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## Middle School Advanced Courses

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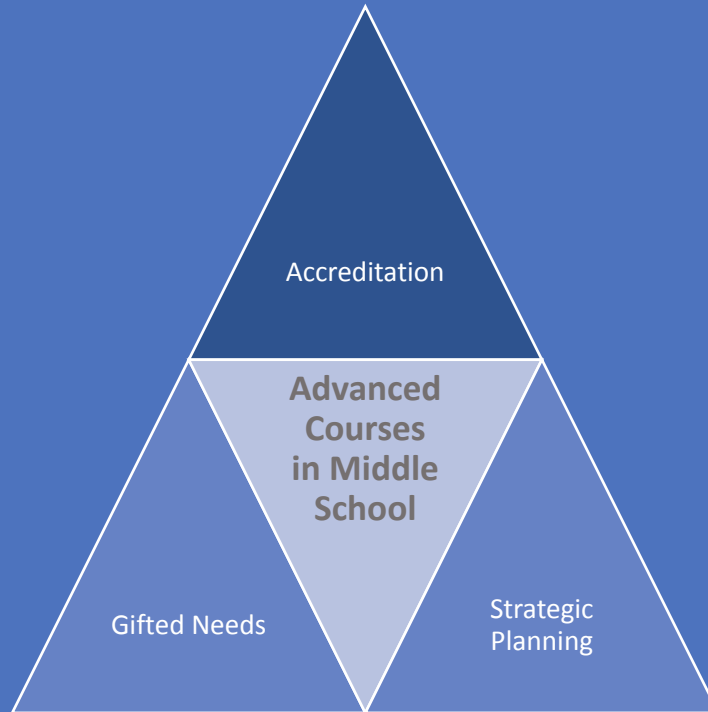




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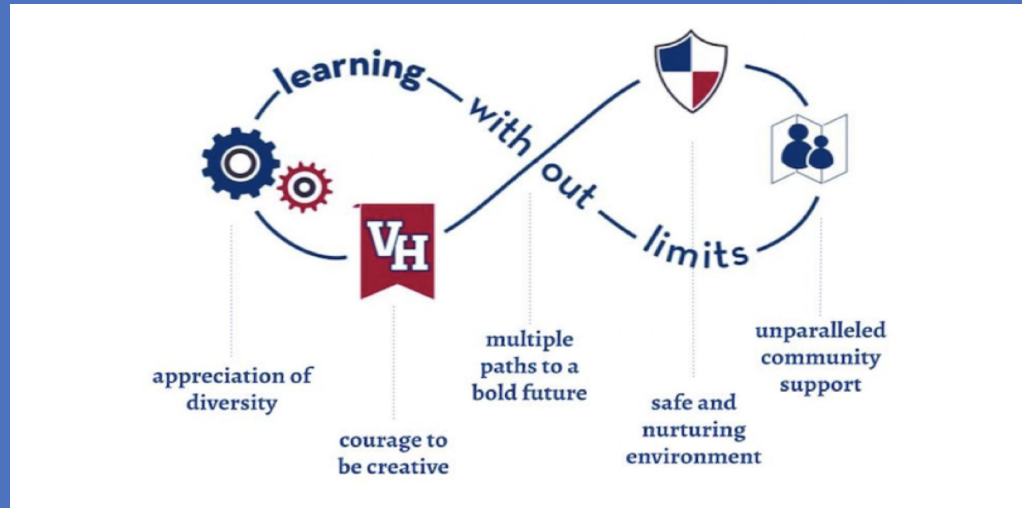


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## The Middle School Child

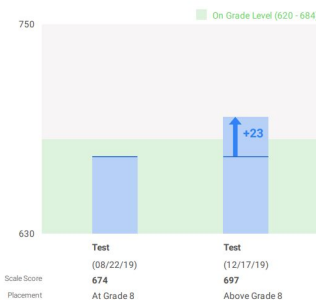
The advanced course offerings are being designed for the middle school child. They are at the heart of the entire process. Students will have opportunity to take up to **two advanced courses** per year.

School LOUIS PIZITZ MIDDLE SCHOOL  
 Subject Reading  
 Student [Redacted]  
 Student ID [Redacted]  
 Student Grade 8

**What is i-Ready?**

i-Ready is an online learning program focused on reading and math. Markus has recently taken an i-Ready assessment at school. This report gives you a snapshot of your child's performance. For more information about i-Ready, visit [www.i-Ready.com/FamilyCenter](http://www.i-Ready.com/FamilyCenter).

**Overall Reading Performance**



Domain	Test (08/22/19)	Test (12/17/19)
<b>Overall</b>	<b>At Grade 8</b>	<b>Above Grade 8</b>
Phonological Awareness*	Tested Out	Tested Out
Phonics*	Tested Out	Tested Out
High-Frequency Words*	Tested Out	Tested Out
Vocabulary	Above Grade 8	At Grade 8
Comprehension: Literature	At Grade 8	Above Grade 8
Comprehension: Informational Text	At Grade 8	Above Grade 8

\* Foundational Domains

**Understanding Key Terms**

**Scale Scores** provide a single, consistent way to measure growth across grade levels and domains. You can use a scale score to compare a student's growth on different administrations of *i-Ready Diagnostic and Instruction*.

**Placement Levels** are used to guide instruction in the classroom. Placement levels are based on Markus's level of performance overall and on each subtest, and they describe the optimum instruction level.

The four possible placement levels are:

- Above Grade Level
- At Grade Level
- Approaching Grade Level
- Needs Improvement

**Foundational Domains** are not assessed for all grade levels. These subtests are given depending on your child's scores in other domains. "Tested Out" means that your child did not need to take a particular subtest. "Max Score" means that your child took the subtest and achieved a high score.

For a more detailed description of what is covered on the Diagnostic, visit the FAQs section on [www.i-Ready.com/FamilyCenter](http://www.i-Ready.com/FamilyCenter).

i-Ready is an assessment that monitors student performance toward mastery of standards.

Students will have taken the assessment twice before schedule requests are sent home.

**This information in combination with their current grade in the class should be a good indicator of success in an advanced course.**

Parents and students can have information that assists them in course requests for placement.

School administrators will have the final placement decision.

**\*iReady Math**

**\*iReady Reading**



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## Selection Criteria for Advanced Courses

We encourage students to be leaders of their learning and to become self advocates in their educational journey. To help in this process, students will have the choice to select up to two advanced courses with guidance from parents and the professional educators at their school. To help with this decision, we encourage students to talk with their parents, considering their current grade, i-Ready scores and willingness to take on a more rigorous level of work. Once the student submits their course requests, the principal will make the final decision. The principal will take into consideration all of the above and may also take into consideration a teacher recommendation for final schedule approval if needed. If a student scores 2 grade levels above on iReady, a 3rd advanced course may be considered.

1. Course Requests with Parent/Student Survey
2. Student i-Ready Scores
3. Grades in Core Content Class
4. Teacher Recommendation if needed
5. Principal Approval

## 2019-2020

Science

K-5 Science	Grade 6 Science	Grade 7 Science	Grade 8 Science
	Grade 6 Gifted Science		

Social Studies

K-5 Social Studies	Grade 6 Social Studies	Grade 7 Social Studies	Grade 8 Social Studies
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English Language Arts

K-5 ELA	Grade 6 ELA	Grade 7 ELA	Grade 8 ELA
		Grade 7 Gifted ELA	Grade 8 Advanced ELA

Mathematics

K-5 Math	Grade 6 Math	Grade 7 Math	Grade 8 Math
		Grade 7 Pre-Algebra	Grade 8 Algebra I
		Grade 7 Advanced Pre-Algebra	Grade 8 Advanced Algebra I

Grade 9 Algebra I

Grade 9 Geometry

## 2020-2021

Science

K-5 Science	Grade 6 Science	Grade 7 Science	Grade 8 Science
	Grade 6 Advanced Science	Grade 7 Advanced Science	Grade 8 Advanced Science

Social Studies

K-5 Social Studies	Grade 6 Social Studies	Grade 7 Social Studies	Grade 8 Social Studies
	Grade 6 Adv. Social Studies	Grade 7 Adv. Social Studies	Grade 8 Adv. Social Studies

English Language Arts

K-5 ELA	Grade 6 ELA	Grade 7 ELA	Grade 8 ELA
	Grade 6 Advanced ELA	Grade 7 Advanced ELA	Grade 8 Advanced ELA

Mathematics

K-5 Math	Grade 6 Math	Grade 7 Math	Grade 8 Math
	Grade 6 Advanced Math	Grade 7 Accelerated Math	Grade 8 Algebra I

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Grade 9 Algebra I

Grade 9 Geometry

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		Grade 6 Advanced Science	Grade 7 Advanced Science	Grade 8 Advanced Science	
Social Studies	K-5 Social Studies	Grade 6 Social Studies	Grade 7 Social Studies	Grade 8 Social Studies	
		Grade 6 Adv. Social Studies	Grade 7 Adv. Social Studies	Grade 8 Adv. Social Studies	
English Language Arts	K-5 ELA	Grade 6 ELA	Grade 7 ELA	Grade 8 ELA	
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Middle School  
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Course  
Opportunities  
beginning in  
2021.

*Please see your  
school principal if you  
have questions.*