

Student Registration Guidelines – 8th Grade

1. TAKS (for all grade levels): If your child does not meet expectations on any section of TAKS, he or she will be scheduled into the appropriate TAKS preparation class. According to state law, we are required to provide your child with intense accelerated instruction to promote future academic success. This class(es) will take the place of one or more electives.
2. New Students: Students transferring from another Texas school must provide TAKS results from the most recent administration. If TAKS results are not available immediately, please note that once they are received, necessary schedule changes will be made to address the deficiencies.
3. Pre AP Guidelines: (English and Science) It is highly recommended that students only enroll in Pre AP courses if they meet the following specifications 1) a classroom average of 90 % or higher in the subject area and 2) 90% or higher on the TAKS
4. Math Pre AP Entrance Requirements: Enrolling in a Pre AP math class on the 7th or 8th grade level requires certain testing and GPA requirements. The requirements for Pre AP 7th grade math and Pre AP 8th grade math are outlined specifically on the next page of the Guidebook. Please note that you must meet ALL these requirements in order to qualify for enrollment in 7th or 8th grade Pre AP.
5. Pre AP Maintenance Criteria (for all grade levels): A student who earns a 79 or below in a six week grading period will be placed on academic probation. If a 79 or below is earned for two consecutive six weeks, the student will be placed into the corresponding regular level class.
6. Spanish 1A and 1B Maintenance Criteria: A student who earns below an 80 in a six week grading period will be placed on probation. If below an 80 is earned for two consecutive six weeks, the student will be removed from the Spanish class and placed in an alternate elective. Students must have a final grade of 80 or above to enroll in Spanish 1B. To obtain high school credit, students must complete both Spanish 1A and 1B with a final grade of 80 or above.
7. Schedule Changes: Schedule changes are subject to availability in the class requested. Students need to choose classes carefully and understand the schedule change policy. Schedule changes will only be permitted the first week of school.
Exceptions to this policy will be students who:
- need to move from Pre AP to on-level or vice versa

Requirements for Enrolling in Pre AP Math

If a student is currently in Regular 7th grade math and wishes to enroll in 8th Grade Algebra I:

- 1) **The student must score a 90% on both Part 1 and Part 2 of the Texas Tech 8th Grade Math Credit by Examination Exam.** This exam is given in the spring, and the student's parent must notify the counselor that the student wishes to take this test during spring registration so that appropriate arrangements can be made.
- 2) **The student must score at least 85% or higher on the 7th grade TAKS test.** This is not based on the scale score, yet the actual percentage of problems answered correctly.
- 3) **The student must score an 85% or higher on the IAAT (Iowa Algebra Aptitude Test).** This test will be administered during the spring semester to all students that have signed up for Algebra I during registration.
- 4) **The student must finish the year with an average of 92% or higher in the 7th grade math class.**

If a student is currently in Pre AP 7th grade math and wishes to enroll in 8th grade Algebra I:

- 1) **The student must meet 2 out of 3 of the following standards:**
 - **The student must score at least 85% or higher on the 7th grade TAKS test.** This is not based on the scale score, yet the actual percentage of problems answered correctly.
 - **The student must finish the year with an average of 88% or higher in the 7th grade Pre AP math class.**
 - **The student must score an 85% or higher on the IAAT (Iowa Algebra Aptitude Test).** This test will be administered during the spring semester to all 7th grade Pre AP math students.

If a student is currently in Pre AP 7th grade math and wishes to enroll in Geometry for the 8th grade year:

- 1) **The student must score a 90% on both Part 1 and Part 2 of the Texas Tech Algebra I Math Credit by Examination Exam.** This exam is given in the spring, and the student's parent must notify the counselor that the student wishes to take this test during spring registration so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

If a student is currently in Algebra I (as a 7th grader), the student will be able to enroll for Geometry in the 8th grade year as long as credit is received for Algebra I.