



Ventura Missionary School has a top-notch Middle School, grades 6th, 7th, and 8th. Our 8th grade students can enroll in Advanced Art, and either Honors Classes and/or College Prep classes for Math, English, and Spanish. The curriculum for College Prep (CP) or Honors is rigorous. Having high expectations is important to prepare our students for the next steps in life. Giving challenges to students and helping them to overcome those challenges helps students face obstacles they will face in the future. As our students advance to high school, we are available to assist our VMS families in preparing for the next milestone.

- **College Prep** refers to the fundamental set of CA State learning standards and developed with higher levels of learning.
- **8th Grade Honor** courses are offered in English, Math, and Spanish and developed for advanced academic students who have consistently demonstrated skills above grade level.

Honors Criteria

Our VMS Middle School teachers meet as a committee to recommend class placements of our 8th graders. An invitation is sent to the students to enroll in Honors classes. In qualifying for the VMS Honor classes, your student may take these classes **or** choose the College Prep level classes, along with the four-quarter Enrichment Program we offer which includes Spanish Prep. We also offer an Advanced Art Class for 8th graders who are interested in applying.

Honors English Placement Criteria:

- Recommendation from the 7th grade English teacher
- Average English grade for 7th grade
- Cumulative GPA for 7th grade
- Student's overall effort, determination, and independence in 7th grade; work ethic
- Student's attendance record in 7th grade
- Student's overall behavioral record
- Student's TerraNova results in Language Arts (or the most recent test records on file)

Spanish I Placement Criteria:

- Recommendation from the MS teachers
- Cumulative GPA for 7th grade
- Student's overall effort, determination, and independence in 7th grade; work ethic
- Student's attendance record in 7th grade
- Student's overall behavioral record (with the expected participation, respectful behavior is highly important)
- Spanish class records on file (such as report cards)
- Student's overall interest in Spanish

Math Honors Placement Criteria:

- Recommendation from the 7th grade Math teacher
- Quarterly Math grades for 7th grade
- Cumulative GPA for 7th grade
- Student's overall effort, determination, and independence in 7th grade; work ethic
- Student's attendance record in 7th grade
- Student's overall behavioral record
- Student's TerraNova results in Mathematics (or the most recent test records on file)