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JUNIOR HIGH ACADEMIC COURSE GUIDE

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HOW TO USE THIS PLANNING GUIDE

Welcome to junior high! In the next two years you will develop new skills, explore interests that develop into passions, and challenge yourself as a student. This guide will help you create a plan for your journey and give insight into planning for the next step: high school.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPLORATION

The best part of junior high school are all the opportunities available for you to explore. You will have the option to choose challenging academic classes in subjects that interest you. You will learn more about your interests and career options in [Naviance Student](#). These insights will help with your planning. Find the Athletics and Fine Arts sections in this guide to try new activities. Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses are designed to explore careers, and every CISD junior high school has a wide variety of clubs and special interest programs so you can get involved.

Taking seven or eight classes and making new friends are all part of being a junior high student. You will have a whole team to support you, including your parents, your school counselor, campus principal, associate principals, assistant principals, teachers, coaches, and other staff members. Each of these individuals is here to help you succeed in the classroom and beyond.

HERE ARE IDEAS TO THINK ABOUT AS YOU READ THIS GUIDE:

Planning for junior high includes the whole family. As you and your parents plan for the future, here are some suggestions:

- Set personal goals for junior high. These plans can include educational, career, and personal-social goals that are challenging. Include both short-term goals (“Choosing to participate in a new club”) and long-range plans (“Making all A’s and B’s in seventh and eighth grade”)
- Review the course offerings and make a list of classes that interest you. Study the content and requirements for the core and elective courses available for your grade level.
- Identify how you learn best and what skills you need to work toward during junior high. Naviance Student has great assessments to help with those conversations.
- Ask questions at your current school. Your school counselor and teachers who know you best can be great resources. Look for information nights at the junior high school to attend as a family. Think about your future goals for high school and college.
- Find out what resources are available at your junior high school. Knowing about extracurricular activities, tutoring, and school policies helps students know what to ask for when they are at school. We encourage you to review this guide as well as the school’s website to get a feel for the campus. Each campus’ website is linked [here](#).

Make a final decision about the courses you plan to take for next year and submit it by the required deadline.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM WITH ENDORSEMENTS

The Foundation High School with Endorsements is the recommended graduation plan for CISD students. Students must complete a total of twenty-six credits. In addition to the credit requirements, students must meet passing standards on the following End-of-Course (EOC) assessments: English I, English II, Biology, Algebra I, and U.S. History. Students will fulfill the state requirement to demonstrate proficiency in communication skills by successfully completing English I – IV.

FOUR CREDITS IN EACH OF THE CORE SUBJECTS	ENGLISH	English I <i>* English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL I and/or ESOL II) may be substituted for English I and II only for immigrant students with limited English proficiency.</i> English II English III English IV	4.0
	MATH	Algebra I Geometry Algebra II <i>*Conroe ISD Algebra II Requirement Notification</i> One additional math course	4.0
	SCIENCE	Biology Chemistry Physics -or- Physics of Engineering One additional science course	4.0
	SOCIAL STUDIES	World Geography or AP Human Geography World History U.S. History U.S. Government and Economics (Macro)	4.0
TWO CREDITS IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH (LOTE)	Must consist of 2 credits of the same language		2.0
ONE CREDIT IN FINE ARTS	Levels I-IV: Art, Dance, Music, Theater, or Floral Design		1.0
HALF CREDIT IN HEALTH	Principles of Health Science may substitute.		0.5
ONE CREDIT IN P.E. OR P.E. SUBSTITUTE* (MAX OF 4 CREDITS)	Can substitute Marching Band, Drill Team, Cheerleading, JROTC, Athletics, or approved Off-Campus physical activity program. <i>*Please check with counselor about Off-Campus PE approval procedures.</i>		1.0
ELECTIVES	Additional coursework to complete an endorsement.		5.5
Total Credits			26.0

Endorsements

All endorsement plans require four math and four science credits.

- Students can earn additional endorsements besides the Multidisciplinary Studies Endorsement earned with the above requirement.
- Campus offerings vary in electives for each endorsement, so please check with your counselor for what is available on your campus.

Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM)

- Four credits in the CTE STEM Program of Study, **-or-**
- Coherent sequence of four courses in computer science, **-or-**
- Algebra II plus two additional math courses in which Algebra II is a pre-requisite **-or-**
- Four credits from the core science courses plus one additional science course

Business and Industry

Coherent sequence of four English elective courses to include three levels of one of the following:

- Advanced Broadcast Journalism
- Advanced Journalism: Newspaper
- Debate
- Advanced Journalism: Yearbook

-or-

Complete four credits from these CTE course clusters (including two in one cluster and one advanced course):

- Agriculture Food and Natural Resources
- Architecture and Construction
- Arts, Audio Video Technology, and Communication
- Business, Marketing and Finance
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing
- Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

Public Service

Complete four or more credits from these CTE course clusters (including two in one cluster and one advanced course):

- Education and Training
- Health Services
- Human Services
- Law and Public Service

-or-

Complete four courses in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)

Arts and Humanities

- Four credits from the core social studies courses plus one additional social studies course, **-or-**
- Four levels of the same Language other than English (LOTE), **-or-**
- Two levels of the same Language other than English (LOTE) and two more levels of a different LOTE, **-or-**
- Coherent sequence of four credits in one or two categories or disciplines of Fine Arts (Art, Dance, Theater Arts, Band, Choir, Orchestra), **-or-**
- Four core English courses plus three additional English electives (not including journalism and speech).

Multidisciplinary Studies

All students who take four years of math and science earn this endorsement.

- Four advanced courses that prepare a student to enter the workforce successfully, or post-secondary education without remediation (no coherent sequence required), **-or-**
- Four credits in each of the four Foundation subject areas, **-or-**
- Four AP, IB* or dual credit courses selected from English, math, science, social studies, economics, LOTE or fine arts.

**IB applies for transfer students only.*

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Distinguished Level of Achievement (DLA)

Students completing the distinguished level of achievement are eligible for college admissions under the top 10% automatic admissions provision. This designation will be added to the graduation transcript.

To earn the distinguished level of achievement, students must complete the following:

- The Foundation High School Program;
- An Endorsement; and
- Algebra II

Performance Acknowledgements

A student may earn a performance acknowledgement in one or more of the following categories:

- AP test score of 3 or above;
- Outstanding performance on the PSAT, the SAT or the ACT;
- Completion of at least 12 hours college coursework with final grades of A or B (3.0 GPA or above);
- Bilingualism and biliteracy; or
- Earning a state, nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license

Both the Distinguished Level of Achievement and the Performance Acknowledgment will be designated on the student's final graduation transcript.

FINANCIAL AID GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with [Texas Education Code \(TEC\), §28.0256](#), beginning with students enrolled in 12th grade during the 2021-2022 school year, each student must do one of the following in order to graduate:

- Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- Complete and submit a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA); or
- Submit a signed [Opt-Out Form](#) under Paying for College on the College & Career Readiness page.

EARLY GRADUATION

Students who wish to graduate earlier than their cohort are recommended to file an early graduation plan no later than the end of the tenth grade. The student and parent should make an appointment with the counselor to develop a graduation plan as soon as this decision is made. Providing course availability, graduating in less than four years could include taking approved coursework from other educational programs. Costs for any courses to complete an early graduation plan would be the responsibility of the student and family. Early graduates must complete the graduation requirements for the Foundation High School Plan with endorsement.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN COMMENCEMENT SERVICES: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To receive a high school diploma from the Conroe Independent School District, a student must successfully complete the graduation requirements and pass required state End-of-Course (EOC) assessments. Alternative graduation plans require a conference with the counselor and approval by the parent/guardian and school principal.

Students who wish to participate in graduation ceremonies must do so at the first ceremony after completing all graduation requirements. Students must meet campus deadlines. Ceremonies are held each spring, in the middle of the year, and at the end of the summer session. Consult your counselor for dates.

A student who receives special education services and who has been enrolled in high school for four or more years has the option of participating in the graduation ceremony regardless of whether he/she is actually graduating that year.

Students are permitted to participate in only one graduation ceremony. The actual graduation/completion of high school is still determined by meeting the requirements set forth by the Conroe Independent School District, the State of Texas, and/or criteria established by the student's ARD committee. Students/parents who wish more information should see their counselor.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The purpose of a foreign exchange program is cultural and social, not for graduation purposes. The District limits the number of foreign exchange students at each of its high schools through a waiver with the Texas Education Agency. The exchange student must reside within the school's attendance zone to be enrolled. Because of space limitations, foreign exchange students who have graduated from a comparable high school program in their home country are not eligible to be foreign exchange students in CISD. Foreign exchange students are classified as 11th grade students and are not placed on a graduation plan. Foreign exchange students in an EOC test course will be required to take STAAR EOC tests. Courses will be assigned upon registration. Foreign exchange students must meet the same guidelines for class placement and level changes as all other District students. All English as a Second Language students must be tested for English proficiency.

Foreign exchange students who wish to apply for graduation must request an official transcript from the last school the student attended. Transcripts should be received prior to the student enrolling in the District. The transcript will be evaluated to determine eligibility for graduation. Foreign exchange students who apply for graduation must meet the same course and testing requirements as all other District students.

SAMPLE JUNIOR HIGH SCHEDULE

BUILDING A STUDENT'S SCHEDULE

Please Note: Not all course offerings listed are available at all campuses.
Please refer to your specific junior high campus registration form for final selections.

* - courses for high school credit taken on a junior high campus

	7 TH GRADE	8 TH GRADE
English	<input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts 7 Honors	<input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts 8 Honors
Math Conroe ISD Accelerated Math	<input type="checkbox"/> Math 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Algebra Honors <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra 1*	<input type="checkbox"/> Math 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra 1* <input type="checkbox"/> Geometry*
Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Science 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Science 7 Honors	<input type="checkbox"/> Science 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Science 8 Honors
Social Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Texas History 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Texas History 7 Honors	<input type="checkbox"/> US History 8 <input type="checkbox"/> US History 8 Honors
Physical Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Private PE 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Drill Team 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Cheerleading 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Color Guard <input type="checkbox"/> Athletics 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Football 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Team Sports 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Private PE 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Drill Team 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Cheerleading 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Color Guard <input type="checkbox"/> Athletics 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Football 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Team Sports 8

Electives

Course selections may be full year or half semester courses; please refer to the course descriptions for details.

Fine Arts

- Band
- Choir
- Orchestra
- Music Appreciation
- Theatre Arts I
- Theatre Arts II
- Theatre Troupe
- Theatre Production
- JHS Art A
- JHS Art B
- JHS Art C
- JHS Ceramics
- JHS Sculpture
- Art I*

Languages Other Than English (LOTE)

- Exploring Languages
- Spanish I*
- Spanish II for Spanish Speakers*

Journalism/Communications

- Communications 7
- Debate
- Yearbook I
- Yearbook II 8
- TV Broadcasting
- Communication Applications*

Career and Technical Education - 7th Grade

- General Employability - Career and College Explorations*

Career and Technical Education - 8th Grade

- Fundamentals of Computer Science*
- Introduction to Culinary Arts*
- Medical Terminology*
- Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Science*
- Principles of Applied Engineering*
- Principles of Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications*
- Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance*
- Principles of Education and Training*
- Principles of Hospitality and Tourism*

Additional Offerings

- Health*
- Teen Leadership
- Teen Leadership II
- Peer Tutor
- Study Skills
- Office Aide
- Subject Specific Enrichment
- Writing Strategies
- Math Investigations

SELECTION OF COURSES FOR NEXT YEAR

COURSE INFORMATION

All Conroe ISD junior high schools offer level courses, honors courses, and elective courses.

Course Type	Description
Level	A level course follows the Texas Education Agency (TEA) junior high school curriculum. All level classes are designed to provide students with a high level of academic preparation that will enable students to prepare for high school coursework.
Elective	Elective courses are ones chosen by a student designed to explore individual interests. Electives can be one-semester or the entire year; some electives have pre-requisites or require after-school participation. While selecting courses for the next school year, a student should also select alternate choices if the first-choice elective is not being taught, the class is full, or the elective conflicts with a required course.
Honors	Honors courses include the curriculum of the level courses, but with a more in-depth study of the content within the course. The honors curriculum is designed to accelerate and enrich content to prepare students for Advanced Placement or the next honors course in that subject area. These courses require more individual initiative, analytical reading, student interaction, research, and time for outside class preparation. Students should be prepared to spend more time on homework. Honors courses are offered in English, mathematics, social studies, science, and computer science.
High School Credit	Certain high school courses are available during junior high. These courses are rigorous and require more time outside of school; and for certain content courses, students must pass an End-of-Course exam (EOC) required for graduation. The grades will be part of the official high school transcript sent to colleges and post-secondary opportunities. <i>(More information about high school courses can be found in the latest Academic Guide and Course Catalog for High School)</i>

COURSE AVAILABILITY

Conroe ISD takes pride in serving the specific and unique needs of the community in which our junior high school campuses are located. A few of the factors that can impact courses offered are the campus size, student interest, teacher availability, and facilities specific to a campus and its feeder high school offerings.

However, not all the courses listed are scheduled every year. Since it is not economically feasible to schedule classes in which only a few students enroll, it may be necessary to schedule such classes on an alternate-year basis or removed from the course schedule. The number of student requests for specific courses becomes the determining factor as to whether a course is scheduled.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Students and families are encouraged to choose classes carefully. In the spring a final verification of course selections will be sent home for final approval. At that time, principals select and hire teachers and create the master schedule based on these student course requests. Each campus sets the deadlines for submitting course changes. Those decisions are binding.

Schedule changes after the deadline will be done if

- a placement mistake has been made; or
- the student has not taken the required prerequisite for a course; or
- the student was placed in the course by mistake.

Until the schedule change has been made, the student must continue to follow the current schedule. When a semester begins, administrative changes to the school's master schedule may be necessary to balance classes; in that event, a student's schedule may be affected.

CHANGING ACADEMIC LEVELS

CISD strongly believes that rigorous honors and high school-credit courses provide enhanced academic opportunities for students that will assist them in future academic or nonacademic pursuits. At the same time, CISD recognizes that students may experience initial surprise or difficulty in managing the increased course requirements. Careful consideration should be given when deciding to take advanced courses as class sizes may limit a school's ability to allow a student to change levels.

To ensure students allow sufficient time to become acclimated to the classes and what the honors curriculum can offer, CISD expects that any student who enrolls in these courses will remain in the course for the entire year. It is essential that the student give his/her maximum effort to succeed. A student who is struggling and his/her parent/legal guardian should schedule a conference with the teacher and school counselor to create strategies for success.

During the first semester, administration, the parents, teacher, and student may evaluate the plan established earlier in the semester and current student progress and may make an adjustment to the student's schedule. Any change will only be made on a space available basis.

CREDIT BY EXAM (CBE for Acceleration Cohorts 2030 and beyond – Student has no prior instruction)

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS (Beginning January 2026)

Middle school students may use CBE for Acceleration to earn high school credit for certain high school courses taken while still enrolled in middle school or to skip an entire grade level. If a student fails to earn credit by exam for a grade level or course before the beginning of the school year when the student would normally be expected to enroll in that grade or course according to the district's course sequence, the student must enroll in the grade level or course. **Note:** High School begins the day after 8th grade is concluded in Conroe ISD. Any CBEs that are taken after the last day of school of a student's 8th grade year will count in the student's GPA and class rank. *See below for Testing Windows/Dates.*

- **Application Process:** The student must obtain a Request to Take a CBE Exam application from the school counselor and complete the application with their parent or guardian's approval before the designated deadline. Prior approval must be obtained no matter the testing atmosphere or exam provider. Any exam scores received without the appropriate approval will not be accepted. The only valid exam scores for CBEs are those taken using the student's Conroe ISD email address and legal name. If a student takes a CBE using any other email address, the scores will not be considered valid, the student will be required to take the course in-person, and they will not be allowed to take any future CBEs.
- **Performance Criteria:** A student must score 80% or higher on a state-approved, criterion-referenced test covering the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and district curriculum objectives. To accelerate an entire grade level for which no prior instruction has been provided, a grade 6-8 student is required to take CBEs covering the State and District objectives for English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies - a total of four (4) tests. The student must score an 80 or above on each test. Acceleration in a single subject area is required if the student scores 80% or higher on the CBE assessment. For high school credit courses, credit is awarded by semester.
- **High School Course Limitations:** Spanish and Math (through Algebra I only) CBEs will be the only high school credit courses that will be available while the student is in middle school. Students that desire to take other high school credit CBEs may do so after the last day of their 8th grade school year. Please see the High School Academic Course Guide for more information.
- **Credit and GPA Impact:** Middle school students who earn high school credit through a Credit by Examination (CBE) will have the credit recorded on their high school transcript as credit only; the exam score will not be included in the calculation of the student's high school GPA or class rank. Additionally, if a student uses CBE to skip a grade, the credit earned is used strictly for placement and promotion purposes and does not impact GPA or class rank. Once the student has tested and earned the required score, credit may not be refused. Note: 8th grade ends on the last day of school. Any CBEs after that point are considered high school credit courses and will count towards the student's GPA and class rank.
- **Examinations:** District-provided examinations will be purchased through the University of Texas. Students may download the CBE review sheet to prepare for the exam. The review sheet will explain how to study for the exam and what assignments or additional materials are due at the time of the exam.
- **Fees:** The district does not charge for CBE for Acceleration when ordered and administered by Conroe ISD. Conroe ISD utilizes the exams provided by The University of Texas. Please note exam results will be considered invalid for students who order or take remotely an exam without prior approval through the counselor and the student will be required to take the course(s) in-person when exam results are invalid.

TESTING WINDOWS/DATES

- Fall Semester Window: October 1 – December 31 (See the Credit By Exam dates on the CISD Website)
- Spring Semester Window: January 1 – March 31 (See the Credit By Exam dates on the CISD Website)
- Summer 1 Window: April 1 – June 30 (See the Credit By Exam dates on the CISD Website)
- Summer 2 Window: July 1 – September 30 (See the Credit By Exam dates on the CISD Website)
- CBE testing is free for all students if taken in-person through Conroe ISD
- Students have up to two opportunities to test per subject
- Students may test in Summer I or Summer II, but not both
- A missed/absent from an exam will count as an exam taken

SUBJECTS

ATHLETICS

Students who sign up for athletics should be making the commitment for the entire year. Students who try out for a sport but are not selected should remain in the course to build physical skills for a subsequent year tryout depending on the campus. **Some specific sports do have certain physical requirements that must be met to be in the athletic class.** Each athlete will be responsible for providing transportation to and from the practices as well as transportation home after games if they make a specific athletic team. Please read the sport specific information provided by the coaches prior to participation and talk with a coach if you have any questions. A pre-screening for athletic placement will take place at the end of the school year (grade 6) during the PE class. The actual team tryouts for each sport will take place before each sport season starts. Please check with the school for information at your assigned campus.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

[Conroe ISD Career and Technical Education](#) (CTE) offers thirteen career clusters and twenty-eight programs of study opportunities at various high school campuses across the district. Once in high school, through the selected program of study, students will be able to progress through a sequence of courses beginning with aspects of industry moving towards more occupation specific instruction. During this time, depending on the course, students may have the opportunity to earn industry-based certifications that may be useful in obtaining a higher-waged job while going to school or directly into the workforce after high school. In some instances, obtaining an industry-based certification may be helpful in obtaining internships as well as acceptance into certain programs at the post-secondary level.

Junior high students are encouraged to select Career and College Exploration courses to:

- complete interest inventories,
- receive guidance on high school four-year planning,
- explore CTE offerings at their feeder high school, as well as post-secondary and/or work force options, and
- learn what it means to be college and career ready

In grade eight, students may have the opportunity to earn high school elective credit by enrolling in a career and technical education principles or introduction course that feeds into a program at their feeder high school. Please speak with the school counselor about the availability of CTE courses at the junior high campus. The class fees collected are specifically used as a supplement for student-created projects. All materials purchased with these fees will be used exclusively for projects that students will take home upon completion.

FINE ARTS

Fees may be applicable for all Fine Arts Courses. Check with your campus for more information.

Each Fine Arts discipline has a unique course sequence. Placement in performing arts (Band, Orchestra, Choir, Color Guard, Drill Team) classes is usually subject to audition by the Junior High director. Placement in Art and Theatre is usually dependent upon completing the correct course prerequisites and sequence. For 8th grade students, HS Art I may be taken, pending completion of JH Art A and JH Art B in 7th grade; or JHS Art A and Ceramics in 7th grade. Fees may be applicable for all Fine Arts Courses. Check with your campus for more information. Multiple Fine Arts courses may be taken simultaneously; however, course sequences must be followed.

HEALTH I (HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT – 8TH GRADE ONLY)

The goal of [Health I](#) is to provide instruction that allows students to develop and sustain health-promoting behaviors throughout their lives. Students will learn the ability to gather, interpret, and understand health information, achieve health literacy, and adapt to the ever-changing science of health. Essential skills practiced during the course include decision making, problem-solving, goal setting, maintaining healthy relationships with self and others, seeking help and support, and recognizing various influences on health such as social, environmental, media, and genetic.

LANGUAGE ARTS

In deciding whether to take level or honors ELA, consider that honors Language Arts classes cover the same or similar material as level Language Arts classes but provide more depth and insight into the subject at hand. More challenging content means studying takes more time, projects require more work, and tests are more challenging. Students in an honors course gain additional practice in routines and principles to further strengthen their reading, analysis, writing, problem-solving and communications skills to equip them for the next level advanced coursework.

LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH (LOTE)

Spanish I is a high school credit course offered to 8th graders. Students who successfully earn credit can move directly into level II upon entering high school. The expectations of the course are that students learn to regularly speak, listen, read, and present in Spanish.

Spanish II for Spanish Speakers is designed for students who already have the ability to understand and speak Spanish. Students will be pre-assessed for admittance to this course.

MATH

In junior high, students in grades 7 and 8 build on their numerical fluency while strengthening their algebraic skills essential for future math success. In Conroe ISD, students receive the support needed to meet and exceed grade-level TEKS, ensuring they are well prepared for high school mathematics, advanced coursework, and a variety of career pathways.

On-level math courses provide meaningful insight into the subject through structured practice, hands-on projects, and routines that reinforce key principles. These experiences strengthen students' analytical, problem-solving, and communication skills, equipping them for success in the next level of coursework. Junior High learners also have multiple opportunities to pursue an advanced math pathway or continue along the on-level sequence so that every student can advance at an appropriate and challenging pace.

Advanced Level Coursework

Students in Grade 7 or Grade 8 have an opportunity to accelerate their skills in mathematics and earn high school credit as a junior high student. In Conroe ISD, advanced level coursework for a junior high student includes Grade 7 Pre-Algebra Honors and Algebra 1. Algebra 1 is a high school credit course. Students who earn Algebra 1 prior to the first day of class in Grade 8 may enroll in Geometry and is based on a case-by-case.

The high school mathematics academic path for advanced learners who take Algebra 1 at the junior high level is: Geometry (honors is applicable), Algebra 2, and other advanced level high school math courses. Questions about advanced level high school courses should be directed to the high school counselor for course availability and student guidance.

[Advanced Pathways for Algebra 1](#)

Credit by Exam (CBE)

Conroe ISD will offer the Grade 8 Math CBE on the published dates in the spring and summer. Students must register with their school counselor by the close of the registration window for each administration. No late registrations will be accepted and there is no charge for the exam. Students earning an 80 or higher on the CBE will earn credit for Math 8 and will be scheduled in Algebra 1 the following school year. Students who do not earn the required score of 80% but want to pursue Algebra 1 the following year may choose to take the accelerated 8th grade course during summer school. Students who earn credit by CBE are required to advance; parents may not refuse credit.

Accelerated Summer School

Conroe ISD offers initial credit courses that begin in mid-April and end in July. The initial credit, accelerated summer course is taught in a hybrid format. In Conroe ISD, the hybrid format will include a combination of in-person instruction and online student practice outside of class. Students will complete lessons both at home via the internet AND in person with an instructor. Information on the summer school dates and registration will be posted on the Conroe ISD website. In addition, strict attendance guidelines are set in place to ensure that students have time to show mastery of the respective TEKS. Registration for the course is done through the student's school counselor on their campus, and a fee is associated with the initial credit, accelerated summer course.

By enrolling in a Conroe ISD initial credit, accelerated summer school course, 7th grade level math students have the opportunity to take the 8th Grade math initial credit, accelerated summer course. Students who successfully complete the accelerated summer course will earn credit for 8th grade math and enroll in Algebra 1 the following school year. Algebra 1 is a high school credit course, and questions on student guidance should be directed to the student's guidance counselor. Junior high students who are enrolled in Algebra 1 may take the Geometry initial credit course during the summer.

Students who complete an initial credit, accelerated summer course with a final grade of 80% or higher will earn credit for the course. Questions about summer school registration and student guidance should be directed to the student's school counselor.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In junior high, students will participate in physical education. All students are eligible for the traditional PE course as part of the school day, but students can also select a specific sport such as football or cross country. These specific sports meet as a class period and also require an after-school or before-school practice time during the season. For more information about sports, please refer to the Athletics section and/or go to your junior high school's athletics website.

Off-Campus Physical Education Program Guidelines

The purpose of the Off-Campus Physical Education (OCPE) program is to accommodate students participating in individual sports and are making serious efforts to develop higher-level skills in a specific activity that exceeds what the school district can offer through the general physical education program. The OCPE program allows students in 7th through 12th grades to earn credits that meet the district and state physical education graduation requirements. Students are expected to be physically educated, along with being physically active. Students are expected to show accountability of skill development as well as learned physical activity. Knowledge of Health concepts and age-appropriate social development are also requirements of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Physical Education.

Note: The final deadline for OCPE applications is June 1, 2025.

Category I: Olympic/National Level for Junior High and High School

Applications will be available online in mid-March at the following link: <https://apps.conroeisd.net/physedoffsite/>.

1. Participation includes a minimum of 15 hours per week of highly intensive, professional, supervised training.
2. Participation hours are achieved only during instructional time not for competitive or game events. Animal care and grooming do not apply to participation hours.
3. The training facility, instructors, and the activities involved in the program must be certified by the superintendent as highly qualified.
4. Students qualifying and participating at this level may be dismissed from the last class of the school day. No team sports. Students dismissed may not miss any class other than physical education.
5. Off campus physical education is only available to students participating in individual sports.
6. High school students are not eligible to participate in programs that the UIL offers in CISD.
7. Off campus physical education requires a year-long commitment.
8. Students who drop out of the program prior to the end of semester will be scheduled into a campus physical education class. No credit is awarded.
9. Students are not allowed to change facilities or activity programs during the year without district approval.
10. Different programs may not be combined to meet Category I minimum time requirements.
11. Transportation is not provided by CISD.
12. Background checks are not provided by CISD.
13. Students are responsible for all fees associated with the activity.
14. Current enrolled CISD students who fail to apply for Off-Campus PE during the enrollment period will not be allowed to withdraw from their campus and re-register in order to apply for Off-Campus PE as a "new to Conroe ISD" student.
15. Students must register for OCPE each year they are participating using the online registration system. Registrations do not carry over from year-to-year.

Category II: Junior High and High School

Applications will be available online in mid-March at the following link: <https://apps.conroeisd.net/physedoffsite/>.

1. Participation includes a minimum of 5 hours, but less than 15 hours per week at a private or commercially sponsored agency that provides physical activities which include those certified by the superintendent to be of a high quality and well supervised by highly qualified instructors.
2. Off campus physical education is only available to students participating in individual sports. Team sports are not eligible for this program.
3. High school students are not eligible to participate in programs that the UIL offers in CISD.
4. Students participating in Category II waivers may not be dismissed from any part of the regular school day.
5. Transportation is not provided by CISD.
6. Background checks are not provided by CISD.
7. Students are responsible for all fees associated with the activity.
8. Off campus physical education requires a year-long commitment.
9. Current enrolled CISD students who fail to apply for Off-Campus PE during the enrollment period will not be allowed to withdraw from their campus and re-register in order to apply for Off-Campus PE as a "new to Conroe ISD" student.
10. Students must register for OCPE each year they are participating using the online registration system. Registrations do not carry over from year-to-year.

Club Sports: Junior High and High School

Applications will be available to students in mid-March. Students should see their school counselor for details regarding club sports. Applications for club sports are not available online and may have an earlier deadline.

1. Club sports are approved by the campus principal.
2. Club sports must have a campus faculty sponsor or coach.
3. Club sport participants must comply with participation requirements as outlined by the UIL and “No Pass-No Play” guidelines.
4. Students attending a campus without a specific club sport may participate with an approved alternate campus.
5. Students participating in club sports may not be dismissed from any part of the regular school day.
6. Transportation is not provided by CISD.

SCIENCE

In deciding whether to take level or honors science, consider that honors science classes cover the same or similar material as level science classes but with greater rigor, depth, and complexity. While all CISD science courses are laboratory based, honors science classes require more content connections, demonstration of higher-order thinking, and analytical problem-solving.

Both level and honors science students are encouraged to participate in an optional, long-term enrichment project requiring time outside of school. Examples of these enrichment projects offered at all junior high schools include: FIRST Tech Challenge (robotics), SciStory, and the Science and Engineering Fair.

Note: Students planning to apply to CISD high school academies (Academy of Science and Technology, Academy for Science and Health Professions, and the Academy for Careers in Engineering and Science) are highly encouraged to participate in one of these long-term enrichment projects each year in junior high.

SOCIAL STUDIES

In deciding whether to take level or honors Texas History (7th) or U.S. History to 1877 (8th), consider that honors Social Studies classes cover the same or similar material as level Social Studies classes but allow for more depth and complexity into the subject at hand. More challenging content means studying takes more time, projects require more work, and tests are more challenging. Students in an honors course gain additional practice in routines and principles to further strengthen social studies skills such as sequencing, categorizing, identifying point of view, cause and effect, interpreting and analyzing information, and evaluating sources to equip them for the advanced coursework.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SUPPORT

GIFTED AND TALENTED

Students identified to receive Gifted and Talented services are embedded in the junior high honors curriculum. Students not enrolled in these courses receive differentiated instruction to meet their educational needs. Information regarding testing for Gifted and Talented services may be obtained by contacting the campus counseling office.

SCHOOL COUNSELING

School counselors provide services that support students' academic, career, and personal development, empowering them to succeed in school and prepare for future opportunities. In alignment with Texas Education Code (TEC) §33.005 and §33.006, they partner with staff, families, and community members to design, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive school counseling program. Their work focuses on supporting the whole child by building essential skills and offering direct services through classroom instruction, small-group sessions, individual planning, and responsive services.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The goal of an effective special education program is to provide each special education student with an opportunity to be successful in the least restrictive, educational and/or work environments. A variety of instructional settings are used to promote academic and/or career and technology learning based on students' individual needs and personal goals for adult life. Conroe ISD is committed to the instruction of academic competencies, personal growth, skills, and decision-making and problem-solving skills that are recognized as critical for success in high school and adult independent living. To achieve these goals, an Individual Education Plan (IEP) will be developed for each student, with special education and/or regular education staff working together to modify materials or instruction determined as appropriate by the Admission, Review and Dismissal (ARD) Committee. For questions concerning the special education program, please call the school counselor or special education diagnostician.

DYSLEXIA SERVICES

The goal of the dyslexia course is to provide students identified with dyslexia with an intervention to support them in reading, writing, spelling, and fluency. The course will follow TEA's Dyslexia Handbook requirements as being systematic, multisensory, explicit, and intensive. Students who have not completed the dyslexia curriculum will be provided with this course to fulfill their comprehensive dyslexia intervention.

HOMEBOUND SERVICES

Referrals for consideration of homebound services through general education or the special education department are forwarded from the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) team. Students who will miss school for 4 or more weeks due to medical reasons may qualify for homebound services. It is an ARD/General Education Homebound Committee's decision to determine if a student meets eligibility criteria. Please contact your child's school counselor for more information.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

The ESL program is to provide classroom instruction that help Emergent Bilinguals (EBs) rapidly acquire the English skills necessary for success in the general education setting, in content courses, on state-mandated testing and in preparing for postsecondary opportunities. Upon enrolling in Conroe ISD, students whose Home Language Survey indicates a language other than English are evaluated by the campus Language Assessment Proficiency Committee (LPAC) for English proficiency in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing as determined by TELPAS.

GRADE-RELATED TOPICS

ELIGIBILITY “NO PASS, NO PLAY”

At the end of the first six weeks, any student receiving a grade below a 70 in any class is ineligible until the end of the marking period. If passing all classes at the end of the nine-weeks, the student will regain eligibility. From that point forward, students may lose eligibility at the end of each nine weeks.

- At the end of a semester, eligibility of the student is determined by the nine weeks grade, not the semester exam or the semester average.

Eligibility can be regained at the three-week progress report if the student is passing all classes with a 70 or better.

- There is a one-week grace period before a student loses or regains eligibility.
- Students who score below a 70 in certain advanced courses

[UIL Eligibility Grades 2-8](#)

GRADES

All semester grades for any courses taken are entered on the report card. Grades are closed one semester after the end of any course. Since grade changes affect GPA, it is very important to take care of these issues in a timely manner.

GRADING SCALE: **A** | 90 - 100 **B** | 80 - 89 **C** | 76 - 79 **D** | 70 - 75 **F** | 0 - 69

Note: No GPA for junior high students

GRADE AVERAGING FOR TWO-SEMESTER HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

Students who fail the first semester of a two-semester course, but who pass the second semester of that course, will receive credit for both semesters when the average of the two semesters of the course is at least a 70. Students who pass the first semester but fail the second semester must **repeat** the second semester of the course.

Students passing the first semester of a high school credit **math or a LOTE course**, but failing the second semester, must repeat the second semester in an approved summer school course earning a passing grade, or repeat the entire course the following school year (taking the first semester for no credit) earning a passing grade of 70 or better for the second semester. Grades may only be averaged if the second semester immediately follows the first as part of a one-credit offering. Summer school grades will not be averaged with grades awarded during the regular school year.

TRANSCRIPTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

All grades for high school courses taken in junior high school will appear on the high school transcript. High school courses taken during the 7th and/or 8th grades will be given the actual grade on the transcript, but the grades will not count in the calculation of the student's high school grade point average (GPA). Any course taken after completion of the 8th grade year is calculated in a student's high school class rank. High school credit will be awarded if a student passes the course. Credits for high school courses are awarded in half-credit units. **Students may earn high school credit for the course only once.**

Students enrolled in an End-of-Course assessed course, while in junior high, must take the corresponding EOC exam during the applicable window. The assessment and course are part of graduation requirements.

The transcript is the official student academic record. Transcripts include grades and credits for all courses attempted, grade point averages, class rank, and standardized state test scores.

Campus Approval for Non-Traditional Courses

Students who wish to take any course outside of the traditional schedule must get administrative approval prior to enrolling in the course. The District reserves the right to deny credit for any course taken without obtaining prior approval from campus administration.

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

WHAT IS HIGH SCHOOL READINESS?

High school readiness is defined as a student's mastery of skills and behaviors that provide the student a foundation for success in high school. Key components of high school readiness include standardized test scores, a rigorous academic foundation, self-assessments to understand interests and personal development, career explorations based on those interests, and college exploration.

MEASURING HIGH SCHOOL READINESS WITH TEST SCORES

Test	Information/Grade Level	Test Offerings	College Readiness Score	More Information
PSAT 8-9	This exam measures readiness for high school curriculum, including readiness for honors and AP classes. The PSAT 8-9 is not used for college admissions. Grade 8	On campus during the third week in October ONLY .	Scores on this exam indicate HIGH SCHOOL readiness: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EBRW 390• Math 430	The PSAT 8/9 The College Board

SELF ASSESSMENTS AND COLLEGE EXPLORATION

[Naviance Student](#) is a web-based program used by Conroe ISD students and parents in grades 7-12. Naviance Student allows students and families to research careers and colleges, take assessments and surveys, create goals and to-do lists and eventually, submit requests for transcripts and college admission documents.

Students can access their Naviance Student accounts using Student Access. Parents can create their own account with an activation code sent by the counseling department.

JUNIOR HIGH COURSE OFFERINGS

GRADE 7 COURSES

7110 LANGUAGE ARTS 7

This course builds on students' prior knowledge and skills in order to strengthen their listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking skills. Students will read within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical and diverse texts and demonstrate familiarity with works within a wide variety of genres. Students will engage in the writing of multi-paragraph compositions including literary, informational, argumentative and correspondence and demonstrate organizational structure, a controlling idea or thesis and writing for a variety of audiences.

7120 LANGUAGE ARTS 7 HONORS

This Honor course is designed to prepare students for the next advanced course in the subject area. In an honors course, students gain regular practice in routines and principles to further strengthen their reading, analysis, writing, and problem solving and communications skills to equip them for advanced coursework. This course builds on students' prior knowledge and skills in order to strengthen their listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking skills. Students will read within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical and diverse texts and demonstrate familiarity with works within a wide variety of genres. Students will engage in the writing of multi-paragraph compositions including literary, informational, argumentative and correspondence and demonstrate organizational structure, a controlling idea or thesis and writing for a variety of audiences.

7201 MATH 7

This Grade 7 mathematics course will focus on using proportional relationships in numbers, geometry, measurement, and probability; applying addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of decimals, fractions, and integers. The course will scaffold and build on skills introduced in prior grade levels as defined in vertically aligned TEKS. Students will expand on their knowledge of statistical measures to describe data and learn the necessary skills to critically think at a higher-level and meet the state standards as outlined in the Grade 7 TEKS objectives. Students enrolled in Math 7 will be expected to take the Grade 7 STAAR examination for mathematics.

9796 MATH 7 ENRICHMENT

Students enrolled in Math 7 Enrichment will receive supplemental assistance on the Grade 7 TEKS. The primary focal point in Math 7 Enrichment is to support and strengthen the student's understanding of geometry and measurement; probability; applying number operations with decimals, fractions, integers, and rational numbers; and using statistical measures. Students will use the skills learned in the Math 7 classroom to critically think and apply their knowledge of the TEKS to meet the Grade 7 state standards. Students enrolled in Math 7 Enrichment will be expected to take the Grade 7 STAAR examination for mathematics.

7205 PRE-ALGEBRA 7 HONORS

Prerequisite: 6th Accelerated Math or Accelerated Grade 7 Summer Math

This honors course is designed to prepare students for Algebra 1. Students enrolled in this Pre-Algebra 7 Honors course were enrolled in 6th grade Advanced Mathematics or have successfully completed the 7th grade Accelerated Math summer school course. In an advanced level course, students gain regular practice in routines and principles to further strengthen their reading, analysis, writing, problem solving and communications skills to equip them for advanced course work. The course builds a foundation of basic understandings in number, operation, and quantitative reasoning; patterns, relationships, and algebraic thinking; geometry and spatial reasoning; measurement; and probability and statistics. The course content will include complex, and in-depth study of major ideas, problems, and themes in order to extend and deepen comprehension. Students who enroll in Pre-Algebra 7 Honors will be expected to take the Grade 8 STAAR examination for mathematics.

7300 SCIENCE 7

Science for grade 7 is an integration of life, earth and physical sciences. Students will conduct investigations to learn about the natural world through questioning, observing, and drawing conclusions.

7303 SCIENCE 7 HONORS

Honors grade 7 Science begins the foundation of vertically aligned skills and strategies for success in AP courses in science. In an honors course, students gain regular practice in routines and principles to further strengthen their reading, analysis, writing, problem solving and communications skills to equip them for advanced coursework. The course follows a similar curriculum with greater rigor, depth and complexity.

7400 TEXAS HISTORY 7

Students explore eras of Texas history from the cultures of Native Americans to the modern day urban society. The structure and function of governments as well as the rights and responsibilities of Texas citizens help students to understand the importance of patriotism and appreciate the basic democratic values of our state and nation.

7403 TEXAS HISTORY 7 HONORS

Honors Texas history begins the foundation of vertically aligned skills and strategies for success in AP courses in the social studies. In an honors course, students gain regular practice in routines and principles to further strengthen their reading, analysis, writing, problem solving and communications skills to equip them for advanced coursework. The course centers on the process of learning information, developing analytical skills, and writing clearly.

7500 PHYSICAL EDUCATION 7

Students will participate in activities to increase their cardiovascular endurance and flexibility. They will learn aspects of different team and individual sports. The goal is to improve a student's physical and social skill level and to provide students with a positive experience to prepare them for team sports as well as a lifetime of exercise.

7505 DRILL TEAM 7

Tryouts for drill team will be before the end of the current school year. Students chosen for the team will automatically be enrolled in this class. Students will master movement principles and skills, self-discipline and healthy bodies. Attendance and practice requirements, performances, membership, and cost requirements will be discussed before tryouts.

7514 PRIVATE PE 7 – LEVEL 1

This course is for students who participate in a minimum of fifteen hours per week in highly intensive, professional, supervised training in an approved individual sport outside the school day. Team sports are not eligible for this program. Students qualifying and participating at this level may be dismissed from the last period of the day. Students dismissed may not miss any class other than physical education. In order to be enrolled in this class, students must process the required paperwork to receive district approval. See the school counselor for additional information.

7515 PRIVATE PE 7 – LEVEL 2

Participation includes a minimum of five hours per week, but less than fifteen hours per week, of high-quality activities that are well supervised by appropriately trained instructors. Students do not leave school early. Students are assigned an elective class in place of PE. In order to be enrolled in this class, students must process the required paperwork to receive district approval. See the school counselor for additional information.

9714 CHEERLEADING

This course provides a specific knowledge and experience of cheerleading skills, with emphasis on motion sharpness and placement, tumbling skills, stunts, dance, teamwork, spirit, and enthusiasm at an elite level. Participation is expected outside of the school day and is part of the grade in cheerleading. Cheerleaders may perform at junior high football games, volleyball games, basketball games, pep rallies, parades, select high school football and basketball games, and competitions. Enrollment is limited to those students who are selected to the Cheerleading squad. Tryouts are held during the spring semester for the following school year.

GRADE 8 COURSES

8110 LANGUAGE ARTS 8

8th grade further expands and refines the skills learned in 7th grade Language Arts. Students will read within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts and demonstrate familiarity with works within a wide variety of genres. Students will engage in the writing of multi-paragraph compositions including literary, informational, argumentative, and correspondence and demonstrate organizational structure, a controlling idea or thesis and writing for a variety of audiences.

8120 LANGUAGE ARTS 8 HONORS

This Honor course is designed to prepare students for the next advanced course in the subject area. In an honors course, students gain regular practice in routines and principles to further strengthen their reading, analysis, writing, problem-solving and communications skills to equip them for advanced course work. 8th grade further expands and refines the skills learned in 7th grade Language Arts. Students will read within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts and demonstrate familiarity with works within a wide variety of genres. Students will engage in the writing of multi-paragraph compositions including literary, informational, argumentative, and correspondence and demonstrate organizational structure, a controlling idea or thesis and writing for a variety of audiences.

7509/7510 GIRLS' ATHLETICS/BOYS' ATHLETICS 7

Students who sign up for athletics could be making the commitment for the entire year. Students who try out for a sport but are not selected could remain in the course to build physical skills for a subsequent year tryout depending on the campus. ***Some specific sports do have certain physical requirements that must be met to be in the athletic class.*** Each athlete will be responsible for providing transportation to and from the practices as well as transportation home after games if they make a specific athletic team. Please read the sport specific information provided by the coaches prior to participation and talk with a coach if you have any questions.

7511 VOLLEYBALL 7

7512 FOOTBALL 7

7513 BOYS' BASKETBALL 7

7516 SOCCER 7

7517 GIRLS' BASKETBALL 7

7526 CROSS COUNTRY 7

7518 TEAM SPORTS 7

7530 COLOR GUARD 7

8205 MATH 8

The Grade 8 mathematics course builds on previous understandings in number, operation, and quantitative reasoning; patterns, relationships, and algebraic thinking; geometry and spatial reasoning; measurement; and probability and statistics. Students will expand on geometry and spatial reasoning to explore three-dimension skills and build on their knowledge of patterns and relations to learn about slope, linear relations, and linear equations. Students will learn the necessary skills to critically think at a higher-level and to meet the state standards as outlined in the Grade 8 TEKS objectives. Students enrolled in Math 8 will be expected to take the Grade 8 STAAR examination for mathematics.

9896 MATH 8 ENRICHMENT

Students enrolled in Math 8 Enrichment will receive supplemental assistance on the Grade 8 TEKS. The primary focal point in Math 8 Enrichment is to support and strengthen the student's understanding of geometry and measurement; probability; applying number operations with decimals, fractions, integers, and rational numbers with and without technology; and using statistical measures. Students will use the skills learned in the Math 8 classroom to critically think and apply their knowledge of the TEKS to meet the Grade 8 state standards. Students enrolled in Math 8 will be expected to take the Grade 8 STAAR examination for mathematics.

8300 SCIENCE 8

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Honors grade 8 Science continues to develop skill for success in AP courses in science. This Honor course is designed to prepare students for the next advanced course in the subject area. In an honors course, students gain regular practice in routines and principles to further strengthen their reading, analysis, writing, problem-solving and communications skills to equip them for advanced course work. The course follows a similar curriculum with greater rigor, depth and complexity.

8400 US HISTORY 8

Students study the history of the United States from colonial times through Reconstruction. The course focuses on the political, economic, and social events and issues related to the eras. The class incorporates a wide variety of primary sources and biographical information to develop an understanding of the past.

8403 US HISTORY 8 HONORS

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8500 PHYSICAL EDUCATION 8

Students will participate in activities to increase their cardiovascular endurance and flexibility. They will learn aspects of different team and individual sports. The goal is to improve a student's physical and social skill level and to provide students with a positive experience to prepare them for team sports as well as a lifetime of exercise.

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8515 PRIVATE PE 8 – LEVEL 2

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8511 VOLLEYBALL 8

8512 FOOTBALL 8

8513 BOYS' BASKETBALL 8

8516 SOCCER 8

8517 GIRLS' BASKETBALL 8

8526 CROSS COUNTRY 8

8518 TEAM SPORTS 8

8530 COLOR GUARD 8

ELECTIVE COURSES

9700H/9800H MUSIC APPRECIATION

1 Semester

Music Appreciation is for students who are interested in music but do not want to be part of a performing group. It includes the study of all phases of music, including history, theory, vocal, and instrumental music. Other topics include popular music, music for the stage and screen, music technology, music and careers.

9705/9805 BEGINNER BAND

This class is for new instrumental musicians. Selection of instruments is made upon the recommendation of the band director. Students will be required to purchase various instrument supplies and rent/purchase their chosen instrument. Students who choose band as an elective are making a commitment to remain in the program for the entire year. A fee will be charged if a student is using a school-owned instrument.

BAND

Students develop musical ability by participating in large and small ensembles and solo performances. Students will be expected to attend various rehearsals and performances outside the regular school day. Students are placed in appropriate band classes commensurate with their skill levels following a competitive audition. Students who choose band as an elective are making a commitment to remain in the program for the entire year. A fee will be charged if a student is using a school-owned instrument.

CHOIR

Students participate through group and solo activities that allow them to develop vocal and choral techniques that include reading, listening and appreciation. Students will be expected to attend various rehearsals and performances outside the regular school day. Students are placed in appropriate choir classes commensurate with their skill levels following a competitive audition. Students who choose choir as an elective are making a commitment to remain in the program for the entire year.

9717/9817 BEGINNER ORCHESTRA

Beginner Orchestra is for new string musicians (violin, viola, cello and string bass only). Instrument selection is made with the recommendation of the orchestra director. Students will be required to purchase various instrument supplies and rent/purchase their chosen instrument. Students who choose orchestra as an elective are making a commitment to remain in the program for the entire year. A fee will be charged if a student is using a school-owned instrument.

ORCHESTRA

Students continue to develop their appreciation and understanding as musicians through performance in large and small groups and solos. Students will be expected to attend various rehearsals and performances outside the regular school day. Students are placed in appropriate orchestra classes commensurate with their skill levels following a competitive audition. Students who choose orchestra as an elective are making a commitment to remain in the program for the entire year. A fee will be charged if a student is using a school-owned instrument.

9740H/9840H THEATER ARTS I

1 Semester

Students will learn expressive techniques, acting concepts, theater production concepts, and appreciation of theatrical events. They will learn mime, improvisation, basic combat techniques, and character development. In class, students will explore script writing and participate in storytelling, puppetry, Reader's Theater, and play production.

9741H/9841H THEATER ARTS II

Prerequisite: Theater Arts I

1 Semester

Students extend and continue activities and objectives of Theater Arts I. They will increase their experiences in expressive techniques, acting concepts, theater production concepts and appreciation of theatrical events. Students will participate in a variety of activities including Reader's Theater, single and ensemble acting, improvisation, script writing, and all aspects of play production.

9742/9842 THEATER TROUPE

Students will develop and experience a working knowledge of play production through various performance opportunities. Students will be expected to attend rehearsals and performances outside the regular school day. Students who choose Theater Troupe as an elective are making a commitment to the program.

9846H THEATER PRODUCTION

1 Semester

Theater Production is offered to 8th grade students who have completed Theater Arts I. This class has the option of competing in acting tournaments (participation in tournaments not required). The class will work or perform in all productions at the school.

9743H/9843H JR. HIGH ART A

1 Semester

Through a variety of two and three-dimensional mediums, students build a strong foundation in the elements and principles of art. The curriculum allows each student to build on previous art experiences and prepares them for more advanced levels of art. Students will be exposed to and encouraged to develop an art portfolio.

9744H/9844H JR. HIGH ART B

Prerequisite: Jr. High Art A

1 Semester

Students create art with emphasis on art history: prehistoric to modern. A portfolio will be developed and maintained.

9845H JR. HIGH ART C

Prerequisite: Jr. High Art B

1 Semester

Students will focus on applying their knowledge of the elements and principles of design into works of art that convey concepts and ideas that are original and unique. Independence is highly encouraged in the creative decision-making process. The main focus of the class will be the development of a portfolio that meets the requirements for acceleration into the HS Art II curriculum.

9748H/9848H JR. HIGH CERAMICS

Prerequisite: Jr. High Art A

1 Semester

While exploring a variety of hand building and glazing techniques, students will incorporate theory and technique to create complex and interesting three-dimensional art forms.

9749H/9849H JR. HIGH SCULPTURE

Prerequisite: Jr. High Art A

1 Semester

Sculpture is a studio course designed to introduce students to the basic means of creating three-dimensional art. The course is based in hands on learning making aesthetic choices and engaging in group dialog to develop basic technical and evaluative skills. Emphasis is placed on trying new things and working through technical and conceptual problems to discover unique and interesting solutions.

9751H/9851H EXPLORING LANGUAGES

1 Semester

This course provides students an opportunity to explore and experience the linguistic skills of Spanish, German, and French. In addition, students will learn about the cultures associated with these three languages. Listening, speaking, reading, and writing opportunities will also be provided. **This course does not count toward high school graduation requirements.*

9752H COMMUNICATIONS 7

1 Semester

This one semester course is designed to prepare 7th grade students to be effective communicators. Students will work on distinct types of public speaking, focusing on the clarity of their message. All aspects of communication will be covered with the intent to build students' confidence. This course serves as preparation for Communication Applications and Debate.

9753H/9853H DEBATE

1 Semester

In this course students will learn to plan, prepare, research, analyze and develop speaking skills. All students will participate in several individual speaking categories: impromptu speaking, extemporaneous speaking, oratory, and oral interpretation. Students will be expected to attend area debate competitions outside the regular school day.

9762 YEARBOOK I 7

This basic course is required for all students interested in being a member of the yearbook staff. The course offers the student training in the production of the school yearbook. Students develop abilities in gathering information, writing copy and captions, understanding components of quality photography, copy editing skills, and techniques of headlines.

9850 YEARBOOK I 8

This basic course is required for all students interested in being a member of the yearbook staff. The course offers the student training in the production of the school yearbook. Students develop abilities in gathering information, writing copy and captions, understanding components of quality photography, copy editing skills, and techniques of headlines.

9862 YEARBOOK II 8

Prerequisite: Yearbook I 7

This course is for the yearbook staff members. Second year yearbook students continue to develop their journalism skills from Yearbook I. Students further develop their skills and knowledge in the use of publishing software. Students are encouraged to fill an editor's position and take a leadership role in the publication staff. Students will plan a yearbook ladder, complete various spreads and assignments, copy, edit, and complete a portfolio of work.

9763H/9863H TEEN LEADERSHIP

1 Semester

This course develops business, professional, and leadership skills. Students learn the importance of principle-centered living, how to handle peer pressure, communicating effectively, building meaningful relationships, making responsible decisions and the importance of goals.

9866H TEEN LEADERSHIP II

Prerequisite: Teen Leadership

1 Semester

Teen Leadership II is a continuation of the skills learned in Teen Leadership I. Further emphasis is placed on public speaking skills, personal responsibility, and relationships with peers and family. Students will also develop their own personal mission statement.

9771H/9871H PEER TUTOR

1 Semester

The student will work with a teacher to provide extra help for students who may be having difficulty. Students are placed in this class based on teacher request, grades, and school counselor approval.

9785/9885 STUDY SKILLS

This Course will focus on time management skills, basic study skills, goal setting, and organization.

9797H/9897H OFFICE AIDE

1 Semester

Students will assist the various offices and library staff in daily paperwork, running errands, and basic office duties.

9798/9898H WRITING STRATEGIES

1 Semester

Writing Strategies is a one semester ELA supplement designed to strengthen students' ability to use the writing process recursively as they compose a variety of texts across multiple genres. Students will learn and apply genre characteristics and craft to compose literary, informational and argumentative texts using grade-level appropriate conventions.

9793H MATH INVESTIGATIONS

1 Semester

Students will investigate realms of mathematics involving history, art and patterns, statistics and logic, finance, and careers.

9756/9856 SOCIAL STUDIES ENRICHMENT

9770/9870 READING ENRICHMENT

9794/9894 SCIENCE ENRICHMENT

9795/9895 LANGUAGE ARTS ENRICHMENT

9799/9899 WRITING ENRICHMENT

All students' STAAR scores will be evaluated over the summer. Any student who scores below Approaches on a STAAR exam may be required to take a STAAR enrichment class in addition to the core academic course. Several factors will be examined to determine if the student needs the enrichment course as an intervention. These classes are designed to assist the students in areas of weakness as well as teach them good test-taking and study skills. Students may be assigned to a STAAR class during the year based on classroom performance and benchmark scores. Parents who do not want their students to enroll in the STAAR enrichment course(s) will need to consult with the building principal.

ELECTIVE OPTIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL CTE COURSES

JK0781 GENERAL EMPLOYABILITY - CAREER & COLLEGE EXPLORATIONS

Credit: 1

In this course, students use decision-making and problem-solving skills for individual career and academic planning. Students explore valid, reliable educational and career information to learn more about themselves and their interests and abilities through interest inventories, labor market data, and hand-on investigation. Students integrate skills from academic subjects, information technology, and interpersonal communication to make informed decisions. This course is designed to guide students through the process of investigating and developing a college and career readiness plan. Students will begin mapping their anticipated secondary coursework and potential postsecondary experiences that are in alignment with their goals. This includes the prerequisite skills for general employment as well as the means of obtaining those skills. Discovering job possibilities that link skills, abilities, interests, values, needs, and work environment preferences is a part of the process of obtaining employability skills and abilities and is experiential learning that takes place over time.

JK886 FUNDAMENTALS OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Credit: 1

Fundamentals of Computer Science is intended as a first course for those students just beginning the study of computer science. Students will learn about the computing tools that are used every day. Students will foster their creativity and innovation through opportunities to design, implement, and present solutions to real-world problems. Students will collaborate and use computer science concepts to access, analyze, and evaluate information needed to solve problems. Students will learn the problem-solving and reasoning skills that are the foundation of computer science. By using computer science knowledge and skills that support the work of individuals and groups in solving problems, students will select the technology appropriate for the task, synthesize knowledge, create solutions, and evaluate the results. Students will learn digital citizenship by researching current laws and regulations, and by practicing integrity and respect. Students will gain an understanding of the principles of computer science through the study of technology operations and concepts. The six strands include creativity and innovation; communication and collaboration; research and information fluency; critical thinking; problem solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts.

JK377 INTRODUCTION TO CULINARY ARTS

Credit: 1

Introduction to Culinary Arts will emphasize the principles of planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and controlling the management of a variety of food service operations. The course will provide insight into the operation of a well-run restaurant. Introduction to Culinary Arts will provide insight into food production skills, various levels of industry management, and hospitality skills. This is an entry level course for students interested in pursuing a career in the food service industry. This course is offered as a classroom and laboratory-based course.

JK351 MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

Credit: 1

The Medical Terminology course is designed to introduce students to the structure of medical terms, including prefixes, suffixes, word roots, singular and plural forms, and medical abbreviations. The course allows students to achieve comprehension of medical vocabulary appropriate to medical procedures, human anatomy and physiology, and pathophysiology.

JK100 PRINCIPLES OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Credit: 1

Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources will allow students to develop knowledge and skills regarding career and educational opportunities, personal development, globalization, industry standards, details, practices, and expectations.

JK525 PRINCIPLES OF APPLIED ENGINEERING

Credit: 1

Principles of Applied Engineering provides an overview of the various fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and their interrelationships. Students will develop engineering communication skills, which include computer graphics, modeling, and presentations, by using a variety of computer hardware and software applications to complete assignments and projects. Upon completing this course, students will understand the various fields of engineering and will be able to make informed career decisions. Further, students will have worked on a design team to develop a product or system. Students will use multiple software applications to prepare and present course assignments.

JK200 PRINCIPLES OF ARTS, AUDIO/VIDEO TECHNOLOGY, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Credit: 1

The goal of this course is that the student understands arts, audio/video technology, and communications systems. Within this context, students will be expected to develop an understanding of the various and multifaceted career opportunities in this cluster and the knowledge, skills, and educational requirements for those opportunities.

JK250 PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS, MARKETING, AND FINANCE

Credit: 1

In Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance, students gain knowledge and skills in economies and private enterprise systems, the impact of global business, the marketing of goods and services, advertising, and product pricing. Students analyze the sales process and financial management principles. This course allows students to reinforce, apply, and transfer academic knowledge and skills to a variety of interesting and relevant activities, problems, and settings in business, marketing, and finance.

JK275 PRINCIPLES OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Credit: 1

Principles of Education and Training is designed to introduce learners to the various careers available within the Education and Training Career Cluster. Students use self-knowledge as well as educational and career information to analyze various careers within the Education and Training Career Cluster. Students will develop a graduation plan that leads to a specific career choice in the student's interest area.

JK375 PRINCIPLES OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

Credit: 1

Principles of Hospitality and Tourism introduces students to an industry that encompasses lodging, travel and tourism, recreation, amusements, attractions, and food/beverage operations. Students learn knowledge and skills focusing on communication, time management, and customer service that meet industry standards. Students will explore the history of the hospitality and tourism industry and examine the characteristics needed for success in that industry.

JUNIOR HIGH COURSE OFFERINGS FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

Offered at all schools

J080H HEALTH

Credit: .5

The goal of Health I is to provide instruction that allows students to develop and sustain health-promoting behaviors throughout their lives. Students will learn the ability to gather, interpret, and understand health information, achieve health literacy, and adapt to the ever-changing science of health. Essential skills practiced during the course include decision making, problem-solving, goal setting, maintaining healthy relationships with self and others, seeking help and support, and recognizing various influences on health such as social, environmental, media, and genetic. Topics include physical health and hygiene; mental health and wellness; healthy eating and physical activity; injury and violence prevention and safety; alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; reproductive and sexual health; child abuse, family violence, dating violence, and human trafficking.

J1621 7TH OR 8TH GRADE ALGEBRA I

Prerequisite: 8th grade Math or Pre-Algebra 7 Honors

Credit: 1

The course builds on the foundation of concepts presented in K-8 Mathematics, use symbols to study relationships among quantities, functions to represent and model problem situations, and analyze and interpret relationships. Students will work in many situations to set up equations, use a variety of methods to solve meaningful problems and will continually use problem solving, computation in problem-solving contexts, language and communication. Connections will be made within and outside of mathematics, and reasoning, as well as multiple representations, applications, modeling, justification and proof. Students in Algebra 1 at the junior high level will take the Algebra 1 STAAR EOC to meet high school graduation requirements. In addition, students will need to take four years of high school mathematics during their high school career.

J1641 GEOMETRY

Prerequisite: Algebra 1

Credit: 1

The advanced level course builds on the basic foundation of concepts presented in K-8 Mathematics and Algebra 1, students use geometric thinking to understand mathematical concepts and relationships among them, study properties and relationships having to do with size, shape, location, direction, and orientation of one, two, and three-dimensional figures. Students will perceive the connection between geometry and the real and mathematical worlds and use geometrical ideas, relationships, and properties to solve problems. Students will use a variety of representations (concrete, pictorial, algebraic, and coordinate), tools, and technology to solve meaningful problems by representing figures, transforming figures, analyzing relationships among figures, and proving concepts related to figures. Students in Geometry at the junior high level will take the Grade 8 mathematics STAAR to meet state guidelines. In addition, students will need to take four years of high school mathematics during their high school career. Students on this academic path will be advised to enroll in dual credit and Advanced Placement courses.

J260H COMMUNICATION APPLICATIONS

Credit: .5

This course allows students to develop the effective communication skills necessary for professional and social success in interpersonal situations, group interactions and personal and professional presentations.

J3001 SPANISH I

Credit: 1

This course offers a primary understanding of the Spanish language, focusing on developing the interpretive, interpersonal, and presentational modes of communication. The culture and civilization of the Spanish-speaking world are integrated into all aspects of the course through reading, listening, and viewing authentic materials. Students will develop confidence in using spoken Spanish to describe familiar topics such as family, hobbies, and school life. By the end of the first year of world language study, students should be able to understand and communicate in the target language at a *novice mid* to *novice high* level. *Novice mid* speakers are able to use memorized phrases and lists of words. *Novice high* speakers are able to use simple sentences and ask/answer questions about familiar topics.

J3111 SPANISH II FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS

*Credit: 1**

Prerequisite: A pre-assessment is required for admittance to this course. Successful completion of Spanish II for Spanish Speakers will result in retroactive Spanish I credit.

This course is designed for students who already have the ability to understand and speak Spanish. The emphasis of the instruction will be on assessing students' proficiency and developing the three modes of communication: interpretive, interpersonal, and presentational. Students will also expand their knowledge and appreciation of the culture and civilization of the Spanish-speaking world. Continuation of culturally authentic texts and materials will be included in everyday contexts. This course will enable students to communicate more successfully in social and professional settings.

J4001 ART I

Prerequisite: Successful completion of JH Art A and JH Art B in 7th grade or JH Art A and Ceramics in 7th Grade

Credit: 1

This is a one-year foundation course. Thorough application of the fundamentals of design will be used to develop basic skills and techniques as well as an understanding and appreciation of historical and contemporary art and artists. Studio activities include drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, ceramics and sculpture. This course is designed for students who plan to advance to higher-level Art courses, such that of Art II and beyond.



At the end of the first six weeks, any student receiving a grade below a 70 in any class is ineligible until the end of the nine-week grading period (*except students who are failing courses identified as Advanced – see list below*). If passing all classes at that time, the student will regain eligibility. From that point forward, students may lose eligibility at the end of each nine weeks.

- At the end of a semester, eligibility of the student is determined by the Nine Weeks Grade, not the semester exam or Semester Average.
- Eligibility can be regained at the three-week progress report if the student is passing all classes with a 70 or higher.
- There is a one-week grace period before a student loses or regains eligibility.
- Students who score below a 70 in certain advanced courses (listed below) may petition the building principal for a waiver.
- Grades below a 60 can not be waived.
- Junior High School students may waive no more than 1 course per grading period.
- All decisions by the principal are final.

For additional information regarding No Pass, No Play, consult the TEA – UIL Side by Side at <https://www.uiltexas.org/policy/tea-uil-side-by-side>.

Conroe ISD courses which may be waived in accordance with campus procedures and with principal approval (*Advanced Classes Identified for No Pass, No Play Exemption*):

Approved Advanced Junior High Courses

English
Honors Language Arts

Science
Honors Science

Mathematics
Honors Mathematics
Algebra I
Geometry

Social Studies
Honors Texas History
Honors U.S. History

ADVANCED PATHWAYS FOR ALGEBRA I

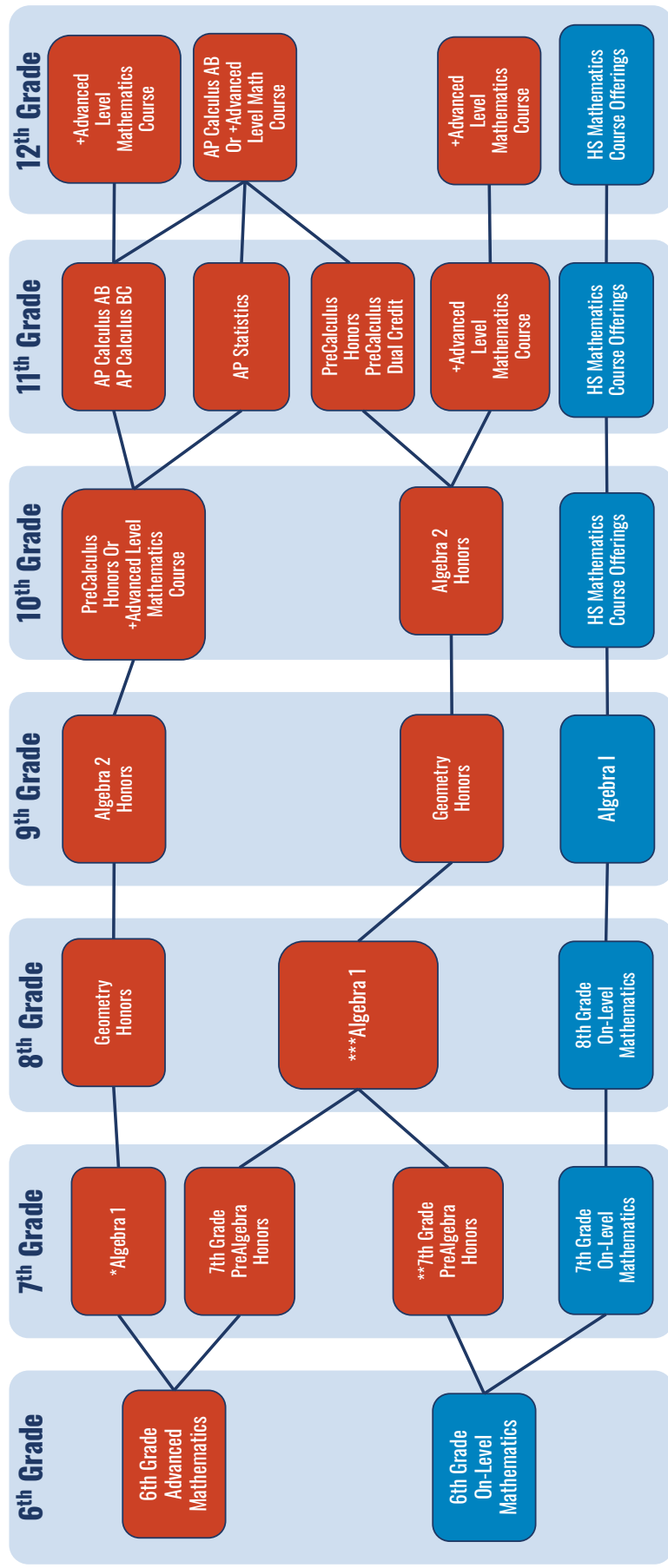


Who should be considered for 7th Grade PreAlgebra Honors?

- Students who access math at a quicker pace and have good problem-solving skills.
- Students with a strong number sense or fluency (manipulate numbers mentally).

The following data sources should be considered when recruiting students for accelerated math or placing them in Advanced Mathematics:

- Evidence of number sense or fluency
- Campus Formative Assessment Results
- Previous STAAR Math and Reading Scores
- Quarter Assessment Results
- NWEA MAP data



*7th Grade Algebra 1 - Seventh grade student earned Pre-Algebra credit through the Pre-Algebra Accelerated Summer School program or the Grade 8 Credit-by-Exam (CBE) prior to the first day of school. Student will take the Algebra I STAAR End-of-Course and is recommended that he/she complete four high school math courses including one advanced course in their senior year. Student should consult their school counselor for further details.

**7th Grade Pre Algebra Honors - Seventh grade student earned credit for 6th grade Advanced Math, completed the Grade 7 Accelerated Summer School course, or scored at least an 80% on the Grade 7 Credit-by-Exam prior to the first day of school. The student will take the 8th grade Math STAAR in May and should consult their school counselor for further details.

***8th Grade Algebra 1 - Student will take the Algebra 1 STAAR in May. Student is advised to enroll in four math courses in high school and at least one Approved Advanced Level Mathematics course in their senior year. Student should consult their school counselor for further details.

+Examples of Advanced Level Math Courses - AP Statistics, DC PreCal, DC College Algebra, DC Statistics, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, or Multivariable Calculus