

Avondale Middle School

7th Grade Advanced English

2022-2023

Advanced English eligibility will be based on the following factors; current academic grades, standardized test scores (NWEA reading), and teacher recommendation. The entire group of recommended students will be reviewed against a set of criteria to determine those 6th graders who will be invited to take the 7th grade Advanced English placement test.

Students or parents who have questions in regard to English placement for next year can be directed to the Counseling Office.

Placement criteria- All eligible students will receive an invitation for placement testing.

Students meeting the requirements will receive an invitation to take the placement test:

- 6th grade Language Arts: Must have all A's to be considered for Advanced English 7.
- NWEA Reading score: 80th percentile
- Advanced English 7 request for placement test form completed
- Teacher Recommendation: Must have 6th grade teacher recommendation to be considered for Adv. Eng. 7.
- Advanced English 7 committee approval.

Advanced English Placement Information:

- * Students interested in pursuing Advanced English must respond to the google invitation when available
- * Students must take the Advanced English Placement test to be considered for this class.

The Advanced English Placement Test for 7th grade is being offered in the Spring. Only students who receive and return the signed invitation will take the placement test. **Placements will not be determined prior to students completing their 7th grade course selection process.**

Students will be notified by mail in regards to their placement(s) prior to May 27th. Students must accept their placement in the class prior to June 7th, and those decisions are final.

7th Grade Advanced English Student Requirements:

Students who place into Advanced English should be able to commit to this year long experience and meet the following expectations:

Work Habits:

- * have good attendance
- * complete daily as well as long term assignments on time; understand that this class moves at an accelerated pace
- * have a desire to be in a more challenging class and understand this class has a harder work load
- * be an organized, independent worker with a focus on quality work

Reading:

- * read a book from the reading list over the summer and complete an extensive related assignment which will be made available before the end of the school year
- * read at least three novels independently per trimester in addition to any in-class reading and complete related assignments

Writing:

- * always use complete sentences and write paragraphs that have a topic sentences, supporting details, and closing sentences
- * write 1-2 multi-page papers per card marking
- * use writer's tricks/literary devices in their writing. (ex. similes, metaphors, personification, etc.)
- * use textual evidence to support ideas in writing
- * conduct research and write a related report using correct parenthetical documentation
- * write and deliver a 4-5 minute speech for the annual Optimist Speech Competition

Grammar/Punctuation:

- * know and be able to correctly identify all eight parts of speech.
- * know basic sentence punctuation, which includes end punctuation, commas, apostrophes, and capitalization.