

Fredericksburg Middle School

ADVANCED PARENT/STUDENT CONTRACT

This completed, signed contract must be submitted with your course selection form if you choose to enroll in any Advanced or PreAp classes.

Student Name: _____ School Year: 21-22

Parent Name: _____ Grade Level: _____

Please mark each Advanced/PreAp class in which you would like to be enrolled:

English Math Science Social Studies PreAp Algebra 1
(8th grade only)

Advanced and PreAP courses are designed to challenge students beyond grade-level courses and better prepare them for success in AP and Dual Credit courses in high school. Although these are open enrollment, students must maintain at least a 70 average at the end of each designated grade check date in order to stay enrolled in the course. If a 70 is not maintained in the course, students will be removed and placed in the equivalent grade-level course (please refer to designated grade check times on the back). FISD offers a strong curriculum in all courses. If a schedule change to a grade-level course occurs, the student will continue to receive quality academics that are designed to effectively prepare him/her for our high school curriculum.

Students are encouraged to challenge themselves by taking Advanced courses, but the following should be considered by students and parents/guardians:

- Advanced curriculum courses
 - are more rigorous
 - move at a faster pace
 - require independent learning
 - require outside reading and work
- Students should
 - have proven history of academic success in the subject area (see recommended guidelines on the back)
 - consider balance of outside commitments and academic load
 - maintain good study skills
 - possess strong organization and time management skills
 - be actively engaged in their own learning
 - take responsibility for the workload and ask questions when needed

By signing below, I understand the recommended guidelines and requirements to stay enrolled in an Advanced course at Fredericksburg Middle School. If recommended guidelines are not met, I will participate in a conference with an FMS administrator and an Advanced course teacher to discuss course rigor and expectations before my child will be enrolled in the chosen course(s). I will call FMS to schedule an appointment for the conference which must be completed by April 9th, 2020.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Advanced Program:

While FISD encourages students to challenge themselves by taking these courses, there are recommended guidelines to consider before enrollment.

Recommended guidelines for advanced courses (6th grade only):

- 92 + semester average
- Masters on STAAR assessment

Recommended guidelines moving from grade-level courses to advanced courses (7th and 8th grade):

- 92 + semester average
- Masters on STAAR assessment

Recommended guidelines to stay in advanced courses (7th and 8th grade):

- 80 + semester average
- Meets on STAAR assessment

Schedule changes out of Advanced/PreAP courses will only be permitted if the student is failing at the designated grade check times. Grade checks to stay in Advanced courses will occur at the following times:

- Accelerated Math or PreAP Algebra 1- Weeks 3, 6, 9, and at semester
- Advanced English, Social Studies, and Science- Semester
- Spanish 1- Semester

***Please note, students will not be permitted to enter the accelerated math program beyond 6th grade unless they were previously enrolled and passed the advanced course. The accelerated math curriculum combines 6th, 7th, and 8th grade standards into a compacted 2-year program. Therefore, it requires initial placement to not miss any academic standards.*

Students in the accelerated math program will take the following state assessments:

Accelerated Math		
Grade Level	Grade Level of Math Instruction	STAAR/EOC
6th	Accelerated 6 th (6 th and 7 th grade TEKS)	6 th grade STAAR
7th	Accelerated 7 th (7 th and 8 th grade TEKS)	8 th grade STAAR
8th	PreAP Algebra 1 (College Board Curriculum)	Algebra 1 EOC