

# Welcome to Lonestar Middle School

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“In Pursuit of Excellence”

# CORE CLASSES

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All 6th grade students will take these core classes.

**English Language Arts and Reading**

**Math**

**Science**

**Social Studies**

**Physical Education**

# Pre-AP Courses

English language arts and reading, science, social studies, and math courses that are:

- Designed to challenge motivated students and prepare them for success in college-level coursework in high school and beyond
- Move at a faster pace and more academically challenging
- Require additional outside reading, and
- Require more independent learning than on-level courses.
- Pre AP is not an all or nothing, students should choose Pre AP classes based on their areas of academic strength and interests.

If you are interested in having your student considered for placement in pre-AP classes in 6th grade, please indicate this on the course request sheet your student receives at their elementary school.

# Electives:

Each 6th grade student will take a music class and either Art or STEM.

Music electives to choose from:

- Band
- Choir
- Orchestra



Number, in order of your preference, which music class you prefer:

1. Band
2. Choir
3. Orchestra

Non music electives to choose from:

- Art
- STEM



Number, in order of your preference, whether you prefer Art or STEM.

1. STEM
2. Art

# Next Steps

1. Take home your course selection sheet and fill it out with family. Be sure your parents sign the form.
2. Bring it back to your teacher by Wednesday, 2/3.

Due Date!

# Guidelines for Probable Success in Pre-AP Classes in Middle School

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## Predictors of Indicators of Probable Success in Pre-AP courses

### English/Language Arts

**Met or Masters standard** on previous year STAAR Reading

Previous year ELA **final grade average** of 85 or higher

**Reading MAP testing** RIT score –

Entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade -  $\geq 214$

Entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade -  $\geq 217$

Entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade -  $\geq 219$

### Mathematics

**Met or Masters standard** on previous year STAAR Math

Previous year Math **final grade average** of 85 or higher

**Math MAP testing** RIT score –

Entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade -  $\geq 222$

Entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade -  $\geq 226$

Entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade -  $\geq 229$

### Social Studies

**Met or Masters standard** on previous year STAAR Reading

Previous year Social Studies **final grade average** of 85 or higher

**Reading MAP testing** RIT score –

Entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade -  $\geq 214$

Entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade -  $\geq 217$

Entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade -  $\geq 219$

### Science

**Met or Masters standard** on previous year STAAR Science

Previous year Science **final grade average** of 85 or higher

**Science MAP testing** RIT score –

Entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade -  $\geq 211$

Entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade -  $\geq 213$

Entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade -  $\geq 215$