

ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOR EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS

PHILOSOPHY: The Board of Education and Administrative Staff of the Broadalbin-Perth Central School District believe that a student grows physically, socially, and emotionally during their educational experience. In accordance with this statement, the District believes that a student should not completely by-pass a full instructional year of middle level education. Within this context, the District wishes to provide challenging and the enriched school experiences for all students; most notably those students who have demonstrated superior academic achievement.

IMPLEMENTATION: One method to achieve this objective is through acceleration in the eighth grade. Students meeting the criteria listed below may apply for advancement in up to three (3) curricular areas. For consideration into advanced placement, notification to the middle school principal must be received by June 1st of the year preceding the planned advancement. In accordance with procedure a final decision will be rendered by July 1st and the student will be notified of their placement for the ensuing school year.

At the end of the first marking period the principal will review the academic progress of students in the advanced placement program. If the student is experiencing difficulty in the course(s) that they are taking in the accelerated sequence a conference will be scheduled involving the student, their parent(s), the teacher, the school counselor and the high school principal. During the course of this meeting one of two decisions will be reached. The first entails placement in the appropriate eighth grade class; the second will be a continuation of the accelerated placement through the second marking period accompanied by formulation of a plan to closely monitor the student's work. If at the end of this second marking period the student is still experiencing difficulty they will be placed in the appropriate eighth grade class. A student who disagrees with such a placement may appeal the decision to the Superintendent of Schools whose judgment will be final.

All students completing the first year in an accelerated subject will have their academic progress reviewed by the principal. In a Regents course the student should have attained a final average of 80% or above or a mark of at least 80% on the Regents and/or received the principal and teacher's recommendation in order to continue in the program.

When the criteria for continuation are not met a student's academic situation will be reviewed by the counselor and principal to determine appropriate placement for the ensuing year.

Students transferring to the District will have their status reviewed on a case by case basis and in accordance with District criteria.

ENTRANCE TO THE PROGRAM:

Eighth grade students may qualify for placement into certain high school courses according to the criteria listed below. Students may qualify for courses in Art, English, Social Studies, Music, Second Language and Regents courses in Math and Science.

A student shall be awarded high school credit for such courses only if the student passes one of the following for credit toward a Regents Diploma: a Regents exam, or if no such exams are available, a locally developed exam which establishes student performance at the high school level, as determined by the principal.

SPECIFIC CRITERIA:

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| Art and Music | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 90 average or above in appropriate 7th grade course.2. Teacher recommendation.3. Parent permission.4. Conference with Counselor and/or principal. |
| Second Language | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All students who successfully complete a (LOTE) Language Other Than English in grade 7 are eligible. |
| English | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 90 average or above in English 7.2. Satisfactory completion of Department Writing Test.3. Teacher recommendation.4. Parent permission.5. Conference with Counselor and/or principal. |
| Social Studies | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 90 average or above in Social Studies 7.2. Satisfactory completion of Department Essay Test.3. Teacher recommendation.4. Parent permission.5. Conference with Counselor and/or principal. |
| Math | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 85 average or above in Math 7/8 in grade 7.2. Teacher recommendation.3. Parent permission.4. Conference with Counselor and/or principal. |

Science

1. 90 average or above in Science 7.
2. Teacher recommendation.
3. Parent permission.
4. Conference with Counselor and/or principal.