

El Cerrito Middle School Pre-Advance Placement



Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) has two pathways at El Cerrito Middle School: Pre-AP Courses and the Accelerated Pre-AP program.

Pre-AP Courses: Students are challenged in these classes and can expect to complete more rigorous assignments. Students will explore subjects in greater depth and spend more time on analysis. Classes will incorporate inquiry and research-based strategies that promote critical thinking, problem solving, and mastery. Each trimester students will be evaluated to make sure they are still eligible. The Pre-AP core subjects offered are Language Arts, History, and Science. Your child may select one or more of these Pre-AP core subjects. In addition, 7th grade students may select (if eligible) CCSS Math 7 Accelerated and 8th grade students may select (if eligible) Integrated Math I.

Accelerated Pre-AP Program: The Accelerated Pre-AP Program includes all the elements of Pre-AP plus the following additional elements:

- Students will be scheduled into all four Pre-AP core subject courses—Language Arts, History, Math, and Science.
- 7th grade Students must qualify for CCSS Math 7 Accelerated. 8th grade students must qualify for Integrated Math I.
- The 7th grade program will follow 7th grade standards at an accelerated pace. The 8th grade program will follow 8th grade standards at an accelerated pace.

The demands of the Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) classes exceed those of regular classes. To succeed in Pre-AP classes, students must:

- Be able to read very well
- Be confident in class discussion and oral expression.
- Be able to listen and participate in the thoughtful exchange of ideas.
- Be able to accept and offer constructive criticism.
- Possess writing abilities which demonstrate control of mechanics, grammar, and using organization, diction, and syntax.
- Seek out challenges and new concepts.
- Possess a heightened level of commitment and responsibility.
- Be willing to ask for help when needed and to take advantage of available support.

We encourage all academically talented and highly motivated students to apply. The following criteria will be used to determine placement in the Pre-AP program:

- Eligibility for Accelerated Math 7 or Integrated Math 1 (if applicable)
- Teacher Recommendation
- Reading at Grade Level or Higher
- Competitive GPA (Please attach student transcript.)
- Satisfactory Attendance
- Satisfactory or Outstanding Behavior/Citizenship
- Signed Contract