

# EUGENE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY LEVELS

### Proficiency-Based Levels

All middle school students will be placed into (4) proficiency levels: Foundations, Introductory, Intermediate and Advanced. These courses are tailored to students' abilities in both mathematics and humanities, and science. The basic philosophy behind this program is to *provide instruction and support at the most appropriate cognitive level for each student*. Students may move between course levels at any time (with teacher approval).

### Process

At the beginning of the academic year, or upon enrollment at ECS, students will be assessed in mathematics and English language arts using the Measurement of Academic Progress to determine placement. The ECS staff is committed to targeting students' needs regardless of time or course placement.

### Courses

The mathematics and humanities courses are aligned with Common Core state standards and Oregon content standards. Science courses will use Next Generation science standards. All teachers will use a combination of projects, writing samples, tests/quizzes, and nationally-normed assessments to determine students' progress. As such, the (4) proficiency levels are designed as follows:

#### **(1) Foundations**

This level includes a study of 6th grade Common Core State Standards, in addition to developing and refining basic skills across the subject areas. The primary emphasis at this level is to ensure students exit the foundations courses prepared for success at their respective grade levels.

#### **(2) Introductory**

This level includes a study of 7th grade Common Core State Standards, in addition to developing and refining basic skills across the subject areas. The primary emphasis at this level is to ensure students exit the introductory courses prepared for success in intermediate courses.

#### **(3) Intermediate**

This level provides instruction and assessment of 8th grade Common Core State Standards. The primary emphasis at this level is to ensure students exit the intermediate courses prepared for success in high school or advanced middle school courses.

#### **(4) Advanced**

This level provides instruction and assessment of Common Core 9th - 10th grade standards. The three advanced courses allow for a student to potentially earn high school credit\* in science, mathematics, humanities, and/or Spanish upon successful completion.

\*Pending ECS High School approval and accreditation (Spring 2017)