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Dear 7th Grade Parents:

Next year Inman will offer two different science classes for 8th grade students:

1. Traditional 8th grade Physical Science class
2. 9th grade Physical Science class.

To recommend students for the 9th grade Physical Science class, we will look at the following criteria:

- January 2016 Math CAAS scores in the Above Average category (64% or higher)
- 2nd semester final averages in math and science:
 - 90% in 7th grade Science
 - 90% in 7th grade Math or 85% in Accelerated/Advanced 7th grade Math

Since last year was the first year the Georgia Milestones assessment, I am more comfortable with looking at 7th grade performance to determine placement for the new science course.

The 9th grade Physical Science class will be taught by a high school certified science teacher. I have attached a document that compares the standards covered in both classes for you to review.

There are a few points to consider should your student meet the above criteria and decide to accept placement into the 9th grade Physical Science class:

- Students will earn one high school elective credit but not a science credit.
- Students will still be required to take 4 years of science in high school.
- Students will take the 9th grade End of Course assessment in lieu of the 8th grade Science Milestone. Student performance on this assessment will be 20% of the second semester grade.
- Students grades in the class will be included with their high school transcript.
- Consideration should also be given to the heavier requirements and faster pace of the class.

Students who meet the above criteria will be scheduled for the 9th grade course and will receive notification in the final report card envelope. If this is not the right placement for your child given family activities, schedules, including other advanced classes your child will be taking, there will be an opportunity to opt out. Information about how to opt out will be included with the placement notification.

If you would like to know more, please plan to come to one of the informational meetings on May 11th from 8:00 – 9:00 am or 6:00 – 7:00 pm in the Media Center.

Sincerely,

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