

Course Selection Worksheet

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ENGLISH

7th Grade: English College Prep

In this class, students will increase their vocabulary and apply its usage to their writing. Students will learn to recognize and write different types of paragraphs. Students will improve sentence structure in their writing and will learn basics of analytical writing, focusing on topic sentences, thesis statement, and evidence choice.

7th Grade: Honors English

Prerequisite: Teacher Recommendation and Enrollment in 7th Grade Honors Literature

This course is designed to prepare the students for English 8 Honors. The content of this class is the same as English 7; however, more emphasis is placed on composition and deep analysis of literary work under study. In addition, more emphasis is placed on the acquisition of writing skills through exercises and written assignments. Composition will include the writing of in-class timed paragraphs with a strong topic sentence and the selection and inclusion of supporting evidence. Students are introduced to AP style assessments.

7th Grade: Literature College Prep

In this class, students will learn to read, understand, and appreciate a selection of short stories, poetry, oral tradition, and prose. While students will focus on aspects such as literary analysis, including figurative language, sound devices, and characterization, they will also work on their writing skills through composing their own poetry, myths, and short stories.

7th Grade: Honors Literature

Prerequisite: Teacher Recommendation and Enrollment in 7th Grade Pre-AP English

This course is designed to prepare the students for 8th grade Literature Honors. The content of this class is the same as College Prep Literature 7; however, more emphasis is placed on composition and deep analysis of literary works under study.

MATH

7th Grade: Math College Prep

Seventh grade math is designed to enhance a student's proficiency with mathematical skills by building on important concepts that have previously been taught and introducing new skills that will prepare them for success in future math courses. This class will promote problem solving, reasoning, making connections, designing and analyzing representations in addition to reinforcing concepts that are instrumental in ensuring a solid math background. The course content follows the standards set forth by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dallas.

7th Grade Math Honors

Prerequisite: "A" average in 6th grade math and department approval.

This course is designed to prepare students for advanced study of math at the high school level, including Honors and AP courses. This course covers all the concepts of Mathematics 7, but at an advanced rate. During the first semester, students will master mathematical operation-based concepts such as integers, decimals, fractions, rates and ratios, and problem solving requiring advanced critical thinking skills. The second semester will include an introduction to Pre-Algebra concepts. The students will use Pre-Algebra in working with problem-solving, geometry, number theory, linear equations and rational numbers.

SCIENCE

7th Grade: Life Science College Prep

This discovery-based course emphasizes an understanding of change, cycle patterns, microscopic organisms, plants, animals, and ecology. Cellular organization and the classification of living things are also studied, and learning through investigation is the main focus of this course.

7th Grade: Life Science Honors

Honors Life Science is a rigorous laboratory course, which emphasizes a complex understanding of change, cycles, patterns, and relationships in the living world. Students build on basic principles related to these concepts by exploring cellular organization and the classification of organisms; the dynamic relationships among organisms, populations, communities, and ecosystems; and change as a result of the transmission of genetic information from generation to generation.

Data analysis and experimentation are emphasized. The difference between the regular and advanced course lies in more advanced content, complex tasks, and in-depth independent investigations. Students are challenged to think like scientists and expand their abilities through the independent application of scientific concepts.

SOCIAL STUDIES

7th Grade: Texas History and Geography College Prep

In Texas History and Geography, students will learn the significance of prominent individuals, movements, cultures, and events throughout the history of Texas and how each one molded and shaped Texas into what it is today. We will study the geographic, economic, political, and social developments throughout the history of Texas. Each student will learn to think critically and evaluate information through hands-on application and in-class learning activities. Students will also learn skills such as note-taking, map reading, researching, document reading, and essay writing.

7th Grade: Texas History and Geography Honors

In Texas History Honors, students will learn much the same material as in the College Prep Texas History class, including the significance of prominent individuals, movements, cultures and events throughout the history of Texas and how each one molded and shaped Texas into what it is today. Geography, economics, and politics will also be stressed. In the Honors class, more attention will be paid to primary source material, critical thinking, and communication and writing. Students will be expected to read more critically, and to be able to utilize formal thinking to create unique interpretations of Texas history.

RELIGION

7th Grade: Jesus the Way, the Truth, and the Life – Jesus Christ

The seventh-grade Religion program is devoted to the study of God’s saving love as it is revealed through his Son, Jesus. Students will explore Jesus through the study of the New Testament, focusing on the Gospels. Students will learn about Jesus and his message by studying Jesus’ life, his preaching, the parables, and miracles stories. Students will also be encouraged to appreciate the sacraments as ways in which they can respond to the call to follow Jesus and to live by His teachings through worship, witness, and service.