

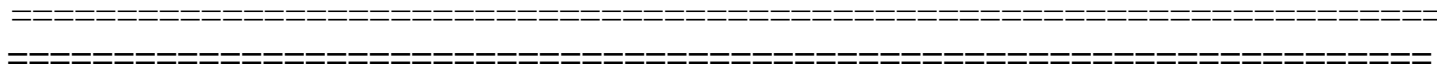
**5<sup>th</sup> graders, rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders**  
**2020-2021 qualifications for Advanced Classes**  
(modified for 2020-2021 due to Covid-19)

**Advanced Classes:** students must have a **first semester numerical average** of an **89.5 or higher**, which is a letter grade of an “A,” in all four core subjects (English 5, Math 5, Science 5, and Social Studies 5) **AND** a 485 or higher on **BOTH the Reading 4 and Math 4 Virginia SOL** (because of Covid-19 we do not have SOL scores from this school year, thus we will use last year’s scores). Of course we have several transfer students who will not have SOL scores; in that situation we would have to look at what state and/or standardized test scores are available and require that they earn at least the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile on both the reading **and** math portions of those tests, as well as having all “A”s (as stated in the first sentence).

**FYI:** we have **not** made any exceptions to the numerical grade of an “A” in the four core subjects **AND** the 485 or higher on the reading and math SOL. (Remember that a score of 500+ is “Advanced,” and we are using a 485 as the cut score.) **We stick firmly to these requirements that have been established by our School Board Office Administration.**

Students who do not qualify for Advanced Classes in 6th grade can qualify for Advanced Classes in 7th grade for the following year by earning a final grade of "A" in all four core classes (English 6, Math 6, Science 6 and Social Studies 6) **AND** earning a 485 or higher on both the Reading 6 and Math 6 SOL. (This criterion is subject to review and modification if/as needed each year.)

In 8th grade and beyond students can qualify for individual Advanced and Honors classes; simply meaning that they do not "team" students in grades 8-12. As such, students who meet the qualifications for individual Advanced/Honors class(es) can sign up for those classes individually.



**Previous years’ qualifications for Advanced Classes (5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
(We had to modify them, as stated above, due to Covid19)

- Final grade of an “A” in English 5, Math 5, Science 5, and Social Studies 5
- AND**
- A 485 or higher on BOTH the Reading 5 and Math 5 Virginia SOL

