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Welcome Eighth Grade
Highlanders of
2018-2019

Goals

- **To challenge kids academically**
- **To keep children safe**
- **To prepare kids for high school**

I Will Share With You in This Presentation My Perspective

- **That of a(n):**
 - **Principal of McCullough for 18 years**
 - **Assistant principal for TWHS**
 - **Assistant principal at McCullough**
 - **Educator in three different school districts**
 - **Parent of two children who attended school in TWHS feeder K-12, including McCullough**
 - **Father of a college junior and freshman who have gone through K-12 education, college entrance process, and are active now at a University**

Documents Coming to our Website in Late January

- **Conroe I.S.D. Program of Studies**
- **McCullough Supplement to the District Program of Studies**
- **Private P.E. online application link (*around March 19th*)**
- **Summer School flyer (April)**



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2018-2019

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Safety

- **Visitors sign-in and sign-out**
- **New secure front office entrance system**
- **New HD Cameras**
- **Full-time officer for our campus**
 - **Officer is stationed at McCullough**
 - **Routinely interacts with students and staff to assist people as needed**

Safety

- **I routinely receive emails from parents/guardians asking if the police were on campus today.**
- **The police are on campus *every day* as we have a full-time officer and also have multiple officers in and out of our building daily.**
- **The police interact routinely with staff and students to assist as needed.**

Safety

- **Visibility of administrators and police**
- **Building opens at 8:00 a.m.**
- **Video surveillance system**
- **Drug dogs routinely check all lockers including main hallway and physical education/athletics**

Safety

- **Local Sheriff's Department presence**
- **We often have officers from the Sheriff's Department in our west main parking lot throughout the day.**
- **For the safety of the children and for the positive effects on your wallet, please realize they actively run patrol of speeding in the school zone and talking on the phone (against Texas law) in the zone.**

Very Tentative Dates for 2018-2019

- **Eighth Grade Student Orientation- July 31st**
- **Football Equipment Issue Day- August 14th**
- **First day of school- August 15th**
- **Semester exam dates 2018-2019**
- **Fall semester- TBA**
- **Spring semester- TBA**

P.T.O Meeting - January 18

Everyone is Welcome

The next P.T.O. meeting is on January 18th in the Nancy Bock Auditorium. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. and entry is through the main brown patio doors on the west (football field) side of campus. All parents/guardians are welcome.

Speaker will be Denise Cipolla, C.I.S.D. Coordinator of Guidance and Counseling

Topics will include:

Helping your child do his or her best in school

Anxiety prevention

Tips for parents/guardians you need to know to help your child do his or her best in junior high, high school, and college

School Day

- **8:50 a.m. until 3:55 p.m.**
- **Everything from an operational perspective remains much the same as of now.**

Required Courses – 8th grade

- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- U.S. History
- **P.E. (1 semester)**
- **Electives – 5 choices**
- Please note the difference from 7th grade, which only provided **4** choices.

Required Courses – 8th grade

- **Electives – Five choices**
 - **Unlike 7th grade 8th graders potentially have one extra slot for an elective.**
 - **Students in year-long athletics would still choose 4 elective choices.**

8th Schedule

(No fine arts or athletics)

Period	Red	Green
1 st	Math	Science
2 nd	Language Arts	Math/Reading
3 rd	PE	Elective
Advisory	Advisory	Advisory
4 th	Elective	History

The P.E. class is one semester in eighth grade and is then replaced by an elective the other semester. Students will take five electives total.

8th Schedule

(Athletic Schedule)

Period	Red	Green
1 st	Elective	Science
2 nd	Math	History
3 rd	Language Arts	Math/Reading
Advisory	Advisory	Advisory
4 th	Elective	Athletics

Typically, eighth-grade athletics classes meet in the afternoon. Athletics is a commitment for the entire year. There is no one semester athletic course.

8th Schedule

(Band, Choir, Orchestra)

Period	Red	Green
1 st	Math	Elective
2 nd	P.E.	History
3 rd	Language Arts	Reading/Math
Advisory	Advisory	Advisory
4 th	Choir	Science

The actual time slot for the musical fine-art class will vary based on the specific class assigned.

Information to Help

We will send home tip sheets and helpful step by step videos to assist you every step of the way!

All Course Requests Are Submitted Online

- **All course requests will be made by parents/guardians/students online at Parent Access Center or Student Access Center.**
- **Process is exactly the same a last year.**
- **Ideally, the course selection process is a collaborative effort of parent and child.**
- **We will repeatedly send directions and a video on how to complete the process.**
- **This is the first year for this process to occur at the junior high level.**

All Course Requests Are Submitted Online

- **The system is set up to ensure your child can make the correct choices based on the prerequisite courses they have completed.**
- **The online course request window opens for a couple of weeks in February. I will email you and post on Twitter/Facebook the open dates**
- **After the online window closes, parents/guardians can request changes up through the April 6th deadline by emailing your child's counselor.**
- **Note that the full computer-based versions of the programs is required to request courses (does not work on your phone version).**

Course Selection is Online This Year

- You may choose the level of the *core* course choice for language arts, science, and social studies for your child.
- In math, students will progress automatically to the next appropriate course in the math-learning sequence.
 - Seventh-grade math to Pre-Algebra
 - Pre-Algebra Pre-AP to HS Algebra
 - HS Algebra Pre-AP to HS Geometry

Course Selection is Online This Year

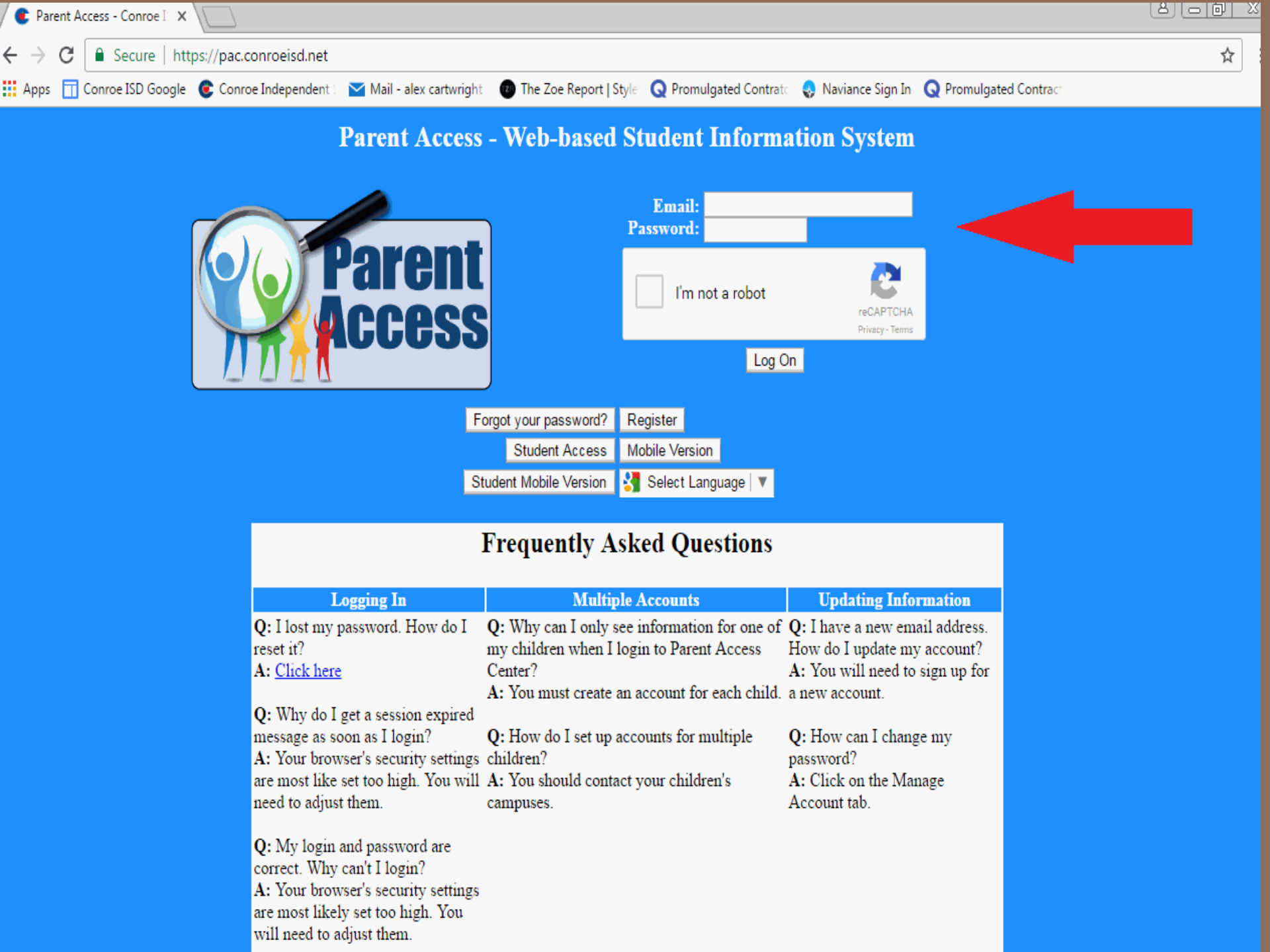
- **On the provided tip sheet:**
 - **Please read all detailed, bulleted information on the document for course specifics.**
 - **Year-round classes occupy two course slots and should be listed as a primary request and not an alternate.**

Course Selection is Online This Year

- **Our administration and our counselors will meet with each incoming eighth grade student to discuss his/her elective requests.**
- **We will review the online course requests for accuracy.**
- **We use these requests to hire qualified teachers.**

Notification of Student Requests

- Please review the online requests made by your child and yourself closely leading up to the **April 6th** deadline.



Parent Access - Web-based Student Information System



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Password:



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Frequently Asked Questions

Logging In	Multiple Accounts	Updating Information
<p>Q: I lost my password. How do I reset it?</p> <p>A: Click here</p>	<p>Q: Why can I only see information for one of my children when I login to Parent Access Center?</p> <p>A: You must create an account for each child.</p>	<p>Q: I have a new email address. How do I update my account?</p> <p>A: You will need to sign up for a new account.</p>
<p>Q: Why do I get a session expired message as soon as I login?</p> <p>A: Your browser's security settings are most like set too high. You will need to adjust them.</p>	<p>Q: How do I set up accounts for multiple children?</p> <p>A: You should contact your children's campuses.</p>	<p>Q: How can I change my password?</p> <p>A: Click on the Manage Account tab.</p>
<p>Q: My login and password are correct. Why can't I login?</p> <p>A: Your browser's security settings are most likely set too high. You will need to adjust them.</p>		

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Switch Students

Conroe Independent School District
 Parent Access 1/9/201



STUDENT NAME																
Main	Schedule	Daily Attend	Class Attend	Report Card	Averages	Class Work	Progress Reports	STAAR	Incident Referrals	Students Excellence	Teachers Excellence	Parent Contacts	GPA Exempt Form	JHS Requests	Electronic Signatures	Manage Account

Receive an email when an assignment score is inputted or updated.

Registration					
Student		Grade	06	Cohort	
Counselor		Homeroom	630	HR Teacher	
Attendance					
Early Checkout / Late Checkin Hours			0	Semester 1 Absences	1
Total Absences	1	Tardies	0	Semester 2 Absences	0
Transportation					
Bus Routes					
Bus To School		Stop Time		Route	
Bus From School		Stop From		Route From	
Emergency Information					
Contact		Phone		Physician	
Other Information					



Update on for TM

The window for updating the JH plan at this campus is from 2017-01-03 to 2017-04-01.

Junior High School Course Requests

Please note that this is not your schedule



Subject	Units		Selected Totals
	Required	Selected	
Core Subject	8	-	5
Lang Arts	2	2	-
Math	2	1	-
Science	2	1	-
Soc Stu	2	1	-
PE Total	1.5	-	0.5
PE	-	0.5	-
Ele-Athletics	-	0	-
Elective Total	4.5	-	0
Electives	-	0	-
Fine Arts	-	0	-
LOTE	-	0	-
Health	-	0	-
Local	-	0	-
Totals	14	5.5	-

Subject	Grade 7		Units	Subject	Grade 8	
	A	B			A	B
Lang Arts	* L.A. 7 PreAP A(7120A)	* L.A. 7 PreAP B(7120B)	1	Lang Arts	* L.A. 8 A(8110A)	* L.A. 8 B(8110B)
Math	* Pre-Algebra 7 PreAP A(7205A)	* Pre-Algebra 7 PreAP B(7205B)	1	Math	Select...	Select...
Science	* Science 7 PreAP A(7303A)	* Science 7 PreAP B(7303B)	1	Science	Select...	Select...
Soc Stu	* TX History 7 A(7400A)	* TX History 7 B(7400B)	1	Soc Stu	Select...	Select...
PE	* PE 7 A(7500A)	Select...	0.5	PE	Select...	Select...
Ele-Athletics			0	Ele-Athletics		
Ele-General	Select...	Select...	0	Ele-General	Select...	Select...
Fine Arts	Select...		0	Fine Arts	Select...	
LOTE	Select...	Select...	0	LOTE	Select...	Select...

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PE Total	1.5	-	0
PE	-	0	-
Ele-Athletics	-	0	-
Elective Total	4.5	-	0
Electives	-	0	-
Fine Arts	-	0	-
LOTE	-	0	-
Health	-	0	-
Local	-	0	-
Totals	14	3.5	-

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Math	✘ Pre-Algebra 7 PreAP A(7205A)	✘ Pre-Algebra 7 PreAP B(7205B)	1	Math	Select...	Select...
Science	✘ Science 7 PreAP A(7303A)	✘ Science 7 PreAP B(7303B)	1	Science	Select...	Select...
Soc Stu	✘ TX History 7 A(7400A)	Select...	0.5	Soc Stu	Select...	Select...
PE	Select...	Select...	0	PE	Select...	Select...
Ele-Athletics		TX History 7 B (7400B) [0.5] TX History 7 PreAP B (7403B) [0.5]	0	Ele-Athletics		
Ele-General	Select...	Select...	0	Ele-General	Select...	Select...
Fine Arts	Select...		0	Fine Arts	Select...	



Factors which impact individual student's schedule formation

- **Staffing (based on enrollment)**
- **Availability of Course**
- **Core Course Selection**
- **Course selection by students**
- **Seniority**

Specialty Classes

Athletics

Fine Arts

Algebra

Physical Education

Number of electives

20 unique choices

will take 5

Free Academic Assistance Before School

- **Tutoring- Most days of the week with your academic teachers (most important).**
- **8:05 a.m. until 8:32 a.m.**

Free Academic Assistance
During School and With Classroom Teachers

SPARKS-

- **Occurs each day during *Advisory***
- **Elite eighth grade students**
- **Ms. Donna Meyer – LA Teacher**

Free Academic Assistance After School

PAWS Homework Help-

- **Monday through Thursday**
- **4:00 p.m. until 4:45 p.m.**
- **Located in downstairs library**
- **McCullough teacher**
- **TWHS Interact students**

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Adventure into Academics

Core Subject Information

Science

- **Science**
- **Pre-AP Science**

Independent Study Science Fair Project in Eighth Grade

- **There is an increased expectation for the level of the project in eighth grade above and beyond what was expected in seventh.**
- **The students focus on technical writing with increased research in eighth grade.**
- **The project requires considerable work conducted outside of the school day.**
- **If you have questions please ask Ms. Fowler after this presentation.**

First Time Science Fair Participant in Eighth Grade

If your child wishes to be a first time participant in Pre-AP Science in eighth grade, it is great.

However, it would be best practice if both the child and parent(s) visited with experienced participants to ensure they have a thorough understanding of what is required by the state science fair committee in eighth grade before making this commitment.

History

- **U.S. History**
- **Pre-AP U.S. History**
 - **Students need to be able to read and write critically, perceptively, and independently.**

Language Arts

- **All students will have a summer reading requirement**
- **Language Arts**
- **Pre-AP**

Eighth Grade Math Courses

- **Pre-Algebra**
- **Algebra (HS)**
- **Geometry (HS)**

Typical Math Progression (Regular)

- **7th Grade - 7th Math**
- **8th Grade - Pre-Algebra**
- **9th Grade - Algebra**
- **10th Grade - Geometry**
- **11th Grade - Algebra II**
- **12th Grade – Pre-Calculus**

Typical Math Progression (Advanced 1 year)

- **7th Grade - Pre-Algebra Pre-AP**
- **8th Grade – HS Algebra Pre-AP**
- **9th Grade – HS Geometry Pre-AP**
- **10th Grade - Algebra II Pre-AP**
- **11th Grade - Pre-Calculus Pre-AP**
- **12th Grade – AP Calculus**

Typical Math Progression (Advanced 2 years)

- **7th Grade – HS Algebra Pre-AP**
- **8th Grade – HS Geometry Pre-AP**
- **9th Grade - Algebra II Pre-AP**
- **10th Grade – Pre-Calculus Pre-AP**
- **11th Grade – AP Calculus**
- **12th Grade – AP Statistics**

Placement Considerations

Moving from Seventh to Eighth Grade

- **Students should, by default, progress initially to 8th grade in the corresponding class from 7th grade.**
 - **Examples**
- **Level Science to Level Science**
- **7th Pre-AP History to 8th Pre-AP History**
- **7th Math to Pre-Algebra**
- **Pre-Algebra Pre-AP to HS Algebra Pre-AP**
- **HS Algebra Pre-AP to HS Geometry Pre-AP**

Placement Considerations for Eighth Grade

- If a student wishes to move from a regular core class in seventh grade to a Pre-AP course in eighth grade (**excluding math**), *choose the appropriate course online during the registration window* or contact his or her counselor with the request in writing *before* the April 6th deadline.
 - Emails and contact information are on our webpage under “Parent Services.”

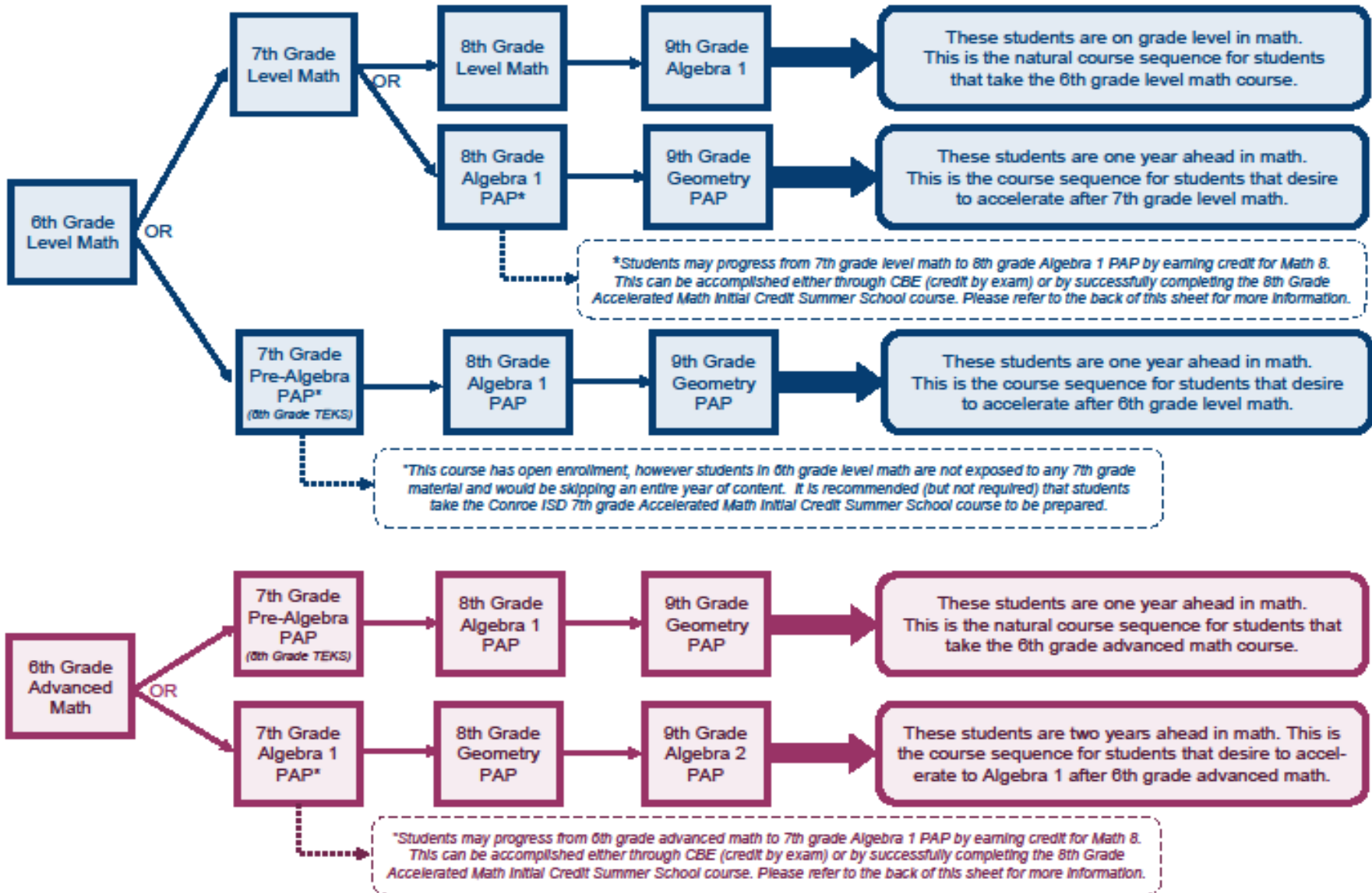
If Your Child is in Pre-Algebra Pre-AP (Eighth Grade Math) as a **Current Seventh Grader** and Has an Average of **Less Than 80** During Seventh Grade at the End of The Year for the Course

- *May* want to consider repeating pre-algebra in eighth grade so that your child is successful in future math courses
- Please contact your child's counselor prior to the April 6th deadline to ensure your child repeats this specific math course if this is what you would like for him/her to do.

Important Points to Note Now Before Going Forward In This Presentation for Parents/Guardians of Students Currently Enrolled in Pre-Algebra Pre-AP or High School Algebra

- **If your child is currently enrolled in pre-algebra Pre-AP and is successful at the end of the year, he/she will advance automatically to high school algebra in eighth grade (**you do not need to do anything**).**
- **Any child who is currently in high school algebra, and is successful, will roll forward to high school geometry automatically next year (**you do not need to do anything**) .**
- **Restated, if your child is currently enrolled in pre-algebra or high school algebra, please disregard the state testing information over the next few slides as your child is advancing automatically to high school algebra or geometry via meeting the Texas requirements.**

GUIDELINES FOR TAKING ALGEBRA I



EARNING CREDIT FOR MATH 8

Want to accelerate from 6th Grade Advanced Math to 7th Grade Algebra 1 PAP?

OR

Want to accelerate from 7th Grade Level Math to 8th Grade Algebra 1 PAP?

You must have credit for Math 8 first!

Students have the following options to earn credit for Math 8:

Credit by Examination

Conroe ISD will administer the Math 8 CBE on home campuses the week of February 19th—23rd. Students must register in advance in order to take the test by completing the application form and submitting by January 29, 2018. No late registrations will be accepted. There is no charge for the first administration of the test. Students earning an 80 or higher on the CBE will earn credit for Math 8 and will be placed in Algebra 1 the following school year. Students who do not earn the required cut off score but still want to pursue taking Algebra 1 the following year are eligible for one retest attempt (for a fee) or may opt to take the accelerated 8th grade course during summer school.

OR

Summer School

Conroe ISD offers courses for initial credit during the summer. Students that successfully complete 8th Grade PreAlgebra course with an 80 or higher will earn credit for Math 8 and will be placed in Algebra 1 the following school year. There is a fee associated with this course. This course runs from late April to mid-July and is taught through a hybrid format. Students will complete lessons both at home via the internet and during their face-to-face classes with an instructor. Information will be posted on the Conroe ISD website. Please note that there are strict attendance guidelines associated with this course. Registration for the course will be done through the student's counselor on their campus.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Want to accelerate from 6th Grade Level Math to 7th Grade Pre-Algebra PAP?

This course has open enrollment, however, students in 6th grade level math are not exposed to any 7th grade material and would be skipping an entire year of content. It is recommended (but not required) that students take the Conroe ISD 7th grade math in the summer as an accelerated math initial credit course to be prepared. There is a fee associated with this course. The course runs from late April to mid-July and is taught through a hybrid format. Students will complete lessons both at home via the internet and during their face-to-face classes with an instructor. Information will be posted on the Conroe ISD website. Registration for the course will be done through the student's counselor on their campus. Please note that there are strict attendance guidelines associated with this course.

New State Law Requirements for Texas Students to Advance to High School Algebra I

Per new state law, for a Texas student to advance to high school algebra I they must meet at least one of these criteria:

- Pass the pre-algebra course offered in school**
- Pass the state-required pre-algebra (eighth grade math) credit by exam (CBE)**
- Take and successfully pass the C.I.S.D. pre-algebra for acceleration course offered April-July (information coming soon)**

What EXACTLY Do I Need to Know If I Want My Seventh Grade Child Currently in Regular Seventh Grade Math to Attempt the Pre-Algebra Credit by Examination in Order to Advance to High School Algebra

Below is information helpful for the child and parent/guardian to know about the state credit by exam testing process:

- The pre-algebra (eighth grade math) credit by exam (CBE) will be administered on junior high campuses between February 19th and February 23rd.
- The exam is timed and Texas students have three hours to complete this test.
- The district will pay for the first administration of the credit by exam (**making it free for the first attempt only**) provided the child/parent/guardian properly turns in all the required hardcopy information to our counseling center by the required deadline of **Monday, January 29th**.
- Students need an approved graphing calculator, pencil, scratch paper, and the supplied formula chart. If a child does not have an approved calculator, one will be provided to him/her. Please refer to the McCullough math department webpage for a complete listing of approved calculators.
- The exam contains 65 multiple-choice questions covering seven objectives.
- An 80 percent or higher is considered passing on the state exam.
- Information regarding the objectives and sample questions can be found at the link <https://utexas.app.box.com/v/uths-eighth-math>.
- Please encourage your child to do his/her best, while at the same time remembering he/she is taking a state exam for a course he/she has never taken.

What EXACTLY Do I Need to Do If I Want My Seventh Grade Child Currently in Regular Seventh Grade Math to Attempt the **FREE Pre-Algebra Credit by Examination (CBE) in Order to Advance to High School Algebra in Eighth Grade**

You must register your child to take this free exam. To make this happen:

- **An eighth grade math (pre-algebra) CBE application must be submitted and approved for each student.**
- **The deadline for the properly completed document to be turned in to the McCullough Junior High Counseling Center is at 3:50 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2018.**
- **All needed documents for students/parents/guardians to fill out in hardcopy in form are available for viewing/printing at the McCullough website. Please look for the red “quick link” button located at mccullough.conroeisd.net.**

What EXACTLY Do I Need to Do If I Want My Seventh Grade Child Currently in Regular Seventh Grade Math to Take High School Algebra in Eighth Grade and He/She Did Not Take Or Did Not Pass the State-Required Credit by Examination (CBE) Required by Texas to Advance to High School Algebra

Your child can take the Conroe I.S.D. Eighth Grade Pre-Algebra Course for Acceleration. Please note the following tentative details of this course:

- **Students in this course receive the full instruction of the TEKS for pre-algebra.**
- **The University of Texas will notify you of your child's score on the CBE. We have no control over this time frame.**
- **The course runs from late April to mid-July.**
- **A fee is associated with the accelerated class.**
- **Instruction is hybrid in format involving online and in-person instruction.**
- **Attendance requirements are enforced and need to be reviewed prior to taking the course.**
- **Registration (when it opens) occurs through the student's home campus counselor.**
- **Normally an information meeting on the course occurs before instruction begins.**

A Third Option if You Would Like Your Seventh Grade Regular Math Child in High School Algebra in Seventh Grade and They Either Did Not Take/Pass the Credit by Examination and Does Not Want to Take The Accelerated Pre-Algebra Course

Your child may retest again on the two remaining state CBE dates (June 4 or July 27) for a retest fee. Please speak to your child's counselor if you are interested in this option.

Payment would be required

Math Notes Affecting HS Math Choices

- Four years of math and science are *required* in high school, beginning with HS algebra.
- Currently, HS math courses (algebra and geometry) taken in junior high count toward the four years of required math.
- At least three math courses must be taken at the high school campus.
- It is highly recommended to take math each year.

High-School Course Considerations

- **Algebra, Geometry, Spanish I, Spanish II, Health, Communication Applications**
- **As a high-school class, these advanced courses are much more challenging.**
- **The classes do not calculate *directly* in a student's grade point average (GPA).**
- **They do not figure in class rank.**
- **Course grades are reflected on high school transcripts.**

Career Interest Inventory and Four Year Plans

- **Counselors will be working with eighth grade students to conduct a career interest inventory and four year plan.**
- **We will email you login information next year so you can see what your child is doing and what is available to them.**

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Electives

A Taste of Adventure

Number of Elective Choices for Eighth Graders

- Some eighth-grade students have five elective choices
 - One additional course from the four needed in the seventh grade since the students are required to have only one semester of P.E.
 - Students in athletics will choose four electives.

Eighth Grade Elective Choices

- Art
- Art II
- Art III Accelerated
- Band
- Choir
- Careers
- Computer Applications
- Exploring Languages
- **High School Communications**
- **High School Health**
- Human Services
- Orchestra
- **HS Spanish I**
- **Spanish II for Native Speakers (must qualify)**
- Teen Leadership
- Theater Arts
- Theater Arts II
- Theater Production
- Technology I
- Technology II

High School Spanish I

- **The course is a year long program (2 semesters).**
- **The class is rigorous, fast-moving, and intense.**
- **It is a *high-school course and the grade appears on your child's high school transcript.***
- **For these reasons, if you choose multiple Pre-AP core courses, please consider this class on a similar level as it is an advanced, high-school course when choosing your child's overall schedule.**

Spanish II for Native Speakers

- This course is for students who have Spanish as their first language and **speak Spanish at home**.
- There is a district placement examination to qualify.
- Students must be able to read, listen, speak, and write Spanish fluently.
- Students will receive retroactive credit for HS Spanish I with **successful completion** of Spanish II.
- If the student needs more information on the course, he/she can speak directly to their counselor.

High School Health Considerations

- **District graduation requirement**
- **Very optional to take in eighth grade**
- **Covers the state TEKS for high school health including all relevant components**
- **Your child's maturity level in advance as the curriculum is designed for high school students**

High School Communication Applications

- **Elective half credit**
- **No longer a required high school course**
- **Extremely useful class which will place students on their way to fulfilling the 5.5 elective credits they will need to graduate**

HS Health and HS Communications Applications

- These may free up space in the student's high-school schedule to take alternate and/or more rigorous courses (which could count more on G.P.A.).
- When scheduling for the future, it makes sense to take both if the student is going to take one.

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McCullough Athletics

State Eligibility for Fine Art/ Athletic Participation

- The District does grant waivers for students taking Pre-AP courses.
- Students in junior high must pass all courses to be eligible for extracurricular activities.
- The U.I.L. and Progress Report Schedule is posted online at our website under athletics and parent services.

8th Grade Athletics

- **Physical dated after April 15, 2018**
- **Commitment for the year**
- **Boys**
 - **Fourth period green (tentative)**
- **Girls**
 - **Fourth period red (tentative)**
- **Replaces P.E.**

8th Grade Athletics

- **There are some minor changes from seventh grade.**
- **Please view Coach Skinner's online presentation regarding athletics for 2018-2019 online in February when it is posted.**
- **I will email you the link to that presentation when it is posted.**

Volleyball

- Tryouts are the first week of school.
- If a student makes the team, her schedule *will* change.
- Volleyball meets as an athletics class during the school day.

Girls' and Boys' Basketball Off-season Class

- Placement and tryout information is coming soon.
- This is for the *class*, not the *team*.
- If students make the off-season class, his/her schedule *may* change.

Girls' and Boys' Basketball Teams

- Tryouts for the *team* are in late October or early November.
- This requires a commitment for the year.

Football

- **Practice is after school on most days.**
 - **There are some practices on Monday mornings in lieu of Friday afternoons.**
- **Eighth graders do practice on Monday morning once games begin.**
- **Signing up for football is a yearlong commitment.**

Cross Country

- **The season is in the fall.**
- **The students remain in off-season athletics throughout the year.**
- **Most meets are on Friday evening.**

Off Campus Private P.E.

- **Must be an *approved* facility for 2018-2019**
- **Individual Olympic event preparations**
 - **Team sports are not a part of the off campus Private P.E. program as outlined by the Texas Education Agency**
- **Fully completed application and required form available online at district website **around mid-March.****

Off Campus Private P.E.

- **Students with approved applications turned in prior to the April 6th deadline will be enrolled in off campus Private P.E. for the entire 2018-2019 school year.**
- ***Additional* online forms specific to Off Campus Physical Education will be emailed to you and due to the district by May 1st.**

Off Campus Private P.E.

Please make sure as a parent/guardian you are certain you can pick your child up every day at 2:55 p.m. and have a firm transportation plan for the entire year in advance of choosing this option.

Off Campus Private P.E.

- *Can change facility only at semester**
- *Must be able to pick up child promptly at dismissal time- exactly 2:55 p.m. each day**
- *State allows schools to dismiss students one hour early each day for off campus Private P.E.**

Off Campus Private P.E.

- **Does not work with activities which have an athletic class.**
- **Student cannot legally be in athletic class that meets during the school day and off campus Private P.E.**
- **A student in off campus Private P.E can, and is encouraged to, be in one of our club sports.**
- **Choosing to be in off campus Private P.E. is a commitment for the entire year.**
 - **This includes both the fall and spring consecutively**
 - **There is no mid-year enrollment in off campus Private P.E.**

Off Campus Private P.E.

- **Students and parents/guardians must be flexible on the schedule as it will change periodically due to pep rallies, STAAR testing, semester exams, etc.**
- **Every three weeks the facility submits a grade and attendance report directly to the Counseling Center.**

Off Campus Private P.E.

15 hours or more per week at approved facility are required.

Off Campus Private P.E.

**Students are assigned to a fourth period
off campus Private P.E. class from
2:26 p.m. until 2:55 p.m. each day.**

Category 2 Off Campus Private P.E.

- Category 2 Private P.E. is for students who attend *five* hours of physical education activity at an *approved* facility.
- These students do not leave early each day.
- They receive two additional classroom courses above and beyond other students.
- For participation in this program, the student must be in band, choir, or orchestra so that space is available on their schedule for the extra courses to be accommodated.

Questions Regarding Athletics

- **Please contact Lance Skinner.**
 - **Girls and Boys Athletic Coordinator**
 - **cskinner@conroeisd.net**

Questions

- **Department Heads**
 - Questions about math, language arts, history, science
- **Counselors**
 - Program questions
- **Administrators**
 - General