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Dear Parents:

The Camas School District offers a Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) program for Language Arts and Social Studies (LA/SS) and Advanced Math at the middle-school level. Both programs reflect rigorous academic expectations, and are available for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. Students who meet Pre-AP LA/SS entry qualifications are expected to complete a summer project as well as weekly novel and essay assignments throughout the school year.

Placement for either of these programs is determined by a combination of performance data on the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT), the Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) test, teacher recommendation, grade point average, and other district measures. Students interested in taking the CogAT test may sign up for the district testing by completing the Permission for Testing/Continuation Form on the reverse of this letter and returning it to their middle school office no later than March 9, 2009.

- All current fifth grade applicants are required to test on **Saturday, March 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at Liberty Middle School, **even if they have previously taken the CogAT.**
- Current sixth and seventh grade applicants will be tested at their respective middle schools on **Tuesday, March 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Skyridge students will report to their first period class for attendance and test instructions. Liberty students will report to the office at 7:45 a.m.
- Due to the nature of this assessment, students are not permitted to enter the test late, so please plan to arrive on time. Please send two sharpened #2 pencils with your student. We also encourage students to bring a snack and water to the test.

More information is available on the district website, www.camas.wednet.edu, including the Permission for Testing/Continuation Form which is printed on the reverse side of this letter. **This parent-student form must be completed and turned in to your middle school's office by March 9, 2009, for your student to be considered in the placement process. Fifth grade applications are to be turned into the middle school's office that your student will attend next school year.**

Sincerely,

Ann Perrin, Principal
Skyridge Middle School

Marilyn Boerke, Principal
Liberty Middle School



Pre-AP Language Arts/Social Studies and/or Advanced Math Permission for Testing/Continuation Form

This form is required to apply for or continue in Pre-AP LA/SS and/or Advanced Math at the middle-school level.
Note: If your student is already enrolled in these programs, they will automatically continue in these programs at the seventh and eighth grades if they are in good standing academically. All entering sixth grade students (current fifth graders) must apply and test to qualify initially.

Student Name _____

Current School _____ M/F ____ Birth Date ____/____/____ Current Grade _____

Home Address _____

City, State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

Check all that apply:

- My student is applying for Pre-AP Language Arts/Social Studies.
- My student is applying for Advanced Math.
- My current 5th grade student will attend the **Saturday, March 21, 2009**, district-wide CogAT test at Liberty Middle School from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- My 6th or 7th grade student will attend the **Tuesday, March 17, 2009**, district-wide CogAT test at his/her middle school, from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- My current 6th or 7th grade student has **already** taken the CogAT Test in the **spring of grade 5** or above. Please use his/her current scores for initial placement. My student will not attend the CogAT test March 17, 2009.
- My current 6th or 7th grader is already enrolled in Pre-AP and/or Advanced Math. I would like for my student to continue in the program.

Please initial your agreement (both student and parent) with the following statements:

Student Parent

_____ _____ I understand that the Advanced Math Course and the Pre-AP Language Arts/Social Studies Block consists of rigorous academic curriculum that move at a more rapid pace and require additional in-class and out-of-class work expectations.

_____ _____ I understand that I am/my student is expected to complete a summer project which will be assigned once approved for the Pre-AP Language Arts/Social Studies program.

_____ _____ I understand that placement for both the Advanced Math and Pre-AP Language Arts/Social Studies programs is determined by performance using the following assessment tools:

- Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT);
- Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP);
- Performance by teacher recommendation;
- First & Second Trimester GPA.

_____ _____ I understand that there is an appeals process if my student does not meet the above criteria.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

This form must be submitted to your school office no later than 2:30 PM, Monday, March 9, 2009. (rev.2/18/09)