

Dear Parent or Guardian, October 22, 2018

This letter is the first of many communications Arrowhead High School will send you regarding your son or daughter's transition to the high school next year. Let me be the first to welcome your family to Arrowhead! To ensure a smooth transition and to provide the time needed for making informed decisions about courses at Arrowhead, we need to begin the process early.

Arrowhead High School strongly believes in "Parent and Student Informed Choice" for choosing coursework in Science, English, and Social Studies for 9th grade. For students considering Honors or Advanced Placement courses as a freshman in these subjects- we require a PreACT test be taken at Arrowhead High School. This is not a placement test, but it gives additional information to families to help students determine if advanced coursework in these subjects is right for them.

Consider these factors:

- Does your son/daughter have a reading Lexile level approaching 1300? (If yes, consider Honors/AP and take the PreACT) or
- Has your student scored in the advanced levels on standard assessments (STAR, Forward, Aspire above 90th percentile)? (If yes, consider Honors/AP and take the PreACT) and
- Does your son/daughter have a strong desire and motivation to learn? (If yes, consider Honors/AP and take the PreACT)

Attached to this letter is more information about the courses we offer to freshmen in these core academic subjects.

Information on all our courses and programs for the high school will be shared with your son/daughter starting in January. Additionally, for Math placement at the high school, students will be taking a placement test in April (in the feeder schools). World Language placement tests will also be taken in the spring.

We are offering the PreACT at Arrowhead on two dates: December 15, 2018 or January 5, 2019.

Registration for the two dates will be open starting **OCTOBER 22** on the Arrowhead website under PARENT RESOURCES or you can fill out the form <u>HERE</u>. There is a \$12 fee to take the assessment (assistance for the fee is available for anyone who qualifies for free and reduced lunch, please contact your K-8 counselor).

Please bring a check to the test date you choose - made out to Arrowhead High School.

Registration deadline for December 15 PreACT is December 7.

Registration deadline for January 5 PreACT is December 21.

We will have an optional parent informational meeting on November 29 at 6:30 in the North Campus Theater for those who wish to know more.

If you have any questions, please contact your feeder school representative:

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