



# Pearl River School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians of 7<sup>th</sup> Graders,

This communication is to inform you of high school requirements that could afford your child desired opportunities upon entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade. These requirements are outlined in the **Pearl River High School Program of Studies** which is mailed out to all 7<sup>th</sup> graders during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. This publication includes a listing of all courses offered at the high school, including traditional 8<sup>th</sup> grade coursework, and offerings extended to incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders who qualify under the terms and prerequisite grades earned in their present 7<sup>th</sup> grade year. In addition to the required courses and corresponding grades, students must achieve within a specified percentile on a standardized assessment. Counselor and teacher recommendation are also factors considered when the high school makes the final determination regarding a student's placement. The following are excerpts taken from the present (2018-2019) PRHS Program of Studies:

## **ENGLISH 8 HONORS (C0008)**

**Teacher and counselor recommendation, final course grade of 90 in previous year's course, no more than one quarter average below 87% in previous year's course, standardized test score at or above the 75th percentile. Honors course recommendations are tentative and are subject to review after final grades are determined.**

## **ALGEBRA HONORS (C0303)**

**Prerequisites: Teacher and counselor recommendation, final course grade of 90 in previous year's Pre-Algebra course, final exam grade of 90 in previous year's Pre-Algebra course, standardized test score at or above the 75th percentile. Honors course recommendations are tentative and are subject to review after final grades are determined.**

## **PHYSICAL SETTING/EARTH SCIENCE HONORS (C0100)**

**Prerequisites: Teacher and counselor recommendation, final course grade of 90 in previous year's science course, final exam grade of 90 in previous year's science course, standardized test score at or above the 75th percentile. Honors course recommendations are tentative and are subject to review after final grades are determined.**

**SOCIAL STUDIES 8 HONORS (C0200)**

**Prerequisites: Teacher and counselor recommendation, final course grade of 90 in previous year's or grade 7 course, final exam grade of 90 in previous year's grade 7 course, standardized test score at or above the 75th percentile. Honors course recommendations are tentative and are subject to review after final grades are determined.**

**Please note that the integrity of our Honors and accelerated courses/programs rely on the prerequisites established.** Student records are reviewed after their 7<sup>th</sup> grade coursework is completed and students will be notified afterward of their option to take the courses in which they qualify.

Please feel free to contact the Pearl River High School Guidance Office or your child's counselor with any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Murphy