

DISD ACCELERATION PLAN

Dumas High School

Math/Science Academy Class

Entering Freshmen and Sophomores who meet the criteria listed below will be placed in a Math/Science Academy class for 2008-2009. This class will take the place of one of their electives.

The curriculum to be used for this class will be Study Island. This online program is organized into topics covering all of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) that are tested on the state-mandated Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) in grades 3 through 12. The academic material is organized in topics which contain a lesson and assessment questions with explanations.

Students will be placed in a Math/Science Academy class based on the following criteria:

- Entering Freshman Eligibility – Fail 8th grade Science TAKS and/or fail 8th grade Math TAKS (First Administration). Students who pass Math or Science TAKS with 5 or less questions will be reviewed on an individual basis – past TAKS, academic grades, etc.
- Entering Sophomore Eligibility – Fail 9th grade Math TAKS and/or 9th grade Science Local Test. Students who pass Math with 5 or less questions will be reviewed on an individual basis – past TAKS, academic grades, etc.

Grades

Students' final grades will be adjusted according to their passing or failing TAKS or TAKS Accommodated. This grade adjustment will be based on the following assessments: 9th/10th Math, 10th Science, 9th/10th ELA, 10th Social Studies – Regular TAKS and TAKS Accommodated.

Five points will be added to the student's final grade for each assessment passed and five points will be deducted from the student's final grade for each assessment failed. The grade adjustment will be made to the class that corresponds to the assessment passed or failed.

Individual teachers will add/subtract the final grade with all grade adjustments being approved by the Lead Teacher.

Math/Science Tutorials

Mandatory before school or after school tutorials will be provided beginning the second six weeks. The tutorials will be scheduled on a three week basis with students entering/exiting at the end of each three week period. The criteria for entering/exiting the program will be determined by each individual teacher with approval by the Lead teacher. There will be two days of Math tutorials per week and two days of Science tutorials per week to allow for students who need to attend both subjects. Students may attend either the morning or afternoon session. Each teacher is responsible for their own students. Conflicts in student and/or teacher schedules will be reviewed with the Lead teacher.

Funding Source: High School Allotment

Dumas Junior High School

2008 – 2009 School Year

Seventh and eighth grade students who did not pass the Spring 2008 TAKS Math and/or Reading/Writing tests are being served in the Power Math and ELA Academy classes.

Dumas Elementary Schools

2008 – 2009 School Year

The first benchmarks in November will be based on the Instructional Calendar for each subject. Students will be tested on what they have been taught up to that point. The writing test in January and second benchmark in March will be from the release 2006 TAKS tests. Performance on benchmarks will determine placement in tutorials throughout the school year.

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