# What are the benefits of an AP Program

- A rigorous middle school curriculum will equip a student with the habits and tools to transition into a high school AP program and achieve success.
- 85% of AP students continue their education beyond high school.
- 76% of students who take two or more AP courses attain a bachelor's degree (regardless of whether they earn qualifying scores on AP courses and exams).
- 61% of students who take two or more AP courses and exams complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less **Research from College Board**

## What are the benefits of the SCMS Bridge Program?

- Our program was developed with a concentration on building student capacity to understand rigorous content and develop independent learning/study habits.
- Students' individual needs and strengths are considered. Students are placed in each Bridge course based on individual strengths and interests.
- Students presently have the opportunity to earn high school credits in the following areas: Algebra, Geometry, Earth Space Science, Biology I, Spanish I and II, and HOPE.

## A Successful Bridge Student

- Has a genuine interest in the subject being considered
- Demonstrates excellent study skills and habits
- Carefully considers time commitments
- Self-advocates
- Asks questions and participates in class
- Perseveres when faced with challenging material
- Plans and works ahead on long term projects

# Is your child ready for the challenge?



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# 2020-2021



### Admission and Participation Requirements

To be **admitted** into the Bridge classes, a student must meet the following requirements.

**FSA** Level 4 or above Reading and/or Math

FCAT Level 4 or above in Science

#### **Teacher Recommendation**

Work Habits All E's or S's in work habits during 5th grade

#### Grades

A 3.0 average in the core area being considered for Bridge

To **continue** in a Bridge Class, once admitted, a student must:

Maintain a 3.0 "B" average in the Bridge core class and/or achieve a 4 or higher on FSA in that particular subject and have teacher recommendation

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		English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Electives*
	6th	Language Arts 1 Bridge	Math 1 Advanced Bridge	Comprehensive Science I Bridge	World History Bridge	Required Technology Choice of Band, Chorus, PE, Art, Dance, etc.
	7th	Language Arts 2 Bridge	Math 2 Bridge or <b>Algebra 1</b> Honors- H.S. credit	Physical Science Bridge, <b>Physical</b> Science H.S. Credit	Civics Bridge	Spanish I, Dance, Drama, Band, Chorus, Art, PE, Guitar, Musical Theater, HOPE, Teacher Aide, STEM, Culinary
	8th	Language Arts 3 Bridge	Algebra 1 Honors- H.S credit or Geometry Honors- H.S Credit	Earth/Space Honors H.S. Credit or Biology 1 Honors H.S. Credit	American History and Careers Bridge	Spanish I & II, Dance, Drama, Band, Chorus, Art, PE, Guitar, Musical Theater Culinary, HOPE, Web Technology, Teacher Aide, STEM

\*Additional elective courses for 20-21 are still being considered.