

Level vs. Honors

Math

7th grade math vs Honors Pre-Algebra (8th grade math)

7th 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 7th grade math curriculum and will be taught 8th grade curriculum. Like most math classes, homework in Honors Pre-Algebra will be assigned almost every night. These students will take the 8th grade math STAAR test as well.

7th grade students taking Honors Algebra

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.

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. 7th grade Honors covers the same material in half the time at a higher level; 8th 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 6th 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?