

## Advanced Classes

Advanced Classes are offered at Crockett County Middle School in Mathematics and English/Language Arts. Normally, one section of each is offered for sixth graders and two sections of each are offered for seventh and eighth graders. The number of sections is subject to change based on the number of students that meet the qualification requirements.

These advanced classes have a more rigorous and in-depth content focus than the regular academic classes. The class will often move at a faster pace, including different types of assignments, and may require additional outside reading and/or homework. These classes are designed to challenge students beyond grade-level academic courses and prepare them for success in future advanced coursework. Students may require additional encouragement and support from both family and staff to be successful in advanced classes. Students should not be expected to make A's in the advanced classes just because they are accepted into the class. Students doing average work on the more rigorous assignments may still make an academic grade of a C. The benefit of participating in an academic class is to be better prepared for the future, not to improve a grade point average. Due to scheduling constraints, students who are accepted into the advanced classes are not permitted to change their schedule to enroll in the regular classes once they are accepted into the program and parents have signed the acceptance agreement.

## Eligibility for Entry into Advanced Classes

Selection for entry into advanced classes at CCMS will be made by a committee of teachers and administrators. Students will be considered by the committee if they meet the following criteria:

- 1) Parental nomination as indicated by completion of the application form and the return of teacher references to the school by the deadline for consideration by the committee
- 2) Teacher nomination by the student's teacher in the same subject the previous year.

The committee will select the "most qualified" applicants from the pool of nominations using the following items and indicators.

- 1) A "yearly" average grade of at least 93 in the previous grade in the same subject
- 2) Previous TVAAS growth scores of Advanced or current projection of Advanced
- 3) A "scale score" of at least 800 on the STAR Reading test for ELA classes
- 4) A "scale score" of at least (TBD) on the STAR Math test for mathematics classes
- 5) A positive discipline record for the past school year
- 6) Individualized Education Program (IEP) recommendations

Nominations must be submitted every year. Acceptance in an advanced class in one grade does not guarantee acceptance into the program for the next year.

## Deadlines

All nomination and reference forms must be in the hands of the middle school principal by the end of school on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in May for consideration by the selection committee. Any documentation submitted after that deadline will NOT be considered.

Parents will be notified of student selection/non-selection in writing no later than the first Friday in June.

Parents and students must sign and return the acceptance agreement no later than the second Friday in June in order to reserve their seat in the advanced class. Failure to return this agreement may result in the student being scheduled in a regular academic class and his/her seat being given to another student.