

Selecting Fine Arts Electives and PreAP Courses

Oakcrest Intermediate
January 2019



AGENDA

- Online Course Selections
- Fine Arts Electives
- Profile of a PreAP Student
- Specific Criteria & Expectations for PreAP Courses



ONLINE COURSE SELECTIONS

*Sent home in
Wednesday
folders on Jan.
16th

*Bring back
completed by
Jan. 22nd.

Oakcrest Intermediate School

6th Grade 2019-2020

Course Selection Sheet

Last Name _____ First Name _____ ID# _____

Homeroom _____

Please circle one choice for each Core Subject.

Language Arts

Social Studies

Math

Science

Language Arts

Social Studies

Math

Science

PreAP Language Arts

PreAP Social Studies

PreAP Math

PreAP Science

PreAP ELA, Social Studies, Math, Science ENTRY:

Open Enrollment

EXIT

- At end of first nine weeks or semester, all students below 70 WILL be removed from PreAP course.
- Parents and staff may recommend a student exit if semester average is 70-74.
- A written action plan will be developed by the teacher for students with an average of 70-74 who remain in the Pre- AP course.

Elective Choice

Please number your choices 1 to 4 in order of your preference:

____ Art ____ Band ____ Choir ____ Orchestra

Student Signature

Date

COURSE SELECTION TIMELINE

6th Grade Course Selection 2019-20

JAN 15 Fine Arts Demonstration

Course Selection Sheets Go Home **JAN 16**

JAN 22-23 Students select courses during language arts class

Course verification sheets go home for parent to review and make changes if needed **JAN 30**

FEB 8 COURSE VERIFICATION SHEETS DUE

No changes will be made after February 8th **DEADLINE**

ONLINE COURSE SELECTIONS

- Students will log into the Home Access Center on Jan. 22 or Jan. 23 during their language arts class to select their courses.
- Students should bring the Course Selection Sheet for reference on those days.
- Printed Course Verification Sheets will be sent home for parent/guardian signatures on **Jan. 30th**
- Course Verification Sheets **due back to OIS by Feb. 8th**

6TH GRADE FINE ARTS ELECTIVES

Students attended an informational presentation on Jan. 15th and witnessed short performances from the WWJHS Band, Choir, and Orchestra students and viewed selections from Art.

OIS Fine Arts groups will perform on the evening of Feb. 1st at the Oakcrest PTO's *Artrageous* event (5:00-8:30pm at OIS).

ART



- Elements of Art and the Principles of Design
- Students learn:
 - Drawing Skills, Color Theory, Ceramics, Soft Sculpture, Perspective, Printmaking, and Painting Techniques
 - There is a \$15 art supply fee

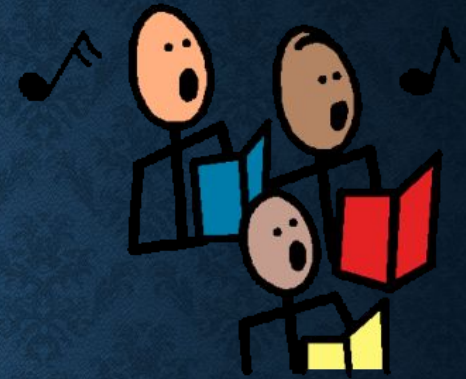
“Art has the role in education of helping children become more like themselves, instead of more like everyone else!”

BAND

- No Experience Necessary
- Instrument Choices: Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, and Percussion
- Instrument Selection Meeting
 - Later this semester
- Instrument Required



CHOIR



- **OIS 6th GRADE Wildcat Chorale**
 - Teamwork, Commitment, Leadership, Discipline, Reading Music, Music Appreciation, Singing Technique, Performer's Etiquette/Audience Etiquette as well as Acting Skills
 - Four Evening Concerts and some afternoon rehearsals prior to concerts

ORCHESTRA

- No Experience Necessary
- Instrument Choices: Violin, Viola, Cello, and Bass
- Instrument Selection Meeting
 - Later this semester
- Instrument Required



PRE-AP COURSE ENTRY



- **Open Enrollment**
- Although enrollment in these courses is open to anyone, the following **Profile of a PreAP Student** should be considered by students and parents when considering enrollment in these classes:

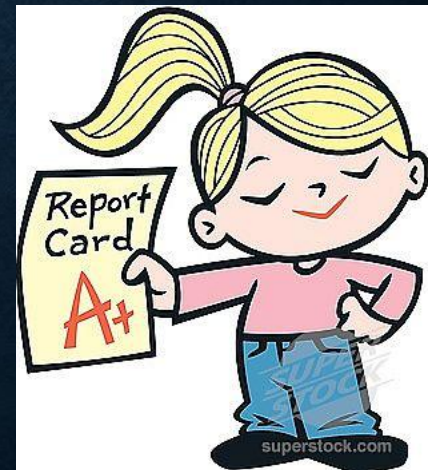
PROFILE OF A PRE-AP STUDENT

Students should

- Have proven history of academic success in the subject area (previous grades, STAAR, benchmarks, etc.)
- Possess interest in the subject area
- Consider balance of academic load with outside commitments (club sports, organizations, etc.)
- Be actively engaged in their own learning, taking responsibility for work load, and asking questions when needed (EFFORT is a key ingredient in PreAP)
- Possess high quality study skills and time management skills
- Maintain good attendance

PROFILE OF A PRE-AP STUDENT

- PreAP courses are designed to challenge students and prepare them for advanced level coursework in junior high, high school, and college.



PROFILE OF A PRE-AP STUDENT

Curriculum in PreAP courses will be:

- More rigorous**
- Move at a faster pace**
- Require some independent learning**
- Require outside reading and work**
- Utilize Project-Based Learning**

COURSE COMPARISONS

On-Level

- 6th Grade TEKS
- Promotes/develops critical thinking skills
- Multi-step problem solving
- Encourages advancement of student literacy

**No assignment to be completed over the summer

**Tutoring provided if needed

PreAP

- 6th Grade TEKS at a deeper level of exploration and examination
- Critical thinking with insightful, original thoughts and writing
- Self-Application based problem solving
- Self-motivated readers at or above grade level

**Summer reading assignment for a Major Grade (PreAP LA only)

**Should not require tutoring

PRE-AP EXIT

- At the end of 9 weeks or semester, all students **below 70 will** be removed from a PreAP course.
- Parents and/or staff may recommend a student exit if semester average is 70-74.
- A written action plan will be developed for students with an average of 70-74 who remain in the a PreAP course



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- *Do PreAP courses have more homework?
 - Yes. More independent reading and coursework at home.
- *Does my child have to take all 4 PreAP courses?
 - -No. A student can choose 1, 2, 3, or 4 PreAP courses.
 - *It is highly recommended that a student take PreAP Math and PreAP Science together, but not required. A student may struggle with some PreAP Science concepts if not in a PreAP Math course.
- *Can I put my child in PreAP to be with the “good kids”?
 - -We have “good kids” in all classes. All students at OIS have the same TISD Student Code of Conduct and all academic courses are rigorous based on state and district learning standards. Please consider the **Profile of a PreAP Student** for proper course placement.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- *Should my child take PreAP courses so they can engage in Project-Based Learning assignments?
 - -Both PreAP and on-level courses have PBL assignments.
- *If my child is GT, do they have to take a PreAP course?
 - -Yes. GT students must take at least one PreAP course or request a furlough from GT for the academic year (not recommended).
- *If they don't take PreAP courses in 6th grade, can they still take PreAP courses in 7th grade and beyond?
 - Yes. All PreAP and AP courses in 6th – 12th grade are Open Enrollment.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- ***What does Choir cost?**

-Students will be required to purchase a choir shirt as part of their choir uniform. The shirts run from \$10.00- \$15.00. Social events may have an entry fee. There might be a minimal costume cost for the Spring Pop Show/Musical.

- ***What are the time requirements for membership in Choir?**

-We have 4-5 required performances that students must attend as a major grade. We also may have an after school rehearsal (3:30-4:30 p.m.) before a performance.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- *Is there a fee for Art class?
 - Yes. \$15 - \$20. This fee covers supplies needed for the 6th grade curriculum. Other small supplies will be requested from home during the year for various projects (optional).
- How are students graded in Art?
 - Students receive an alphabetical grade and are graded with a rubric with goals related to curriculum and each project.
- Are there any after school Art commitments or field trips?
 - No. But we do have Art shows during the year you will be invited to that are usually on Saturdays (TISD Fine Arts Festival, Rodeo Art).

QUESTIONS

- *If you have any additional questions, please use the link below to submit a question to OIS Administration. Thank you!
- <https://goo.gl/forms/O0fOTp5T0QGRwDOZ2>

THANK YOU!

