



## Berkmar Middle School Patriot Promotion Academy (PPA) Information Sheet (Spring 2019)

- Who is eligible for Patriot Promotion Academy (PPA)?
  - Students who earn below a 70 for the first semester in the following courses:
    - 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> Language Arts
    - 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> Mathematics
    - 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> Social Studies
    - 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> Science
- Why would we offer Patriot Promotion Academy (PPA)?
  - It is best to offer remediation in a timely manner. Students who have just been unsuccessful in the semester course, within the grade range noted, have a better chance of being successful right after the course rather than waiting until summer school.
- When will PPA take place?
  - Session 1 – Jan. 28th, 29th, 31st, Feb. 4th, 5th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 14th      7:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.
  - Session 1 Final Exam – Saturday, Feb. 16th      9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
  
  - Session 2 – Feb. 25th, 27th, Mar. 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 14th      7:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.
  - Session 2 Final Exam – Saturday, Mar. 16th      9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
  - Students may only take one class during session one and one class during session two.
- Guidelines for Patriot Promotion Academy (PPA):
  - A grade recovery semester course shall consist of a minimum class meeting contact time of 15 hours.
  - To qualify for enrollment in a PPA class, a student must have previously taken the same course
  - For successful completion of an PPA course, students
  - **May not be absent**
    - For successful completion of an PPA class, students must demonstrate mastery on classroom assessments given during PPA and the retake of the district assessment (semester 1 final exam). Classroom assessments will be weighted as 40% of the student's final average, and the district assessment (semester 1 final exam) will be weighted as 60% of the final average.
- Students who earn a passing average for the PPA course using the grading guidelines outlined in the previous bullet will be assigned a final grade of 70. The original semester grade and the PPA grade will appear on the student's transcript.
- Cost to your student: \$75 per course, **paid via cash, money order**, or through **mypaymentsplus.com account**, under the Community School tab.
- Students who do not comply with the GCPS discipline code of conduct or attendance criteria maybe dismissed from credit recovery without a refund.

**Please contact our PPA Coordinators if you have any questions.**

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