

February 5, 2021

Dear AMS Families:

The course selection process for the 2021-2022 school year begins shortly, as outlined below. Our focus is on students making informed decisions about their courses as they transition to grade 8 next year.

Students are in the midst of discussions with their current teachers about the levels and courses that require a recommendation. Our two content areas that involve level placements are English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Teachers will submit those recommendations via PowerSchool, and students will work with their school counselor, Ms. Boland, (dates below) to input their course requests in their PowerSchool portal. If students have questions about the courses or levels they're signing up for, they should first speak with their current teacher, and then with their school counselor. The timeline for course registration is outlined below.

7th to 8th Timeline (AMS)		
Date	Task	Responsible
Feb. 17	8th grade recommendations due	AMS Teachers
Mar. 1-5	8th grade course request input	Boland/Students
Mar. 12	Override deadline	AMS Families

- **Not later than March 12** - Any questions about your student's level recommendation for ELA and math should be directed to your student's current teacher. If a conversation is needed after that initial one, please then contact Cara Boland, their school counselor.
- **By June 1** - Students receive confirmation of courses and levels for the 2021-2022 school year. This will not be the student's schedule.

Please note that our administrative and counseling teams work tirelessly to meet as many course requests as we can; at times, our staffing levels and master schedule constraints impede our ability to meet every request.

Please reach out to us with any questions- looking forward to planning for a great 8th grade year for your students!

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