



Pre-Advanced Expectations: Middle School Student/Parent Agreement

Course:	
Student:	ID Number:

Beaumont ISD recognizes the value and importance of advanced academic coursework and encourages students to complete at least one Advanced Placement course during high school. 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.

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 success in high school Pre-Advanced 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.
- 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.



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- 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 intervention 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 description and syllabus for the Pre-Advanced course. 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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