

## ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

- *AP provides schools a means of measuring and improving the quality of the education they provide, challenging their academically able students.*
- *Enhanced district curriculum. Students have the flexibility to choose individual or multiple subject areas.*
- *Teaches students to think and to question in complex and abstract ways.*



## BLEVINS PRE-AP BELIEF STATEMENTS

We believe in providing...

- A philosophy of gifted education shared by the Blevins Junior High School Community.
- Multiple criteria to be used early and actively to identify student needs.
- A balanced learning environment between school, home and community.
- An opportunity for all students to perform to their ability and/or interest.
- Appropriate challenges for all students.
- A variety of enrichment and enhancement opportunities.
- A climate to encourage each student's personal development.
- The opportunity to learn lifelong skills for success.

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## PRE-ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

### *Blevins Junior High School*

Blevins Junior High School will create a safe, relevant and challenging learning environment where students, staff and community collaborate to help all students achieve their highest potential.



### *Commitment and Challenge to Learning*

*The Blevins Junior High Community is committed to providing an accountable learning environment for the diverse needs of Blevins Gifted and Talented Students.*

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## PRE-AP PROGRAM



### Pre-AP Philosophy

The purpose of the Pre-AP pathway of courses is to prepare the student for AP classes and AP exams, utilizing them to develop skills for college. The Pre-AP pathway allows the flexibility to participate in one or more chosen subject areas, without being obligated to excel in all areas of a broad curriculum. The specific designs of Pre-AP and AP courses are established by the College Board and are meant to be implemented locally according to specific needs and resources.

*“Advanced Placement has become one of the nation’s major programs for raising educational standards, and its impact and diversity are growing.”*

Donald Steward  
Former College Board President

### Pre-AP Courses

The following courses are offered at Blevins:

7th Grade:

- English
- Science
- World Geography

8th Grade:

- English
- ICPE
- US History

9th Grade:

- English
- Biology
- World History

### Why Not Math?

Math in Poudre School District is sequential. Once students are placed in the proper math level they progress through the sequence, regardless of course selections in other areas.

*“I like Pre-AP classes because the projects are more creative, we have more in-depth discussions on readings and I am challenged more because I have to think outside the box.”*

Katie Morgan

### Pre-AP Student Profile

- Higher level thinking skills
- Parental guidance and support
- Independent work ethic
- Well-developed study habits
- Strong citizenship and attendance
- More complex and mature composition skills
- Love of reading
- Proficient skill levels on standardized tests

All students who are motivated, willing to work hard, and have taken the pre-requisites are encouraged to apply for the challenge of Pre-AP courses.

