

8th Grade

Schedule Presentation

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Honors in Depth

*English and Social Science Honors:

***All students must petition**

*Physical Science Honors in 8th grade: automatic placement for students receiving A's semester 1 and Quarter 3 in 7th grade Science

Student needs to be in Alg 1 CP, Alg 1 H, or Geo H

***All others must petition**

Petitions are not a guarantee into the class



What Elective Classes are Offered?

8th Grade

Section 2 : Electives

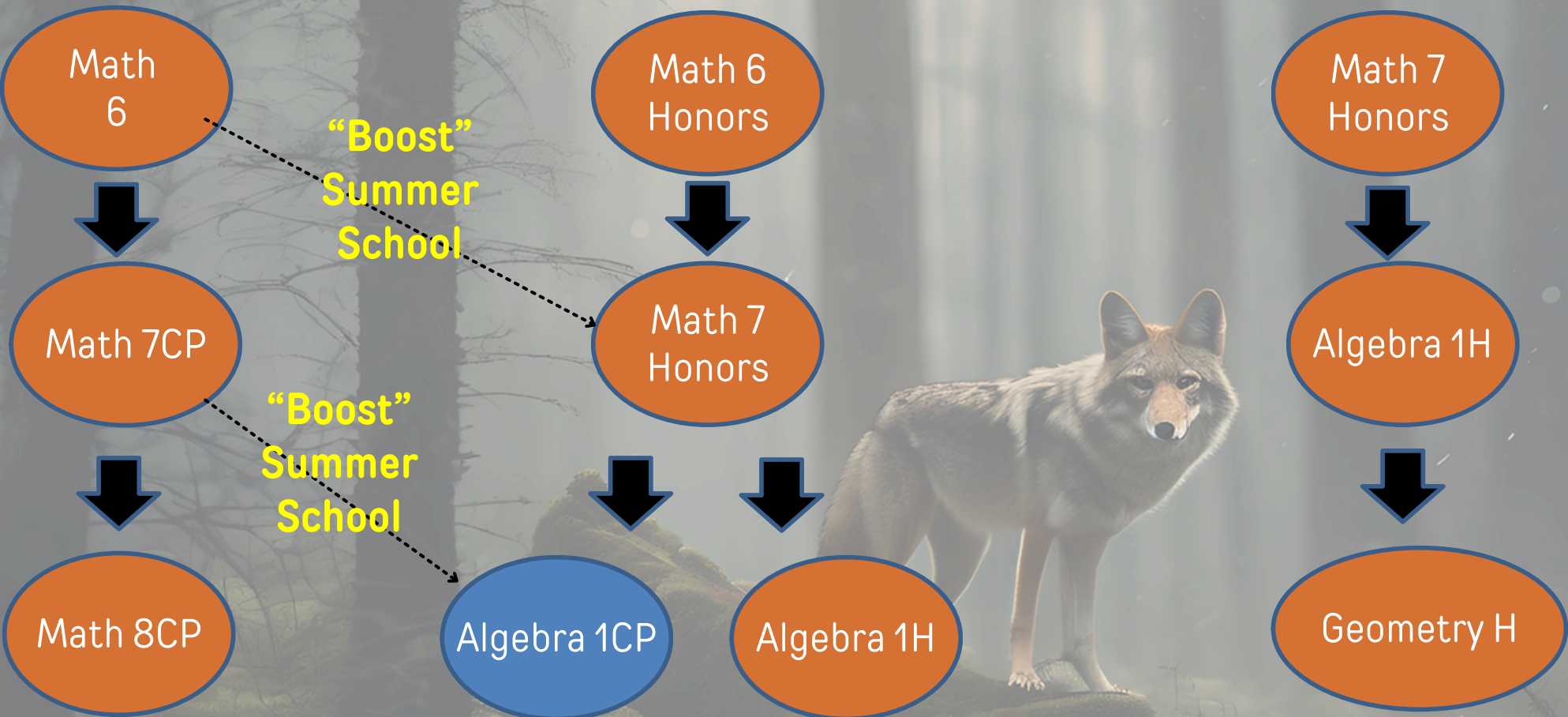
All 8th grade students will be required to take the following year-long subjects: **English, Social Science, Math, Science and Physical Education**. In addition to the required subjects, each student will receive an elective.

*Using a 1, 2, and 3 please choose which electives you prefer and in the order you hope to have them.
No guarantees are made.*

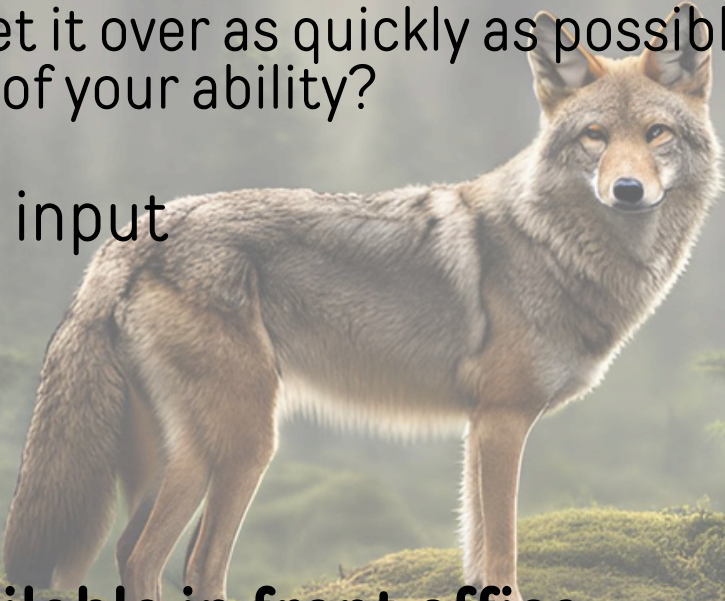
Full Year Electives: *(students are committing to this class for the entire year)*

- ASB** Student leadership, school wide activity planning (requires application)
- Spanish 1 CP** *Rigorous* course earning high school credit. Required: No grade lower than B in all 7th grade classes.
- TA/Cross Age Tutor** Must not have any D's/F's/N's or U's. Students must complete a "TA/CAT Request" form.
- Peer Tutor** Students provide academic support in middle school classroom and/or with certain elementary students
- Beginning Band** No experience necessary.
- Advanced Band** Instrument played _____ # of years _____ (Requires teacher approval)
- Strings** Instrument played: Violin _____ Viola _____ Cello _____ Bass _____ # of years _____ (Requires teacher approval)
- Chorus** No experience necessary.
- Voice-Over/Podcasting** (semester 1) and **Improv/Drama** (semester 2).
- Art**
- Intro to Public Speaking** (sem 1) **Intro to Spanish** (sem 2) *this class does not earn high school credit*

NEW Math Pathways



Should I Take Honors?

- Students who earn grades of “A” in CP level classes may earn B/C grades in Honors classes.
 - **Things To Consider:**
 - How do you study for tests/quizzes?
 - How much time do you spend on HW daily?
 - What are your activities outside of school?
 - Is homework done to get it over as quickly as possible or do you complete it to the best of your ability?
 - Talk to your teacher for input
 - **Academic petitions available in front office**
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- A photograph of a wolf standing on a mossy rock in a forest. The wolf is looking towards the camera. The background is a misty forest with tall trees and green moss on the ground.

A Period Option



- 7th/8th Grade:

- A period:

- PE

- Must be enrolled in TWO academic electives
- TA/CAT does not count

Instrumental/Choral Music



1. Beginning/Intermediate Band
2. Advanced Band (7th/8th Only)
3. Strings
4. Chorus



TA/Cross Age Tutor Request

- 7th/8th grade students **ONLY**
- Request forms available now in **front office**

Sycamore Canyon Middle School TA/CAT Request Form and Student Contract

TA (middle school classes, either library or front office), and Cross Age Tutoring, (CAT, elementary school), positions at Sycamore Canyon have several requirements and are not guaranteed. If all criteria are met and a student/teacher match is agreed upon counseling will do our best to accommodate placement in your schedule. Please review the following then complete and return the bottom portion of this form to the front office.

Criteria:

- TA/CAT positions are available to 7th and 8th graders only. TA's must have **no N's or U's** on their last report card.
- TA's/CAT's may not have A period PE.
- TA/CAT is not to be used for homework unless all work for a teacher is complete.
- Leaving/changing TA positions will only be considered at trimester breaks, unless a position is not working for a staff member then changes may occur as needed.
- Cross Age Tutors work in the elementary school for teachers or the elementary library. This may include direct work with students or tasks as directed by teachers.
- TA's and CAT's are required to be in the assigned classroom the *entire period*. Students working on the elementary side of campus may leave **3 minutes** prior to the bell to accommodate walking to the other side of campus. Leaving earlier than this will be considered truant.

I agree to (please initial after each statement):

1. Assist the teacher with correcting, filing, bulletin boards, errands, material management and/or **instructional activities** as requested. _____
2. I will **sign in and out and remain in my assigned classroom** unless sent on a designated instructional errand. If I am found wandering around I will get one warning and then may be assigned a grade of F for my TA class. _____
3. Any act of **dishonesty or cheating** while performing duties as a TA will result in the student being immediately dropped _____