

As we embark on another academic year at Memphis East TSTEM Academy, we would like to take this opportunity to share with you our course offerings and the process we follow for course placement.

At Memphis East TSTEM Academy, we are committed to providing our students with the best possible education that equips them to compete globally in all facets of academia. To achieve this goal, we offer a range of course options designed to challenge and inspire our students. Our course offerings for the upcoming academic year will include:

1. Honors Courses
2. Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) Courses
3. Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
4. Dual Enrollment (DE) Courses

We firmly believe that a rigorous course load is essential to prepare our students for success in the ever-evolving global landscape of education and career opportunities. Memphis East TSTEM Academy is a fully optional program, and we encourage all our students to embrace the challenge of advanced coursework.

As we begin the course selection process for the upcoming academic year, we want to share our methods for course placement. To ensure that each student receives the appropriate level of instruction, we consider multiple factors, including:

1. PowerBI Projections: PowerBI is a platform used by the district to assess each student's projection for academic progress and potential. These projections help us identify students who are ready for more advanced coursework.
2. Mastery Connect Performance on Common Formative Assessments (CFAs) 1-3 (Avg): We analyze students' performance on CFAs to gauge their understanding and mastery of core concepts. This data helps us make informed decisions about course placement.
3. Teacher Recommendations: Our experienced educators play a crucial role in identifying students' strengths and areas for growth. Teacher recommendations provide valuable insights into each student's readiness for advanced courses.
4. Dual Enrollment students *must* qualify for admission into the college in which the DE course is taken, no exceptions.

Our ultimate aim is to provide a personalized and tailored educational experience for each student. By considering these metrics, we can prescribe the right courses that will challenge and support our students appropriately.

- If students are eligible for Advanced Placement courses per the guidelines above, they will be scheduled accordingly. If a student and parent *do not* wish to enroll in Advanced Placement courses, please indicate the chosen course on the course request form.
- If a student is *not* eligible for Advanced Placement courses but chooses to override East procedure and continue with enrollment in the course(s), an appeal form must be submitted and approved prior to enrollment in the course.
- All students must have a backup course in the case they do not qualify for AP or DE.
- If a student has not yet met college ACT requirements, the student will not be enrolled in the DE course until updated scores have been received. Student must see Mrs. Humphries within 1 week of receiving March test scores.