



## **What Are Advanced Content Courses?**

Middle School Advanced Content Courses are offered to any student who desires rigor and challenge in his or her studies and is a self-motivated learner. Students in advanced content courses are not required to meet gifted eligibility criteria. Advanced content courses are offered in all four academic areas. Participation in these courses prepares students for success in honors and AP courses at the high school level.

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## **Student Expectations**

Students will study, discuss, research and be held accountable for learning advanced concepts in these classes. Students will be expected to:

- Read multiple texts at or above their Lexile level inside and outside of class for their studies and assignments (Ex. novels, research documents, research articles on the Internet, non-fiction texts, etc.)
- Analyze and synthesize primary and secondary sources used in research
- Engage in higher level inquiry-based and project-based learning, with links to the community for their academic work
- Produce higher level writing assignments and constructive responses on assessments (Higher level = Application, Analysis, Synthesis, and Evaluation of concepts studied)
- Participate in academic extra-curricular competitions and/or opportunities for publication throughout the school year (Ex. Science Fair, Science Olympiad, Math Counts, Patriots Pens, Young Georgia Authors Contest, Stock Market Game, Future Problem Solvers, Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl, Spelling Bee, Geography Bee, etc.) Students can expect to work on these activities both inside and outside of class.

### **Other Factors To Consider**

- Advanced Content classes will not be given more weight than regular classes.
- With the challenge and the rigor of these classes, students many not always make a grade of an A or B.
- Parents and students should underrated that students may struggle in Advanced Content classes but that there can be tremendous growth in struggle.
- .Advanced Content class teachers will offer “help sessions” for students in these classes just as they do for students in their on-grade level classes
- Teachers will not be asked, nor expected, to offer more “help sessions” for students struggling in Advanced Content class.