

Incoming  
**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
*Registration Information*



*Clark Middle School*

**2017 - 2018**



# Clark Counselors

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# Required Classes

- ❖ All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to take the following classes:
  1. Texas History
  2. ILA 7 **or** Pre-AP ILA 7 \*
  3. Science **or** Pre-AP Science 7 \*
  4. Math 7 **or** Pre-AP Math 7 \*
  
- ❖ All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to take the following classes:
  1. U.S. History
  2. ILA **or** Pre-AP ILA 8 \*
  3. Science 8 **or** Pre-AP Science 8 \*
  4. Math choices:
    - Math 8
    - PAP Math 8
    - or PAP Algebra 1\*

**\*Please review Pre-AP Entrance Recommendations & Class Expectations on the back of the registration card before enrolling in a PAP class. GT ILA – currently identified students will need to add on schedule card. Required summer reading for Pre-AP and GT ILA**

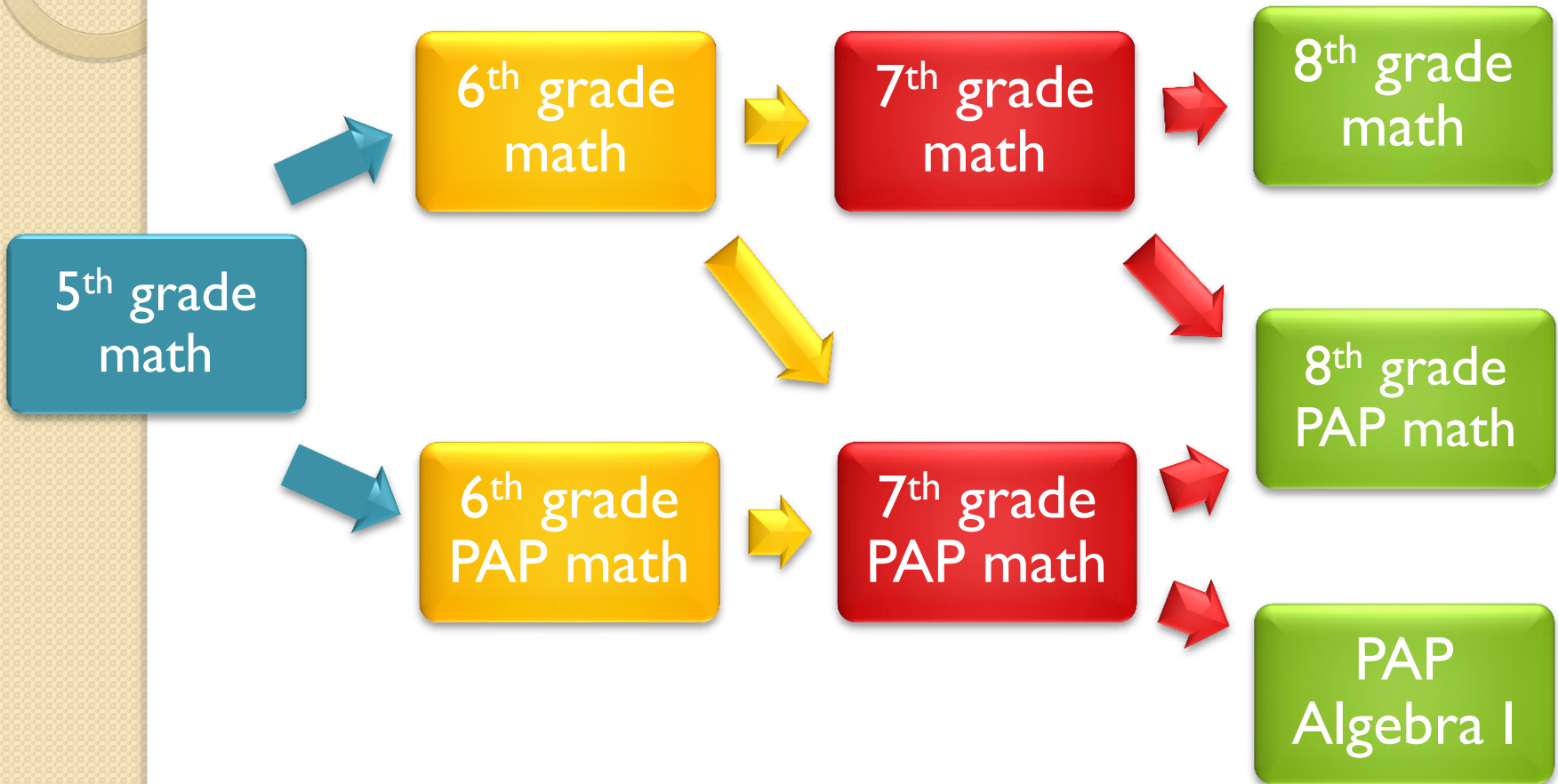
# Required 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Courses:

**Each 7<sup>th</sup> grader is required to have 2 years of physical education so they must choose one of the following for their 7<sup>th</sup> grade year.**

## Physical Education Courses

- **Boys Athletics** (Football and/or Basketball)
  - **Girls Athletics** (Volleyball and/or Basketball)
  - **Strength and Conditioning**
  - **PE**
  - **Tennis** (Beginning or Advanced pending coach's approval)
- \*\*If you are only participating in Soccer or Cross Country/Track, you will need to sign up for PE, Strength and Conditioning, or Tennis not Athletics.**

# Middle School Math Courses



# Math On Level vs. PreAP

| On Level                                                                                               | PreAP                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On Level TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- TEKS taught with<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Increased Rigor</li><li>- More Depth</li></ul></li><li>- Accelerated pace to allow for in-depth Problem Solving Component</li></ul> |

# Route to Pre-AP Algebra I

- Pre-AP Middle School Math students will have the opportunity to accelerate by one year and receive HS math credit for Pre-AP Alg. I while in 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Pre-AP Math 7 – all Grade 7 Math TEKS and approximately half of Grade 8 Math TEKS
  - Pre-AP Algebra I – remaining Grade 8 Math TEKS and all Algebra I TEKS

# Algebra Readiness

- Regardless of intelligence, Pre-AP Algebra I is not an appropriate placement for all middle school students
  - Developmental Readiness – Algebraic thinking is VERY abstract. Children do not usually develop that ability until about age 14 on average.
    - IAAT (spring of 7<sup>th</sup> grade)
    - Teacher input
  - Maturity – Grade will count for HS GPA



# PAP Algebra I

- HS Credit and counts toward HS GPA
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade PAP Algebra I students should plan on taking a total of 5 years of math prior to HS graduation (5<sup>th</sup> year can either be AP Calculus or AP Statistics)

# 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

## On Level Science vs Pre-Advanced Science

- **Pre-AP Science is designed to prepare students for the rigors of Pre-AP and AP science courses in high school.**
- **The same topics are taught in Pre-AP science as in on level science**
  - Pre-AP goes into more depth with each topic
- **Pre-AP students will be required to submit a science fair project**  
*(Both 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade)*
  - the majority of the project will be completed at home.

## Pre-AP Science Fair Project Requirements:

- Maintain detailed logbook
- Propose multiple investigation topics.
- Research and write a paper.
- Write and develop a procedure to test hypothesis.
- Conduct experiment and record findings.
- Prepare conclusions for presentation.
- Explain experiment.
- Participate in Campus Science Fair

# Middle School ILA (Integrated Language Arts)

## ILA:

Students will improve their skills in oral and written communication in four basic areas: grammar, spelling, writing and literature. The writing process is stressed throughout the year. Critical thinking skills are developed as an integral part of all language arts activities.

## PAP ILA:

→ **The students' are expected to read outside of class (all novels, essay, etc).**

The middle school level Pre-AP Integrated Language Arts classes are designed to support and prepare students for high school AP English courses and the AP English Literature and Composition exams.

Please check with your student's *current* English and Reading teacher if you have concerns regarding PAP or on level choices.

# Middle School Social Studies

## **Texas History**, 7<sup>th</sup> grade requirement

- Students will study the history of Texas from early times to the present.

## **US History**, 8<sup>th</sup> grade requirement

- Students will study the history of the United States from early colonial period through Reconstruction.

## **Future opportunities:**

- AP Human Geography (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
- AP World History (10 grade)
- AP US History (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
- AP/Dual Credit Government & Economics (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

# Middle School Spanish

## **Introduction Spanish**

- An introduction to Spanish course that begins with the development of the basic language skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking. Students may take this course prior to taking High School Spanish 1.
- Enrollment is open to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

## **Spanish I (High School Credit):**

- Enrollment is open to 8<sup>th</sup> grade;
- High School credited course;
- High School credits and grade points are awarded by semester;
- Students should expect high standards, rigor and an additional time requirement.
- This course is designed to provide a solid foundation for success in Spanish II.

# Recommended Criteria for: Pre-AP Classes and Spanish I Credit



**90% on the previous year's State Assessment test.**



**Cumulative average of 90 or higher in the current class.**



**Students who are task-oriented, self-starters, highly organized, and experience little to no difficulty meeting requirements of regular courses.**

- **Students who meet the criteria above are encouraged to register for Pre-AP classes.**
- **Please check with your student's current teacher if you have concerns regarding PAP or on level choices.**

# Electives – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

**ELECTIVE COURSES (2):** *All electives are full year choices.*

Select an elective course as your 1st Choice, 2nd Choice and 3rd Alternative.

**Rank your first 4 choices from the following: (Your schedule will reflect 2 elective courses.)**

\_\_\_\_ Exploratory Spanish

\_\_\_\_ Art I

\_\_\_\_ Art II (**Prerequisite Art 1**)

\_\_\_\_ Theater Arts I

\_\_\_\_ Theater Arts II (**Prerequisite Th. Arts 6 /Th.1**)

\_\_\_\_ Technical Theater

\_\_\_\_ Yearbook (By application approval only)

\_\_\_\_ Skills for Independent Living

\_\_\_\_ Multimedia I/Video Production I

\_\_\_\_ Robotics

\_\_\_\_ Digital Graphics and Animation

\_\_\_\_ Band

\_\_\_\_ Orchestra

\_\_\_\_ Choir

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION (Select 1):**

\_\_\_\_ Boys Athletics (Football & Basketball)

\_\_\_\_ Girls Athletics (Volleyball & Basketball)

\_\_\_\_ Strength & Conditioning

\_\_\_\_ PE

\_\_\_\_ Tennis

**\*\*If you are only participating in Soccer or Cross Country/Track, you will need to sign up for PE or Tennis rather than Athletics.**

# Electives – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**ELECTIVE COURSES (3):** Select an elective course as your 1st Choice, 2nd Choice, 3rd Choice, and a 4th Alternative.

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|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art I                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Graphics and Animation                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art II                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Multimedia I/Video Production I                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art III                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Multimedia II/Video Production II                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theater Arts I                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Robotics                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theater Arts II                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Broadcast <i>*Application Required</i>                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre Arts III                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook <i>*Application Required</i>                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Skills for Independent Living                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Band                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Skills for Independent Living II                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra (Beg. Int. Adv.)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Aide (office) <i>*Application Required</i>     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Health*</b> /Teen Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Technical Theater</b> <i>*Prerequisite Required</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Spanish 1 *</b>              |                                                                                 |

**\*High School credited electives**

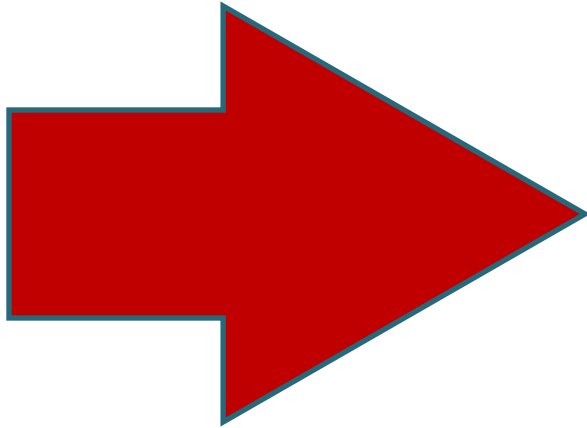
*\*If selected for a class requiring an application, which elective will you drop? \_\_\_\_\_*

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** All middle school students must complete 4 semesters of physical education before entering high school. If you have already fulfilled this requirement, but still would like to take a Physical Education class, it will count as an ELECTIVE. Soccer /Cross Country are before/after school and do not appear on your schedule.

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Athletics (Football & Basketball)    | <input type="checkbox"/> PE     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Athletics (Volleyball & Basketball) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strength & Conditioning                   |                                 |



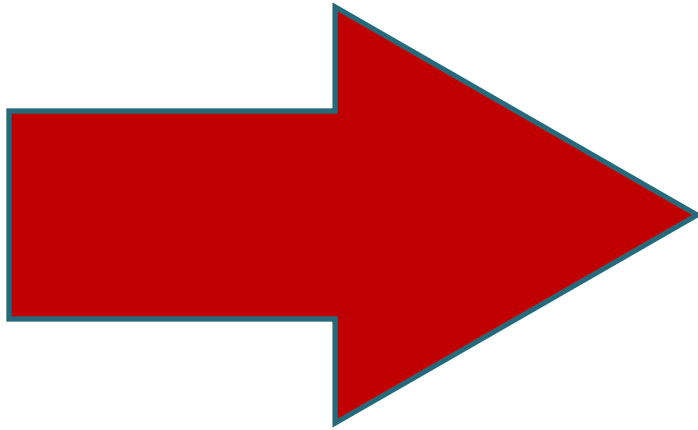
# 7<sup>th</sup> grade: Turn in your **Blue** card



ALL registration cards are due to their Advisory teacher or Mrs. Bennett no later than

**February 24<sup>th</sup>.**

8<sup>th</sup> grade: Turn in your **Purple** card



ALL registration cards are due to your Science Teacher or Mrs. Melton no later than **February 24<sup>th</sup>.**

# Schedule Changes

- Please encourage your student to take his/her time when selecting classes.
- We will accept requests for schedule changes through the **first week** of school. *A schedule change request does not guarantee that a schedule change will occur.*

# Questions...?

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Thank you for your time!

We are excited about the upcoming school year!