

## LTA Upper School Advanced Classes Criteria

LTA Upper School offers advanced sections of some required courses. Students are directed by their teachers into the course best suited to their skill set, as demonstrated by classroom performance and scholarship habits. In placing students for advanced classes, teachers consider the following criteria:

- Achievement of a minimum grade in the appropriate prerequisite courses
- Successful completion of additional prerequisites if necessary
- A demonstrated responsibility in completing all work in a timely and thorough manner
- NWEA minimum scores or higher in math and reading
- A demonstrated ability to manage course/assignment demands with an appropriate level of independence and self-guidance
- Effective engagement in classroom activities and a demonstrated willingness to commit to the demands of an advanced curriculum

Once in an advanced course, students are expected to be able to:

- read independently for understanding
- communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing
- appropriately apply mathematic models to accurately solve new and varied problems
- accurately and appropriately synthesize and apply concepts, ideas and theories to new and varied problems on a consistent basis
- spend roughly an equal amount of time working outside of class to that spent in class; lab reports and special projects may add on to this time