

May 30, 2014

Dear 7th and 8th grade Parents:

The Camas School District offers a Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) program for Language Arts and Social Studies (LA/SS) and Advanced Math for 7th and 8th grade students. Both programs reflect high academic expectations and are available for seventh and eighth grade students. If you are the parent of an incoming sixth grade student, please see the separate program description and application form.

Pre-AP LA/SS Placement

Students who are interested in a rigorous language arts/social studies experience, may enroll in the Pre-AP program if they meet the following criteria:

- Successful performance in both the most current Measures of Student Performance (MSP) Reading test and the district's AIMSweb benchmark test as well as a "C" or better in their current Language Arts and Social Studies classes.
- An understanding that a significant summer project is an expectation for 8th grade students
- A commitment to a full year in the Pre-AP program

To apply for Pre-AP, parents need to simply sign the attached form and mark the checkbox for Pre-AP. Signing the form indicates an understanding of the selection criteria and rigor, and acknowledgment that once enrolled, students agree to a commitment of a full year in the program. Middle school staff will screen applicants to ensure students have met the testing criteria.

Advanced Math Placement

Advanced Math students are expected to master content at an accelerated rate, with 1.5 years of math curricula covered in one year. Ultimately, the goal is to prepare students for placement in high school Algebra in 8th grade. Placement in Advanced Math is determined by a combination of performance data including Measures of Student Performance (MSP), AIMSweb benchmark tests, math grades, and an end-of-course exam (the end-of-course exam will be administered to students during the regular school day). To apply for Advanced Math, please sign the attached form and mark the checkbox for Advanced Math.

This parent-student form must be completed and turned in to your middle school office by May 16, 2014, for your student to be considered in the placement process. Notice of student placement will be mailed to families by the end of June.

Please note: Current 6th and 7th grade students who are enrolled in Pre-AP and Advanced Math classes do not need to submit a new application. They will be automatically enrolled as long as they have earned a "C" or better. If you have specific questions about these classes or the process, please contact us!

Sincerely,

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