

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

As a middle school student, you will be enrolled in a minimum of six classes. In addition to academic classes, you will be offered choices from a balanced curriculum of elective courses. This curriculum is designed to give you the opportunity to explore areas such as computers, visual and performing arts, career and vocational education, foreign language, Skills for Adolescence, and other special interest areas. The middle school program of studies is as follows:

<u>6th Grade</u>		<u>7th Grade</u>		<u>8th Grade</u>	
English	Social Science	English	Social Science	English	Social Science
Math	Physical Education	Math	Physical Education	Math	Physical Education
Earth Science	Elective	Life Science	Elective	Physical Science	Elective

You are placed in academic classes according to your learning needs; that is, according to how much you have achieved in each subject. Listed below are the levels of academic classes and an explanation of each:

6 The sixth grade is organized to promote a connectedness between students and their teachers. The teachers “team” in order to present core classes of English/social science (ancient civilizations) and science/ math. The students also take physical education and exploratory elective classes.

6/7 Accelerated
(This applies to math only) These courses are designed for students that are exceptionally high achievers and are capable of learning more than one year of mathematics each year. In 6th grade the students learn all of the current year standards and half of 7th grade, and in 7th grade the students finish the 7th grade concepts then learn all of the 8th grade standards. The classes are fast paced and require maturity to process the advanced, abstract concepts.

7/8 CP These courses are designed to strengthen subject skills to prepare students for College Preparatory (CP) classes or Standard (S) courses in high school.

7/8 H These courses are for Honors (H) students who have been recognized for exceptionally high achievement (test scores and grades). The courses offer in-depth coverage of various subject areas, providing an added challenge and enrichment to students. Initial placement depends on a combination of the following recommendations and availability of space.

7th Grade Academic Levels

Course	Recommendation
English 7H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A's in Grade 6 English for all 3 Semesters • Requisite score on District benchmark exam
Social Science 7H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A's in Grade 6 Social Science for all 3 Semesters • Requisite score on District benchmark exam
Math 7 Accelerated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A's or B's in Math 6 Accelerated for all 3 Semesters OR • 83% or higher on District Benchmark Exam AND • 70% or higher on the Boost Camp Exam

8th Grade Academic Levels

Course	Recommendation
English 8H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A's or B's in English 7H for all 3 Semesters; or A's in English 7CP for all 3 Semesters • Requisite score on District benchmark exam
Social Science 8H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A's or B's in Social Science 7H for all 3 Semesters; or A's in Social Science 7CP for all 3 Semesters • Requisite score on District benchmark exam
Physical Science 8H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A's in Life Science 7CP for all 3 Semesters <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Student must be concurrently enrolled in Algebra 1CP or Algebra 1 H, Sycamore Canyon students must be enrolled in Algebra 1H</i></p>
Algebra 1CP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A's in Math 7CP for all 3 Semesters <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 83% or higher on District Benchmark Exam • 70% or higher on the Boost Camp Exam
Algebra 1H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A's and B's in Math 7 Accelerated for all 3 Semesters <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 83% or higher on District Benchmark Exam
Spanish 1CP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A's or B's in English 7H or 7CP for all 3 Semesters • No grade lower than a C in other classes <p style="text-align: center;"><i>High School Credit is earned- grade received is part of the HS GPA</i></p>
Chinese 1CP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A's or B's in English 7H or 7CP for all 3 Semesters • No grade lower than a C in other classes <p style="text-align: center;"><i>High School Credit is earned- grade received is part of the HS GPA</i></p>

NOTE: Grades given in courses taken at the eighth-grade level for high school credit (e.g. World Language) will be placed permanently on the high school transcript for each semester and figured into the student's cumulative high school grade point average.

