

Newcastle Public Schools

Middle School Pre-AP Contract 2015-16

Student's Name _____ Date _____

Pre-AP Course _____

Pre-AP courses are academically advanced courses designed to challenge motivated students to understand rigorous content. The curricula for the courses are built on the core academic curriculum from the Oklahoma State Department of Education for each course. Pre-AP math, reading, English and social studies are offered in grades 6, 7, and 8.

Entrance Guidelines:

Pre-AP courses are open to any student wishing to enroll. In order to assist with placement decisions, entrance guidelines have been developed to provide a profile of students who typically experience success in Pre-AP courses.

Academic Profile:

Successful completion of prerequisite coursework

- Grade of 90 or more in an academic class
- Grade of 80 or more in a Pre-AP class
- Previous year's subject area teacher referral
- Scores at the advanced level on most recent Oklahoma Core Curriculum Test

Personal Profile:

- Reading on or above grade level
- Strong study skills and sufficient self-motivation to persevere when faced with challenging material or a more rapid pace of instruction
- Excellent oral and written communications skills
- Self-discipline to plan, organize, and carry through with tasks to completion
- Interest and self-directedness in the Pre-AP course subject area

Pre-AP courses may require a substantial amount of work outside of class for successful completion of the courses. Students should carefully evaluate the time commitments and priorities of extracurricular and community activities as they consider the number of Pre-AP courses for their schedules.

Students may need to purchase supplemental materials for some of the Pre-AP courses. Financial aid will be available for students with financial need

General Course Expectations:

Students in Pre-AP classes are held to a higher level of expectation than in a standard academic class. Each student in a Pre-AP class is required to:

- Attend tutorials as needed
- Complete and submit all assignments (homework, projects, reports) on the due dates
(Late work may be turned in two days beyond the due date for a maximum grade of 70)
- Turn in make-up work promptly following any absence
- Do his/her own work on all assignments, projects, or exams
- Sign a course contract

Probation and Exit Guidelines:

A student may request to exit a Pre-AP course at any time as long as there is available space in the standard academic course in that subject. An exit form must be submitted and approved by the student, teacher, parent, and campus administrator and/or counselor.

A student with a grade average less than 80 at the end of a 9 week grading period will be placed on probation for the following three-week period. If the grade average for the class remains less than 80 at the end of the three-week probation period, the student will be exited from the Pre-AP course and scheduled into an academic class in that subject.

Newcastle Middle School offers a solid curriculum in all courses. If a schedule change to a corresponding Academic course occurs, the student will continue to experience quality learning opportunities designed to effectively prepare him or her for the high school curriculum.

Student Agreement

I have read the guidelines and expectations of this Pre-AP course. I agree to organize my time and efforts to meet the academic challenges of the course. I will request help and attend tutorials if I fall behind in class assignments or have difficulty with the coursework. I understand that my success in this Pre-AP course is primarily my responsibility.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Agreement

I have read the guidelines and expectations of this Pre-AP course and agree to support and encourage my son/daughter in his/her endeavors in the course. I will notify the teacher immediately of any concerns I have relating to the Pre-AP class or my child's progress.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date