

Peet Jr. High School

**School Information  
Guide  
2022-2023**



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# Peet Junior High School

## Course Descriptions and School Information

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## PARENT ACCESS CENTER

For access to your child's weekly progress updates, report card grades, previous day's attendance, and discipline records, please sign up for Parent Access Center. Links to registration, FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) and login information can be found on both the Peet and the CISD homepages. The student's ID number, address and phone number will be necessary for parent registration. For information concerning registration or assistance with the system, contact Peet and ask for the school Registrar. This free service also gives parents/guardians a fairly recent update of grades in almost real time during each nine weeks.

## GRADING

Each semester is divided into two nine-week increments. Nine-week grading is determined as follows:

60%	Major Grades
20%	Quiz Grades
20%	Daily Grades

For junior high classes, each nine-week grade will account for 45% of the overall grade. A final semester exam worth 10% will be administered. Nine-week grading is determined as follows:

First Nine Weeks	45%
Second Nine Weeks	45%
Semester Final	<u>10%</u>
	100%

Students taking high school courses (algebra, geometry, health, communications applications, Spanish, and Spanish II NS) will have their semester exams count for 15% of their grade. Semester averages for high school classes will be determined as follows:

First Nine Weeks	42.5%
Second Nine Weeks	42.5%
Semester Final	<u>15.0%</u>
	100%

## REGISTRATION

One of the most critical functions performed by a school is the registration of students. Based on the information from registration, courses are scheduled and staffing decisions are made for the next school year. Therefore, it is important that course selections be given serious consideration. Every effort will be made to accommodate all students, but this may not be possible due to class size, times offered, etc. Please make sure elective courses are numbered 1 through 8. All elective classes may be utilized to properly complete a student's schedule. Please keep in mind that all two semester courses should be listed first, and then prioritize the remaining classes. **Once the April 14<sup>th</sup> course selection deadline passes, no changes will be made.**

**Any student** enrolling in **Honors academic courses, Athletics, Soccer, Cross Country, Band, Choir, and/or Orchestra** is making a **commitment** to be in that program **for one year**. **No students** will be allowed to drop from that program during the year unless there are extenuating circumstances requiring a principal's approval.

## **Immunizations must be current in order to pick up your student's schedule at Peet Cub Express.**

### **ASSIGNMENT TO CLASSES**

#### **Academic Courses – 7<sup>th</sup> grade/8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Students are assigned to classes that are identified as level or Honors. **All** classes are designed to prepare students for high school and beyond. Students are expected to be successful in the class that meets their ability. Please consider homework demands for each course and the grades you wish your child to achieve when making these selections.

It is recommended that all students in an Honors program meet all course expectations with a minimum of a 70%. **By signing up for an Honors course, students and parents are making a commitment to remain in the course for the entire year.** Students who wish to request Honors courses must enter the correct course in the Student Access.

You and your child can choose either regular or Honors classes in all core courses *except* math. Math assignments are completely different in that it is critical students receive each sequential math course along the way to obtain the foundation needed for math success in junior high, high school, and beyond.

#### **Characteristics of an Honors class are:**

- Student-initiated learning with an emphasis on strong work ethic
- Rigorous academic content in Honors classes requiring reading proficiency
- More depth and complexity
- Application of content strategies
- Consistent use of higher-level thinking skills
- Assignments are more analytical
- Required commitment to course inside and outside of classroom
- Fast pace
- Homework expectations
- Content immersion
- Assessment of performance at the analysis and synthesis levels

#### **Electives**

Students will rank all of the electives based on their preference. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be required to take one semester of College and Career Readiness. When building student schedules, the elective choices are determined by which courses will work in the student's schedule. Every effort is made for each student to receive as many of his or her elective choices as possible. Most students will take most electives offered unless they are enrolled in a fine arts program or athletics. Please note that the course verification in the spring will indicate courses each student has *requested*. If any of these appear incorrect, or if you would like to make a change, please submit these changes in writing to the Counseling Center prior to the **April 14<sup>th</sup>** elective request deadline. For purposes of completing a specific student schedule, it is possible that a student may receive an elective of which they did not request.

**Placements for band, choir, and orchestra will be announced on the tentative schedule students receive in August at Cub Express.**

## ACADEMY FOR SCIENCE AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Students seriously considering the Academy for Science & Health Professions as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade application process, should, as 7<sup>th</sup> graders, consider the following suggested sequence of courses in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Courses for Consideration in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Science Honors

Algebra I (consider summer school PreAlgebra as a qualifying course, if needed)

Spanish I or Spanish NS

Health Science Technology is a required course in the Academy. Students and parents should know that if they are seriously considering applying to the Academy program in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, they should postpone taking Health for high school credit in junior high.

## MORE ABOUT PEET JUNIOR HIGH

### School Hours

**Classes Begin:           8:50 a.m.**  
**Dismissal:                 4:00 p.m.**

### **Immunization Requirements for ALL Incoming Students Prior to Entering 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Please keep in mind that two immunizations are required **PRIOR** to entry into seventh grade. The **Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis) and the MCV4 (Meningococcal)** are required for school attendance and participation in extracurricular activities. Please review your student's immunization record to determine if your student is up to date. You can turn in the record to your current school nurse, email the record to [vwilcher@conroeisd.net](mailto:vwilcher@conroeisd.net), fax it to (936)709-9830, or drop it off in the front office. If you are planning to get an exemption, we must have the notarized affidavit by the first day of school, August 10, 2022. You can apply for an exemption online at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/exemptions.aspx#affidavit>.

ALL physicals should be turned into the student's coach, not the clinic. **If your student is participating in a UIL activity and has a medical issue such as asthma, a severe allergy, or seizure disorder, etc., we are REQUIRED to have an action plan from the doctor, along with any medication needed. Students who do not meet this requirement will NOT be allowed to participate. All medication MUST be signed into the clinic. We will be sure the appropriate coach is trained and issued the medication needed.**

Please call or email our nurse, Mrs. Wilcher, with any questions and welcome to Peet Jr. High

Vicki Wilcher, RN  
School Nurse, (936)709-3830

## **After School Activities and Clubs**

Students wanting to start a club need to find a teacher sponsor and get the principal's permission.

Presently the following opportunities are available:

Color Guard Club	Peet Beauties Club
Craft Club	Performing Arts Club
Cubs for Christ	Photography Club
Future Health Care Workers Club	Student Council
National Junior Honor Society	Tennis Club

## **Tutorials**

Teachers may provide tutorial opportunities for students before and/or after school. The library is open Monday – Thursday until 5:00 for study hall. Tutoring is provided after school Monday - Thursday. Contact your child's teacher for more specific information. Late bus transportation is provided for all tutorial programs with a signed permission form from parents. Late bus drop off are satellite locations.

## **Parent Teacher Organization**

Peet has an active PTO. All parents are encouraged to support our school and join the PTO. It is with your support that educational opportunities can be expanded for our students. Many volunteer opportunities are available. A volunteer form will be sent home at the beginning of the school year. Please help if you can; strong parental support is much appreciated!

## **COURSE REQUEST DEADLINE**

**Courses must be in Student Access by Thursday, March 10, 2022.**

**Course Requests information is available at <http://peet.conroeisd.net>**

The final deadline for submitting course changes is **April 14, 2022.**

## **FINE ARTS INFORMATION**

### **ART**

- **Jr. High Art A, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders 1 Semester** - Through a variety of two and three dimensional mediums, students build a strong foundation in the elements and principles of art. The curriculum allows each student to build on previous art experiences and prepares them for more advanced levels of art. Students will be exposed to and encouraged to develop an art portfolio.
- **Jr. High Art B Prerequisite: Art I, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders 1 Semester** - Students create art with emphasis on art history: prehistoric to modern. A portfolio will be developed and maintained.
- **Jr. High Art C Prerequisite: Art B, 8<sup>th</sup> grades only 1 Semester** - Students will focus on applying their knowledge of the elements and principles of design into works of art that convey concepts and ideas that are original and unique. Independence is highly encouraged in the creative decision-making process.
- **Jr. High Ceramics Prerequisite: Art B, 8<sup>th</sup> graders only, 1 Semester** - While exploring a variety of hand building and glazing techniques, students will incorporate theory and technique to create complex and interesting three-dimensional art forms
- **High School Art I** This is a one-year High School foundation course which provides 1 High School credit. Thorough application of the fundamentals of design will be used to develop basic skills and techniques as well as an understanding and appreciation of historical and contemporary art and artists. Studio activities include drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, ceramics and sculpture. This course is designed for students who plan to advance to higher level Art courses in a coherent sequence. The rigor of this course is designed for students going on to take Art II and beyond.

## **BAND**

- All band students must provide their own instrument or make arrangements to rent one from the school. Instruments available through the school are oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, Tenor sax, Bari Sax, French horn, euphonium and tuba. **Contact the Peet Band Director before April 14th if you will need to rent an instrument.**
- Students in Wind Ensemble, Symphonic and Concert Bands are required to purchase a band shirt, method book, black shoes and black socks. These students will perform at concerts, football games, pep rallies, and contests.
- Students can be in band and participate in any sport or other extracurricular activity.
- In lieu of fundraising a participation fee is due by the end of the year.
- Participation in all performances is mandatory and count as major grades unless otherwise noted.

## **CHOIR**

- All choir students are required to pay a \$60 choir activity fee for the entire year. **This fee covers:** A choir t-shirt, a pop show shirt, sheet music costs, classroom materials, entry fees, accompanists' fees, transportation, etc.
- All choir students receive a school-issued formal choir uniform that should be cared for and returned at the end of the year. *\*Care instructions will be sent home when issued\**
- All choirs participate in UIL Concert and Sight-Reading.
- All choir students are encouraged to participate in UIL Solo and Ensemble and Region Choir Auditions.
- Participation in all concerts is mandatory. Concerts count as 2 major grades.
- New or beginner choir students will be placed in Treble Choir or Intermediate Tenor-Bass Choir.
- Advanced sight-readers, pitch-matchers, and singers can audition to be in Advanced Choir or Varsity Men's Choir.
- Auditions will take place on your individual campus after registration is complete.

## **ORCHESTRA**

- All orchestra students must provide their own string instrument or make arrangements to rent one from the school or music store. **Contact the Peet Orchestra Director before April 14th if you will need to rent an instrument.** Supplies are limited.
- There are four different Orchestra levels to choose from.
- The required supplies for Orchestra include:
  - Orchestra Shirt (order in the fall) Chamber only
  - Method Books
  - #2 Pencils and YELLOW Highlighter
  - Black 3 ring 1" Binder with plastic cover in front
- Attendance at rehearsals before and after school are required for Chamber Orchestra.
- Auditions are held in the Spring for Chamber Orchestra in the Fall.
- There is a participation fee in lieu of fundraisers for Chamber Orchestra.
- Chamber Orchestra students will perform numerous concerts and compete in TMEA and UIL activities.

## THEATER ARTS

Theatre Arts offers classes for all students at Peet Junior High. Students in theatre will learn acting techniques and develop skills in production such as set design, costuming, prop design, stage make up, sound and light design. Theatre students will also learn team work, goal setting, and time management.

- All theatre students are required to pay a participation fee.
- Students who successfully complete Theatre I can sign up for Theatre II or audition for Theatre Troupe.
- Theatre Troupe is a yearlong production based Theatre class.
- Theatre Troupe will have some after school and Saturday rehearsals, competitions, and performances that they are required to attend. Competitions and performances are major grades rehearsals are daily grades. The participation fee does not cover all competition fees or stage makeup kits.
- All theatre students can purchase a theatre t-shirt. Theatre troupe is the only class that is required to purchase the shirt.

## ATHLETIC INFORMATION

**Mission Statement:** *Athletics is about building teamwork. The mission of the Peet JH Athletics Program is to promote good sportsmanship in a competitive environment. Our sports programs strive to teach discipline, commitment and teamwork while promoting physical activity as a way of life.*

The Athletic Staff at Peet Junior High would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents and students. Peet Junior High is very proud of their athletic programs and pleased that you have chosen to participate. We would like to take this opportunity to tell you about our programs and share our policies and expectations. **It is important that the student is committed to playing at least two sports before signing up for athletics. They should take the choice to join athletics very seriously.**

Dates and information (tryouts, paperwork, etc.) are included below. Activities include football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, track, cross country, tennis, and golf. **Please note that all students wishing to tryout for a sport must have a current CISD physical form completed and signed by an M.D. before the tryout takes place. When the season is over, students remain in off-season athletics. This is a full-year commitment. Athletes are responsible for transportation to and from practices. Seventh grade athletes practice before school as early as 6:45 a.m. Eighth grade athletes practice after school as late as 6:00 p.m. Also, please note that students who are not in an athletic class and make a particular team will possibly have a schedule and/or teacher change.**

### Required Paperwork

- Rank One - RankOne is a hub where all athletic forms and documents are imported. Parents are required to register by the beginning June 2022 for the upcoming school year See link for instructions. <https://peet.conroeisd.net/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2021/08/Parent-Rank-One-Instructions.pdf>
- Physical - Physicals will be held at Peet Junior High this year on April 26, 2022. The Intermediate schools will be bussed over to Peet. More information will be given out to the campuses in April. **A cleared physical must be on file before attending a practice or tryouts.**



***Common reasons why your child is not cleared to play***

1. Failed Vision Test - a student may have forgotten glasses at home on the day of the exam and need a retest. Most retests can be done by the school nurse.
2. If you check that your child has Asthma, Seizures, that they are Diabetic, or have Severe Allergies on the physical, then an action plan is required to participate in sports. It is also required that the medicines are up to date and turned in to the Nurse at Peet.
3. Shot Record not on file with the school
4. Rank one Registration not complete

**Cross-Country:** Anyone interested in Cross-Country should be in our Cross-Country class. This class requires participation for the entire year. The season is from the second week of school until the last week of October. Workouts will begin the second week of school. Cross-Country includes a two-mile race on different types of courses. The Pacer Test, part of the Fitness Gram, will be considered in placing students in this course.

**Football:** Football is an open enrollment sport. Any student that wants to join football will be placed in athletics with the expectation to participate in all practices and games. All paperwork must be completed prior to practice. Football begins on the second day of school. The season runs through the end of October. Most games are scheduled on Mondays and Tuesdays. See the possible practice schedules below for early planning.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football – 1<sup>st</sup> Period Athletics**

*Tentative times and subject to change*

Monday – 6:45 – 8:15am

Tuesday – 6:45 – 8:15am

Wednesday – 6:45 – 8:15am

Thursday – 6:45 – 8:15am

Friday – 6:45 – 8:15am

\*Doors Open no earlier than 6:30am\*

\* Shower/Breakfast 8:15am - 8:45am

\* Academic Study Hall/ Meetings 8:45 - Bell

**Volleyball:** Volleyball begins the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school and runs through the end of October. Games are on Thursdays. Students are responsible for transportation to and from practice. Seventh grade practices are before school beginning at 7:30 a.m and run through 1st period. Eighth grade practices begin during 7th period and will continue after school until 5:15 p.m.

**Basketball:** Basketball try-outs will be held the first week of November. The season runs from November through the first week of February. Students who are not enrolled in athletics and make the team may have a schedule and/or teacher change.

**Track:** Will begin at the end of basketball season. Tryouts will be held in early February. Practice will be held during the class period and relays, field events, and hurdlers will take place after school. A student is required to be enrolled in athletics to participate in track, if a student is not in Athletics and makes the team, upon the parents' permission they will be placed in Athletics. You must have a physical on file.

**Soccer:** Soccer is offered to both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students in this class will learn basic soccer skills including foot skills, game formations, game skills and strategies, and the laws of the game. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who played on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade after school soccer team, may be selected to be enrolled in the Competitive Soccer Class. Students must have the coach's approval to enroll in this class.

**Tennis:** Try-outs for tennis will be held in late March at the conclusion of track. Practice is before and after school. Students will need to provide their own tennis racquet and tennis balls. A student does not need to be enrolled in athletics to participate in tennis. Must have physical on file and Rankone registration completed.

**Golf:** Try-outs will be held in Early March. Practices will be at an off-campus facility beginning at 4:30 p.m. The school will not provide transportation to and from practice. Students must also provide their own golf equipment (bag, clubs, glove, shoes, and balls). A student does not need to be enrolled in athletics to participate in golf. Must have physical on file.

**Boys Athletic Workout Day:** The Peet Boys Athletic Staff will be visiting your campus around mid to late April to host an athletics workout. Information will be sent home soon.

**Strength and conditioning and Olympic Sports Summer Camp:** Summer camp information will be emailed out to parents and posted on the Peet website in early May. Workouts will be held at CHS on Monday - Friday around the second week of June through the fourth week of July. Athletes are not penalized for missing any dates. Our expectations are for you to come as much as you can. We understand vacation, appointments, and other plans happen during the summer.

### **ADDITIONAL ATHLETIC INFORMATION**

- There are no try-outs for football. Peet will have two to three teams per grade level if numbers allow.
- Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Soccer and Cross-Country are the only sports that have an athletic period. All other sports will announce practice times at the beginning of the season.
- Additional tryouts for each sport will be held prior to the beginning of each season.
- Peet Junior High Athletic website can be accessed at: <https://peet.conroeisd.net/athletics/>

We look forward to working with the students at Peet Junior High School as we strive to achieve athletic excellence. Under UIL guidelines “No Pass, No Play” is enforced for all sports. Additional information will be available in late spring.

## **OFF CAMPUS PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Please note the important details below for parents/guardians who may be considering Off Campus Physical Education for their child.

The Off Campus electronic physical education application for students will be available Monday, March 14, 2022. The application will be available on the Conroe ISD web site. Look for information on approved facilities and the individual student application beginning Monday, March 14, 2022.

Off Campus Physical Education is a year-long commitment. There are no one semester versions of this program. Students participating in Off Campus Physical Education are committed to both the fall and spring semesters.

Students participating in Off Campus Physical Education program will not be able to participate in UIL school athletic programs. Participants may choose to try-out for school club programs.

Choose your facility carefully. A vendor change will only be considered at “the semester” by the district Coordinator of Physical Education. Only very unique/unusual circumstances will be considered.

A student will not be enrolled in Off Campus Physical Education if an electronic application is not submitted by **May 1, 2022**.

Students wanting to enroll in an Off-Campus program that they are not familiar with, must contact the facility and get permission to enroll from the Director/Coordinator/Owner prior to completing the ON LINE APPLICATION. Facilities that receive an on-line application from a student they do not know will deny approval.

The Texas Education Agency allows Category I (15+ hours per week) participants to leave campus one hour prior to the end of the school day.

Students choosing Category 2 (more than 5 hours, but fewer than 15 hours) Off Campus physical education do not leave school early. Category 2 participants **do not** take physical education on campus.

- The final date to electronically apply for Off Campus Physical Education is May 1, 2022 at midnight.
- Electronic applications for Off Campus Physical Education (2018-19 school year) will be available online beginning Monday, March 14, 2022
- **Students are only allowed to participate at CISD approved facilities.**

# **Catalog of Courses:**

## **Junior High**

## Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection Directions

Please follow the steps below when filling out your yellow course registration worksheet. Be sure to watch the video on the Peet website. Worksheets are turned in to your homeroom teacher.

1. **Language Arts:** choose the same Language Arts course based on the level for both semesters A and B. (Ex. Regular, Honors)
2. **Math:** choose the same Math course based on the appropriate level for both semesters A and B. If choosing Pre-Algebra, it is highly recommended students are in Advanced Math and have a strong work ethic.
3. **Science:** choose the same Science course based on the level for both semesters A and B – **Honors requires an independent study science project.**
4. **History:** choose the same History course based on the level for both semesters A and B.
5. **Physical Education:** Choose PE, Football, Cross Country, Soccer or Athletics. If choosing Athletics, Cross Country or Football you **MUST** attend morning/after school practices, obtain a physical and maintain eligible grades and discipline standards. Be sure to choose the same sport for both Semester A and B. You may only choose **ONE** sport.
6. **Electives:** Read your School Information Guide and the District Program of Study Booklet. Both are available on our website at [www.conroeisd.net](http://www.conroeisd.net). Attend Elective and Parent Information Night at Peet Junior High on Wednesday, February 23rd from 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.
  - Choose 8 electives in rank order on your worksheet  
1 = most preferred, 8 = least preferred
  - Add electives in your student portal, being sure you select 3 alternates
  - Be sure to submit interest forms for Yearbook and/or TV Broadcasting with your course registration worksheet.
7. After the worksheet has been completed, go to the Student Access portal and put your choices in using the JHS Requests tab. Make sure you meet the deadline for your school. Remember students will be held accountable for their choices. The portal closes on Thursday, March 10, 2022.

## Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection Directions

Please follow the steps below when filling out your course registration worksheet. Blue Worksheets are due to your History teacher by Friday, **March 4, 2022**.

- 1. Language Arts:** choose the same Language Arts course based on the level for both semesters A and B. (Ex. Regular, Honors).
- 2. Math:** choose the same Math course based on the appropriate level for both semester A and B. If choosing Algebra, students must meet one of the following criteria: currently in Pre-Algebra Math OR take summer acceleration course.
- 3. Science:** choose the same Science course based on the level for both semesters A and B – **remember an independent Science project is part of the requirements for Honors.**
- 4. History:** choose the same History course based on the level for both semesters A and B.
- 5. Electives:** The Program of Study Booklet and School Information Guide are available on our website at [www.conroeisd.net](http://www.conroeisd.net). Attend Elective and Information Night at Peet Junior High on Wednesday, February 23rd from 6:00 – 7:30.
  - Draw a line through electives you took in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Choose 8 electives in rank order on your worksheet. 1 = most preferred to 8 = least preferred.
  - College and Career Readiness is required for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. A waiver form is available in the counseling center for students in three (3) year-long electives.
  - Add electives in your student portal, making sure you select 3 alternates
  - Be sure to submit interest forms for Yearbook, TV Broadcast, Office aide and Peer Tutor with your course registration worksheet.

Physical Education: PE, Football, Athletics, Cross Country or Soccer. Choose only **ONE** sport and you **MUST** actively participate in the sport, attend morning/after school practices, obtain a physical and maintain eligible grades and discipline standards.

- 6.** After the worksheet has been completed, go to the Student Access portal and put your choices in using the JHS Requests tab. Remember students will be held accountable for their choices. The portal closes at midnight on Thursday, March 10, 2022.

## **Level vs. Honors**

### **Math**

#### **7<sup>th</sup> grade math vs Honors Pre-Algebra (8<sup>th</sup> grade math)**

7<sup>th</sup> grade math is on level math. The majority of students will take on level math. Pre-Algebra is a grade level ahead. Students in this class should consistently make A's on class work, quizzes and common assessments (tests) as well as STAAR scores in the high 80's and 90's. Students taking Honors Pre-Algebra will have missed all of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade math curriculum and will be taught 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. Like most math classes, homework in Honors Pre-Algebra will be assigned almost every night. These students will take the 8<sup>th</sup> grade math STAAR test as well.

#### **7<sup>th</sup> grade students taking Honors Algebra**

Students in the 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Science**

Level science and Honors science both teach the same curriculum. Honors goes more in-depth, relies on critical thinking skills, conducts independent research outside of the school day (mandatory Science Fair or EDC) and requires analytical reading.

### **English Language Arts**

Level and Honors language arts both teach reading, writing, listening, speaking, and research. Students considering Honors should have a strong work ethic, be able to work independently, and think critically. Honors students should have scored high on previous STAAR reading tests and have a strong foundation in writing and grammar. Honors students will have multiple at home book projects throughout the year. 7<sup>th</sup> grade Honors covers the same material in half the time at a higher level; 8<sup>th</sup> grade Honors covers the same material at a quicker pace and a higher level.

### **Texas History**

Level Texas History and Honors both cover ancient Texas to present day. Honors students will need to make connections and see relationship in historical events. They will need to have maintained an A or high B average in 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies, scored high on STAAR Reading test and work independently.

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

Yes	No	
		Will your child maintain exceptional study skill and demonstrate positive habits related to school?
		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 on the STAAR test?