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To: Elementary and Middle School Principals

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**Subject: Criteria for Advanced Middle School Course Placement, 2019-20**

Sumner County Schools (SCS) believes in the integrity of evaluating students based on both quantitative and qualitative data; to that end, the following measures and percentages will be used to determine placement in advanced middle school courses:

50% - 2018 TNReady Scale Score for both ELA and math

25% - The student's grades in ELA and math

25% - Current ELA and math teacher recommendations

Placement in any advanced middle school course will be dependent on the overall rubric score for each content area. As in previous years, SCS will still offer Advanced I and Advanced II in eighth grade math.

All 2019-2020 placement in advanced courses for students currently enrolled in grades five through seven will be determined by the above method for both English Language Arts and Math. This process provides the most equitable practice to ensure that all students in Sumner County Schools have the best opportunity for success. School personnel will review the spring 2019 TNReady results to add any students who qualify for advanced classes as a result of their most recent test scores.

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