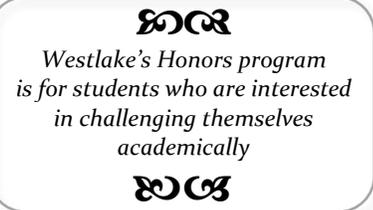


Westlake Middle School Honors Program

7th Grade



Characteristics of Westlake Middle School's Honors Program

- ✓ Motivation-Students are driven to learn by natural curiosity and sense of wonder.
- ✓ Enduring understanding-Students focus on big ideas.
- ✓ Rigor, pace, and scholarly skills are emphasized.
- ✓ Students will be working at and above grade level in all honors classes with emphasis on challenging curriculum and critical thinking.
- ✓ Students will be operating at the analysis, synthesis, and evaluation levels on a regular basis.

High Expectations for Quality Work and Productivity

Student work is expected to be thorough, clear, on/above grade level, and worthy of the time it takes to complete it. Students will go through a six-week period where expectations will be modeled and expected. If a student continues to struggle academically even after receiving additional support, teachers will meet with parents during conferences to identify interventions to help the student be successful.

Homework and Outside Experiences

Students are expected to practice the skills and concepts they learn in the classroom. Teachers will assign meaningful homework or outside experiences on a consistent basis. Students will be expected to come to class prepared for the learning that will occur in the classroom each day. Outside experiences may include projects that will prepare students for upcoming classes.

- **In addition to the body of evidence, current performance in honors classes and teacher input will also be considered when placing students in honors classes for the next school year.**
- **Notification of honors placement will occur in late spring after the student schedules are finalized. A notification will be sent home indicating honors placement by the end of the current school year.**
- **Students selected for honors will be required to sign an honors contract which details expectations for performance.**

7th Grade Language Arts Curriculum The Reading and Writing Workshop Structure will be used to deliver instruction.	HONORS 7th Grade Language Arts Curriculum The Reading and Writing Workshop Structure will be used to deliver instruction.	Body of Evidence Considered for Honors Placement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Summarize and synthesize fiction and non-fiction. ➤ Locate and paraphrase the key/main ideas and/or essential message in a text and find supporting details in fiction and non-fiction. ➤ Infer by making connections between separated sections of a text. ➤ Locate and recall information in texts with different structures. ➤ Use word recognition skills to determine meanings of unfamiliar words to comprehend text. ➤ Use relevant details, supporting examples and/or reasons to develop ideas and content to address purpose and audience. ➤ Organize writing using an arrangement that includes an introduction, body, and conclusion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Summarize and synthesize, and evaluate information from a variety of texts and genres. ➤ Analyze main idea and supporting details in a variety of texts and genres. ➤ Infer using information in a variety of texts and genres. ➤ Locate and recall information in above grade level texts with different structures. ➤ Use word recognition skills to determine meanings of words, including those with multiple meanings to comprehend text. ➤ Create a draft that demonstrates distinct voice, style, and tone of a publishable quality. ➤ With increasing attention to craft, organize writing using a logical arrangement of ideas that include an introduction, body, and conclusion. Students will choose the organization to fit the audience/purpose. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ High proficient to advanced on grade level MAPs ➤ Proficient to advanced in all 4 GRCs ➤ Proficient and advanced on a 6th grade writing sample ➤ Teacher Recommendation

7 th Grade Science Curriculum	HONORS 7 th Grade Science Curriculum	Body of Evidence Considered for Honors Placement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Students apply the processes of scientific investigation and design, conduct, communicate about, and evaluate such investigations. ➤ Students know and understand the characteristics and structure of living things, the processes of life, and how living things interact with each other and their environment. ➤ Students understand the nature of science involves a particular way of building knowledge and making meaning of the natural world. ➤ Students explain geological time and how it's affected organisms living today. 	<p>This year-long class covers the regular science curriculum at an accelerated pace and in more depth. Instructional strategies in honors science are designed to engage independent thinkers and autonomous workers through rigorous academic challenges. Students are expected to independently apply skills and concepts and demonstrate a strong work ethic. Concurrent enrollment in honors math is strongly recommended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Students synthesize the processes of scientific investigation and design, conduct, communicate about, synthesize and evaluate such investigations. ➤ Students evaluate the characteristics and structure of living things, the processes of life, and how living things interact with each other and their environment. ➤ Students synthesize the nature of science and how it involves a particular way of building knowledge and making meaning of the natural world. ➤ Students explain geological time and how it's affected organisms living today. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ High proficient to advanced on the MAPS Math ➤ High proficient to advanced on the MAPS Reading ➤ Successful completion of 6th grade Science with teacher recommendation

7 th Grade Mathematics Curriculum	HONORS 7 th Grade Mathematics Curriculum	Body of Evidence Considered for Honors Placement
<p>Units/Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Apply and connect mathematical ideas ➤ Actively construct own understandings and key concepts at the sixth grade level dealing with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Number sense ✓ Algebraic methods ✓ Patterns/functions ✓ Measurement ✓ Probability/statistics ✓ Computation ✓ Geometry <p>Primary Materials Used: <i>Big Ideas Math</i></p> <p>This class will prepare students for eighth grade mathematics.</p>	<p>Increased rigor of advanced level (8th grade) math curriculum. Students need to be secure with number sense and at mastery with basic computational skills in order to be successful with the advanced pace and rigor of honors 7th grade math.</p> <p>Honor strategies that are emphasized include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Abstract reasoning ✓ Multiple perspectives ✓ Creativity ✓ Mathematical confidence ✓ Supporting a strong work ethic ✓ Tenacity in solving multiple step problems <p>Primary Materials Used: <i>Big Ideas Math</i></p> <p>Successful completion of this class will prepare students for 8th grade honors mathematics.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 6th grade Honors Mathematics is a prerequisite to 7th grade Honors Math ➤ High proficient to advanced on the MAPS assessment ➤ Successful completion of 6th grade Honors Math with teacher recommendation ➤ High proficient to advanced on the CMAS assessment