

**BLUE SPRINGS SCHOOL
DISTRICT**
PRESENTS

**Middle School Honor Courses for
2017-2018**



Honor courses are taught at an accelerated pace and at advanced level of difficulty, with the goal of preparing more students for the rigorous fast paces of high school Advanced Placement and dual credit classes.



The texts, writing assignments, and other assessments in these courses are all more demanding and will require an increased time commitment outside of the normal day: expect up to 3 hours of outside-of-class preparation each week per class.



Ultimately these classes should help more students be college- and career-ready, as evidenced by their performance on the ACT, SAT, TSAs, and ASVAB assessments.

The ACT logo features the letters "ACT" in a bold, blue, serif font. A red swoosh underline is positioned beneath the letter "A".

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The "achieve more" logo consists of the words "achieve" and "more" stacked vertically in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font. The text is contained within a blue speech bubble shape with a tail pointing downwards.

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The SAT logo displays the letters "SAT" in a large, black, serif font. A small registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the upper right of the letter "T".

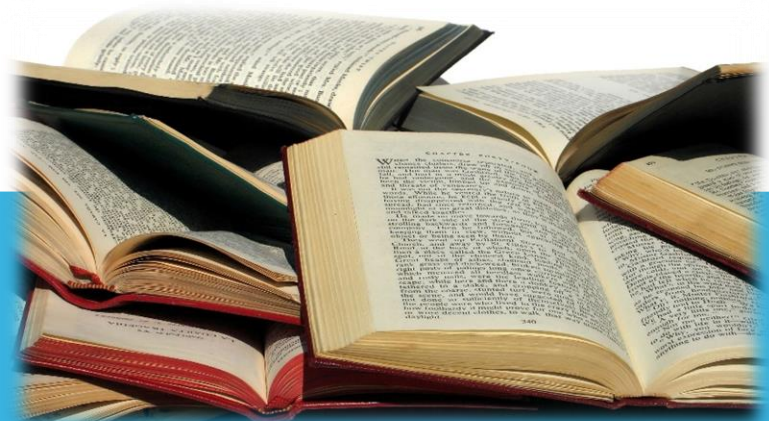
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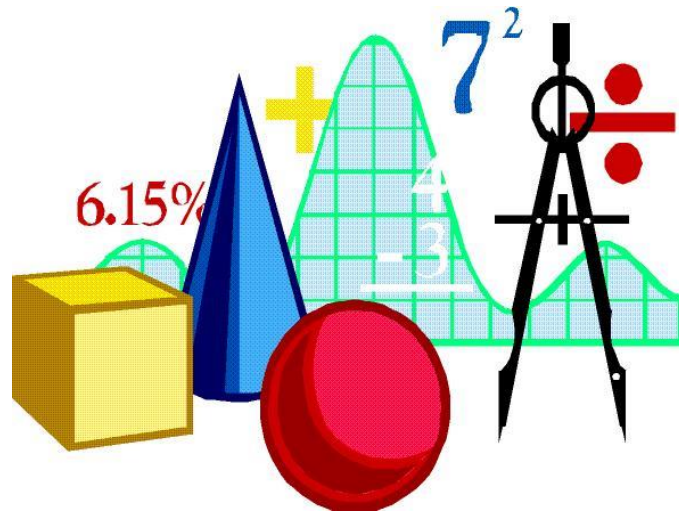
The ASVAB logo features the letters "ASVAB" in a bold, blue, serif font. The text is superimposed on a background of vertical red and white stripes, which is contained within a rectangular frame.

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CLASSES AVAILABLE IN 2017-2018

- 6TH: Honors English Language Arts
Honors Reading
Honors Math – (*requires meeting
placement criteria)
Honors Science
Honors Social Studies





7TH: Honors English Language Arts
**Honors Pre-Algebra – (*must meet
placement criteria)**
Honors Science
Honors Social Studies

8TH: Honors English Language Arts
**Honors Algebra – (*requires meeting
placement criteria)**
Honors Science
Honors Social Studies



LEARNER ATTRIBUTES FOR HONORS CLASSES:

- Is self-motivated
- Enjoys challenges
- Enjoys reading and writing
- Completes assignments on time
- Has good attendance
- Arrives to classes on time
- Collaborates well with others

SUBJECT SPECIFIC LEARNER ATTRIBUTES:

Honors English Language Arts/Honors 6th Grade Reading

- **Reads at or above grade level**
- **Knows basic grammar and language conventions**
- **Applies a writing process to writing tasks**

SUBJECT SPECIFIC LEARNER ATTRIBUTES:

Honors Social Studies

- **Reads at or above grade level**
- **Is willing to consider various to perspectives and to make effective use of primary and secondary sources**
- **Has strong expository writing skills**



SUBJECT SPECIFIC LEARNER ATTRIBUTES:

Honors Science


- Can accurately follow directions in multi-step labs
- Can analyze results and draw logical conclusions
- Can write clear, well-structured reports on lab processes and findings



SUBJECT SPECIFIC LEARNER ATTRIBUTES:

Honors Math

- Meets placement criteria established by the math department
- Has excellent computational skills
- Can quickly grasp and apply new concepts when they are presented


$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = -\frac{c}{a} + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2$$
$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = -\frac{c}{a} + \frac{b^2}{4a^2}$$

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN SIGNING UP FOR HONORS CLASSES:

- ✓ Students should expect to spend up to three hours per class each week on outside-of-class test preparation and assignments.
- ✓ Students will be expected to do more critical thinking and therefore may find earning an “A” to be more challenging.
- ✓ No curriculum pacing changes will be made to lower the level of difficulty of the course.

- ✓ Attendance is critical; it is imperative that your student is in class everyday.
- ✓ Withdrawal from honors classes will be considered *only* during 1st semester. If a class change is made, the grade will follow the student.
- ✓ Students who drop honors classes will not be allowed to pick them up again 2nd semester.
- ✓ A student can add an honors class at semester if he/she has a recommendation from their existing regular class teacher.

THE END

