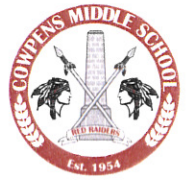


Cowpens Middle School

"A Revolutionary Past, An Extraordinary Future"



February 11, 2020

Dear Parents of Rising 9th Graders:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a new procedure for placing students in honors-level classes next year in Spartanburg School District Three. To be enrolled in an ELA or Math honors class, students are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Teacher recommendation - 2 points
- The previous and current year standardized test scores (MAP) - 8 points
- The previous and current year of state standardized test scores (SCREADY ELA or Math) – 8 points

The recommendation for placement in honors classes is based on a point system that uses concrete data. Using data for placement is a more accurate way to ensure student success. Students and parents will receive a preliminary placement in May; final placements will be made in July after SCREADY scores are released to districts. You will receive direct notification of any changes that occur because of SCREADY scores within the month of July.

It is our goal to ensure parents and students clearly understand the placement criteria, so we are available to answer any questions you may have. A meeting for rising 9th graders will be held on Tuesday, February 18th at 6:00pm at Cowpens Middle School. Individual Graduation Plans will be scheduled with each student between February 26th and March 2nd. Please don't hesitate to call to set up a time to review your child's data or to discuss the placement rubric.

Thank you,

Max Deaton
Principal