

**RIO RANCHO MIDDLE SCHOOL
Pre-AP CONTRACT**

Please indicate the advanced courses you are interested in:

Pre-AP English _____
Pre-AP Science _____
Pre-AP American History _____
Algebra I _____

These courses are designed to provide students with a rigorous and relevant curriculum. These courses will prepare students for challenging course work at Cleveland or Rio Rancho High School.

The Pre-AP English emphasizes and integrates reading, writing, speaking, and literary analysis skills. The goals of this rigorous course are to challenge students to write for varied purposes and audiences. This course requires extensive reading, writing, and research.

The Pre-AP American History will cover the Age of Exploration through Reconstruction. Throughout this course students should develop their ability to research historical events, interpret these events, and defend their interpretations of fact-based evidence. This course requires extensive reading, writing, and research.

The Pre-AP Science course is devoted to integrating Life, Earth and Physical Science at an advanced level. Emphasis is given to laboratory techniques, cooperative work, math analysis and interpretation of data for all students to grow as problem solvers. This course requires extensive reading, writing, and research.

The Algebra I course will serve as the prerequisite for Pre-AP Geometry, Geometry, and Introduction to Statistics. Students will learn the basic structure of the real number system and recognize techniques for solving equations and inequalities, graphing, operations with polynomial expressions/equations, techniques of factoring, systems of equations and quadratic equations. Evaluation of knowledge will include presentations, projects, reports, and tests. Algebra I will receive high school credit.

Once students are scheduled into accelerated classes, they will be required to complete the semester. A schedule change will not be permitted.

- I. **Grade Point Average:** It is recommended that the student has a previous semester average of 85% or higher in each course for which they are requesting Pre-AP.
- II. **Student Desire:** The student should have a strong, personal desire to pursue a challenging curriculum and to demonstrate self-directed research in an area of interest.
- III. **Support at Home:** The parents/guardians are there for assistance and encouragement.

Printed Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____