
Patriot Oaks Academy

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Dear Rising 7th Grade Parent:

Enclosed you will find a Class Recommendation/Course Option Verification Sheet as well as course elective options for 2016-2017. Please be sure to return the signed Verification Sheet and elective options forms on or before March 29, 2016 for your child's courses for next year to your child's homeroom teacher. The Course Option Verification sheet indicates the courses recommended for your child. Your child's teacher used current class performance and FSA standardized test scores to make this placement determination.

Patriot Oaks Academy offers standard and advanced courses in Language Arts, Science & Social Studies (Civics). Students can take advanced courses, if the criteria are met. We expect that all high-achieving students will challenge themselves with rigorous courses in preparation for Honors and Advanced Placement courses in high school.

Students who desire to take Advanced Courses should have a **6th grade 2016 FSA Reading/Math Level of 4 or 5 AND** have semester grades of A's or B's in current courses.

Students will follow a math sequence using FSA scores & course grades to determine final placement. Seventh Grade students will be placed in Math 2 (Standard or Advanced). ***Students who meet criteria may be placed in Algebra 1 Honors.***

In late June administrative staff will review final 6th grade course grades, 2016 FSA scores and the information you are returning on the Option Verification Sheet to finalize course placement. If course placement changes, you will be contacted. **Placement changes may be requested until July 11, 2016. Placement request changes will not be made after July 11, 2016, without an administrative review.**

We strongly encourage you to consider the rigor of the courses and the time commitment required along with any other school activities so you can make the right decision for your child. This decision needs to be made carefully. Please realize that **you are making a year-long commitment to these courses.** The master schedule is built and teachers are hired based on these course requests.

All Patriot Oaks Academy middle school students will have 3 non-core classes during the 2016-2017 school year. All 7th grade students will take Physical Education and ICT 2. Students rank their preferences on the elective form for their other non-core classes.

Patriot Oaks Academy students electing to take virtual courses during the school day should request the course through the verification form and/or the elective form or should make this preference known prior to July 11th, 2016. It is important to know that any SJCS D Virtual class taken during the school day does not have an on-site teacher, only adult supervision. Students are solely responsible for completing work and finishing the course on time.

Please remember to **sign and return the enclosed verification course sheet to your child's teacher on or before Tuesday, March 29, 2016.** If you have specific questions regarding 7th grade registration, please contact Ms. Watson, School Counselor (547-4060).

A parent information meeting for 7th and 8th grade parents has been scheduled April 7, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Patriot Oaks Academy cafeteria.

Go Chargers!

Ms. Harrison

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