

Pre-Advanced Placement Commitment Letter 7-8

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Grade entering _____

Pre-AP courses provide students the rigor and depth of instruction for success in Advanced Placement courses and college. The benefits of enrollment in Pre-AP/ AP classes are many, including the following:

- *Development of strong study skills
- *An understanding of the college regimen
- *The potential of earning college credits while in high school

Success in Pre-AP classes requires commitment and effort from students. While students may not have all of these skills, it is important that students and parents recognize that success in a Pre-AP course will require the following:

- * Active participation in class
 - * Involvement in class discussions
 - * Note-taking
 - * A willingness to ask questions
 - * Good attendance
 - * Reading outside of class including a Summer Reading assignment prior to Pre-AP English 8
 - * Having supplies and textbooks in class
 - * Timely completion of all assignments
 - * Prompt attention to make-up work
 - * Willingness to attend tutorials
 - * Prioritizing homework and study time
- Pre-AP Math in grade 7 is accelerated in pace and covers 60% of 7th grade and 70% of 8th grade state-mandated curriculum
 - Pre-AP Algebra I in grade 8 is accelerated in pace. It covers 30% of the 8th grade curriculum, and 100% of the high school state-mandated curriculum. Students who take this course should be aware that the scores earned in 8th grade will figure into their high school cumulative grade point average. It is the expectation that students who take Pre-AP Algebra I in 8th grade are planning to take four years of math in high school including AP Calculus.
 - All other Pre-AP courses cover the state mandated curriculum for the grade level but with greater depth and complexity.

Parental support and encouragement are an integral component to success in a Pre-AP/ AP course. It is often a parent's support that provides the necessary motivation for success. Students considering enrollment in a Pre-AP/ AP course should use the following criteria:

- * Does your student have a high interest in this course?
- * As a parent, will you have time to support the rigorous work?
- * Have you considered discussing this course with your student's current teacher?
- * Is this an area of study where your child has found success?

If the enrollment in a Pre-AP class is not in the student's best interest, students may withdraw from the class and return to the regular level course equivalent. **Students are expected to remain in the course for at least six weeks.** A withdrawal form, including student, parent and teacher signatures, is required. Students must also have the principal's approval to withdraw from a Pre-AP course.

I have read the expectations of enrollment in Pre-AP classes and wish to register for the classes circled here: English/Language Arts Math Science Social Studies

Student signature _____ Parent signature _____