

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH ACHIEVING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

## 7th Grade: English Language Arts | Science| Social Studies

### Science

83 Percentile (Average) on Winter ELA MAPS

83 Percentile (Average) on Winter Math MAPS

A- minimum average through third quarter science in sixth grade

Strong ability to effectively participate in respectful, responsible, high-level discussion.

Ability to effectively work in small groups and independently in lab setting



### Social Studies

83 Percentile (Average) on Winter ELA MAPS

A or A- on Quarters 1, 2, and 3 in 6th grade Social Studies AND teacher recommendation.

Ability to independently analyze primary source documents

Ability to investigate historical events from multiple viewpoints

### English Language Arts

25 or higher on 7- tiered rubric

Ability to speak confidently in front of the class.

Ability to independently analyze reading selections, short stories, and novels.

Ability to independently construct and analyze writing pieces.

## General Honors Description

*Our honors classes will offer students challenging curriculum that allows for academic growth by providing high achieving students with rigor and critical thinking activities. Students who are choosing to enroll in honors courses should meet the recommended pre-requisites as well as have an understanding that these course will include additional readings, activities, projects, and other assessments that require significant work outside the classroom.*



# Course Descriptions

## Social Studies

Grade 7 Honors Social Studies is designed for those students who show strong potential and enjoy history. We will be covering Ancient Civilizations through European Exploration. In the honors class we will emphasize using primary sources to evaluate historical events. We will participate in debates, trials, and project based learning experiences that allow honors students to go in depth into the historical analysis process. In addition, students will be expected to complete outside reading of assigned novels throughout the year. This course relies heavily on outside reading, research, and work.

## English Language Arts

Honors ELA is a rigorous and challenging academic course. Our goal is to take our students' potential and offer advanced skills that will enable them to perform at advanced levels in both reading and writing. All students are working toward the same goal: the ability to communicate and collaborate effectively, think critically, and develop their creativity - all vital skills needed in today's world. The course is centered around twelve novels which focus on analysis and comprehension. There will be additional analysis of a multiplicity of different types of texts. There are weekly assignments focused on vocabulary acquisition, grammar and writing mastery, and reading proficiency. Students are expected to demonstrate facility with and mastery of standard written and oral English language conventions. Throughout the year, students will participate in both formal and informal group activities and projects that involve collaboration, listening, and speaking. This course will require the students to put in extra hours outside of class. Due to the breadth and pace of the class, attendance and engagement are critical factors for success. Continuation in the honors program will be based on a seven-tiered rubric with a minimum composite score of 25.

## Science

Seventh grade honors science will be ideal for self-motivated students with an enthusiasm for science. Fields of discussion will include weather and the living sciences. Emphasis will be placed on discussion and lab setting. Students will be working extensively both independently and in groups. Projects, labs, and assessments will comprise the bulk of the scores.