

February 5, 2021

Dear TBS Families:

The course selection process for the 2021-2022 school year begins shortly, as outlined below. Our focus is on supporting your student as they transition from Thompson Brook School to Avon Middle School. Over the next few months, you will receive various communications from our AMS team about the transition process; course registration begins that transition work.

TBS teachers will work with their teams, utilizing data driven measures, to determine the appropriate level placement recommendation for your student as they enter grade 7. Our two content areas that involve level placements are English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Students will be placed by their grade 6 teachers into either an honors or academic level class for both of those subject areas. Social studies, science, world language and various unified arts courses are unlevleled.

Starting Monday, 3/22, the PowerSchool portal will be open for you and your student to log in at home to select your student's world language and music elective courses. Directions on navigating the portal and submitting those selections will be sent in a future correspondence. The portal will remain open from Monday, 3/22, through Friday, 3/26. The timeline for course registration is outlined below.

6th to 7th Timeline (TBS to AMS)		
Date	Task	Responsible
Feb. 17 & 18	Family Information Sessions	AMS Admin
March 12	AMS Counselors "visit" TBS	C. Franco
Mar. 22-26	7th grade course request input (WL/Music Ensemble)	TBS Students
May 3	Level override deadline	TBS Families

- **Mid April**- notification from TBS regarding level placement for ELA/math for grade 7
- **Not later than May 3** - Any questions about your student's level recommendation for ELA and math should be directed to Chris Franco, their soon to be AMS 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 contact your student's school counselor with any questions on this.

Looking forward to planning for a great 7th grade year for your students!

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