

IMPORTANT INFO REGARDING Level vs. Honors CLASSES

<u>7th grade Level Math</u>	<u>7th grade Honors Pre Algebra</u>
Teaches 7 th grade curriculum	Skips 7 th curriculum entirely, teaches all 8 th
Weekly homework	Daily homework
Students take 7 th grade STAAR Math Test	Students take 8 th grade STAAR Math Test
Students need a regular paced class	Students don't struggle to handle fast pacing

Students in the 7th grade wanting to take Algebra are required to take the University of Texas Credit By Exam and score a minimum of an 80 or attend summer school for pre-algebra initial credit. Students must make at least an 80 in the summer school class. Students should have upper level problem solving aptitude and mathematical reasoning.

<u>Level Science</u>	<u>Honors Science</u>
No mandatory Science Fair, EDC Robotics, Science bowl or Science Stories to pass-Few class projects assigned.	Mandatory Science Fair, EDC Robotics, Science bowl or Science Stories (independent study projects) to pass
Level curriculum, less time spent on going deeper into the material	In-depth, advanced, critical thinking and analytical reading skills well developed for success
Student needs a regular paced class	Requires STRONG work ethic, more independent work, critical thinking, VERY fast pacing
<u>Level ELA</u>	<u>Honors ELA</u>
Few at home book projects	Multiple at home book projects
Student needs a regular paced class	Requires STRONG work ethic, more independent work, critical thinking, VERY fast pacing
Needs additional practice to master grammar	Strong grammar skills already developed
<u>Level Texas History</u>	<u>Honors Texas History</u>
Student needs a regular paced class	Requires STRONG work ethic, more independent work, critical thinking, VERY fast pacing
Few out of class projects, no mandated History Fair	Additional out of class projects Such as District History Fair required at Peet (May be required at Stockton)
Not yet working at a masters level for reading	Need advanced reading & writing skills for success

Questions to help determine if your student is ready for advanced classes.

Yes	No	
		Will your child maintain exceptional study skills and demonstrate positive habits related to school? Do they require "extra credit" to make strong grades?
		Will your child consider time commitments and will they be able to balance academic load with outside and family commitments?
		Will your child ask questions and participate in classroom discussions?
		When faced with challenging material, will your child persevere?
		Will your child ask teachers for assistance when needed?
		Will your child plan and work ahead on long-term projects?
		Has your child maintained an A/B semester average in current and/or previous content area coursework?
		Does your student consistently score well (MASTERS) on the STAAR test?

For additional information regarding the courses taught and course descriptions, please refer to the CISD Program of Studies which can be found on the district website. You can find the program of studies under STUDENT INFORMATION, which is under the Parents/Students tab. **Please attend elective night on February 25th from 6:00 to 7:30 at Peet or Washington (Stockton students).**