**Ooltewah Middle School**

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**Courses for High School Credit in 8th Grade**

Parents/guardians of rising 8th graders:

Ooltewah Middle School 8th graders are offered the opportunity to earn a high school foreign language credit in the eighth grade! This is a great opportunity, yet also one to take seriously if considering. Final grades in courses offering high school credit will be transferred to that student’s official high school transcript and it will impact their high school grade point average (GPA). Availability for placement in high school credit courses is limited and cannot be guaranteed just by turning in this form. In addition to interest, a student’s grade history, work ethic, teacher/administrator recommendations, discipline history, as well as when this sheet is returned will all be considered.

If you are interested in your child taking a foreign language next year for high school credit, please complete this form completely (parent/guardian signature mandatory). Completed forms can be returned to students core/team teachers or Ms. Stephens.

**\*\*\*Deadline to submit completed forms: FRIDAY, April 17, 2015!\*\*\***

Student’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current 7th grade team: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Foreign Language**

8th grade foreign language courses are YEAR LONG and take place during one of your RELATED ARTS

OMS currently offers Spanish 1 and German 1 in grade 8, each earning **one** high school credit (if passed). Hamilton County Single Path **Graduation Requirements** require students to receive a minimum of two credits in the **SAME** foreign language to earn a diploma. If a foreign language credit is earned in 8th grade, students are highly recommended to sign up for the next level course (Spanish 2 or German 2) the first semester of 9th grade!

Spanish 1 or German 1

**Algebra 1** is also offered in 8th grade to students meeting requirements (1 credit)! Placement in Algebra 1 is based on the student’s score on the **Algebra Readiness Test** (to be given to all current OMS 7th graders this May), as well as consideration of the student’s grade history, math teacher recommendation and the student’s discipline record. Students not meeting requirements for enrollment in Algebra 1 will be placed in regular 8th grade math (Mathematics 8).

**Parent/Guardian signature (MANDATORY** for form to be accepted!)

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Contact OMS School Counselor, Ms. Feiling, with any questions! 423-238-5732 ext. 294 or stephens\_jamie@hcde.org

Thank you!