

### GRADE 8 ACCELERATION

Students entering Grade 8 shall have the opportunity to take High School Courses in the following subject areas:

1. Algebra 1
2. Living Environment
3. Spanish

A committee composed of the Principal, the Middle School and High School teaching staff, and the Guidance Counselor shall meet in May prior to the beginning of the student's 8th grade year to officially determine which students are eligible for acceleration. The Committee's determination will be based on the following criteria:

- I. The student must have demonstrated the necessary maturity and social-emotional readiness for acceleration. The potential to adjust to the proposed acceleration will be strongly considered.
- II. Parents must be consulted and must officially sanction the proposed acceleration.
- III. A sincere desire by the student to accelerate must be shown.
- IV. The student's teachers must have submitted the student's name for consideration. In March of the student's 7th grade year, the Middle School teachers will be asked to submit names of possible students to consider for acceleration.
- V. Each course has criteria as follows:

## CRITERIA

### MATHEMATICS: ALGEBRA 1

1. The student must have at least a 90% average in 7th grade mathematics (or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics if the student has begun the acceleration process by taking 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics in his/her 7<sup>th</sup> Grade year).
2. The student must have achieved a 4 on the Grade 7 NYS Mathematics Assessment or some other appropriate measuring instrument.
3. There must be a recommendation by the 7th grade mathematics teacher.

### LIVING ENVIRONMENT

1. The student must have at least a 90% average in 7th grade Science.
2. The student must have achieved at least a 3 on the Grade 7 NYS Mathematics Assessment and English Language Arts or some other appropriate measuring instrument.
3. There must be a recommendation by the 7th grade science teacher.

### SPANISH

1. The student must have a 90% average in 7th grade Spanish.
2. The student must have achieved at least a 3 on the Grade 7 NYS English Language Arts or some other appropriate measuring instrument.
3. There must be a recommendation by the 7th grade Spanish teacher.

The Committee retains the right of flexibility and may recommend acceleration even though one or more of the criteria are not met. The Committee will grant acceleration to any student who meets ALL the criteria.