow honors students to go in depth into the historical analysis process. This course relies heavily on outside reading, research, and work. Students who choose to take honors will be given summer work. They will be expected to take a test that covers the summer work on the second day of school.

English Language Arts

Honors ELA is a rigorous and challenging academic course. Our goal is to take our students' potential and offer advanced skills that will enable them to perform at advanced levels in both reading and writing. All students are working toward the same goal: the ability to communicate and collaborate effectively, think critically, and develop their creativity—all vital skills needed in today's world. A big part of this is reading, which encompasses analysis and comprehension of informational texts, as well as literary response to different genres. Students are expected to use standard written and oral English language conventions. Throughout the year, students will participate in both formal and informal group activities and projects that involve collaboration, listening, and speaking. This course will require the students to put in extra hours outside of class.

Science

Seventh grade honors science will be ideal for self-motivated students with an enthusiasm for science. Fields of discussion will include weather and the living sciences. Emphasis will be placed on discussion and lab setting. Students will be working extensively both independently and in groups. Projects, labs, and assessments will comprise the bulk of the scores.

Summer work will be required and will be submitted on or before the first day of the school year. This will comprise 10% of the grade for the first quarter. An assessment related to the summer work will be required during the first week of the school year.