



## Pre-Advanced Expectations: High School Student/Parent Agreement

Course:	
Student:	ID Number:

Beaumont ISD recognizes the value and importance of advanced academic coursework and encourages students to graduate with at least one advanced academic course credit. Participation in advanced academic courses is a foundation for college readiness and research shows that students who participate are more likely to earn a bachelor's degree in college. The goal of Pre-Advanced courses is to prepare students for Advanced Placement courses in the future.

### **Characteristics of a Pre-Advanced class are:**

- Student initiated learning with an emphasis on strong work ethic
- Rigorous academic content requiring reading proficiency
- More depth and complexity
- Application of content strategies
- Consistent use of higher level thinking skills
- Assignments that are more analytical
- Required commitment to the course both INSIDE and OUTSIDE of the classroom

Pre-Advanced courses focus on skill development, habits of mind, and in-depth preparation in a subject area that is necessary to master the skills required to prepare for and to achieve future success in AP courses. *General characteristics of Pre-Advanced courses include content immersion, a fast pace and assessment of performance at the analysis and synthesis levels.*

***In order for students to be successful in the outcome of Pre-Advanced coursework it takes teamwork from the teacher, parent and student along with commitments from each party.***

### **Teacher Commitment**

The teacher commits to Pre-Advanced courses by encouraging student participation and success, planning for student learning, providing rigorous, quality instruction, and offering assistance and support for struggling students. As a teacher of a Pre Advanced course:

- I will teach the course following the curriculum developed by Beaumont ISD..
- I will provide instruction that prepares students for future AP coursework.
- I will provide quality instruction at an advanced level and give ample opportunities for students to be successful.
- I will assign work that is meaningful and relevant to the required learning goals.
- I will provide appropriate interventions and tutorial opportunities for students who have difficulty with course content.
- I will encourage and communicate to students their successes and areas that need improvement.

Teacher Signature:	Date:
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### **Parent Commitment:**

The parent commits to Pre-Advanced coursework by supporting student learning in the advanced academic course. As a parent of a student enrolled in a Pre-Advanced course:

- I will encourage my child to be prepared for class each day.



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- I understand that Pre-Advanced courses may seem challenging at first and initial grades may not reflect later grades in the course.
- If my child encounters difficulties with the course content, I will expect my child to conference with the teacher and attend recommended tutorials and/or abide by a prescribed intervention plan.
- If I believe that it is necessary for my child to exit this course, I will first contact the teacher for his/her input.

### **Student Commitment:**

- I understand that Pre-Advanced courses may seem challenging at first and initial grades may not reflect later grades in the course.
- I understand that I am expected to maintain a semester/end of year grade of an 80 or higher.
- I understand that if my grade drops below an 80 during an interim/grading period that I will be given an intervention plan to complete before the next grading period.
- In the event that I encounter difficulties with the course content, I will conference with my teacher about my progress and attend tutorials as well as fulfilling any intervention plan.
- I understand that exiting the course is not an option until tutorials and interventions have been exhausted.
- I will turn in all assignments, completed and on time and come to class prepared to participate in discussions and lectures.
- I understand that I am expected to do my own work and I will adhere to the honor code that is put forth by the Beaumont Independent School District.
- I will communicate with my instructor if it becomes necessary to be absent from class and will turn in all make up work as laid out in district guidelines.

### **Student Agreement:**

My signature below confirms that I am familiar with the expectations of the Pre-Advanced course and accept its academic challenges. I agree to devote my best efforts to successfully complete the course. I understand that this class offers increased rigor and challenge and I agree to request help when I need it and to attend tutorials if I fall behind in class assignments or experience difficulty with course content. I understand that my success is primarily my responsibility.

Student Signature:	Date:
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### **Parent Agreement:**

My signature below confirms that I have read and am familiar with the course expectations for Pre-Advanced. I understand the course requires increased rigor and challenge and that I agree to support and encourage my student to successfully complete this course. I will notify the teacher immediately of any concerns I have relating to the class or my student's progress.

Signature- Parent/Legal Guardian:	Date:
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