WIN Time
January 14, 2022
Course Selections for 2022-2023
Next week all current 6th and 7th graders will be doing course selections with the Counselors during their History class.

6th grade: Tuesday January 18th
7th grade: Wednesday Jan 19th
TRANSITIONING IN THE MIDDLE

**6th**
- Core classes
- PE/PreAth
- Fine Arts

**7th**
- Core classes
- PE/ATHLETICS
- Fine Arts (optional)
- Other electives

**8th**
- Core classes
- ATHLETICS (no PE required)
- Fine Arts (optional)
- Other electives
- *High School courses available*
7th GRADE Required Classes

4 core classes – Regular vs Honors should be discussed with your parents & current teachers

• Math
• Language Arts
• Science
• TEXAS History

• PE or Athletics

2 Elective Choices
*specialty classes such as Dyslexia, ACC Math, or ACC Reading fill elective slots
8th GRADE Required Classes

4 Core Classes – Regular vs Honors should be discussed with your parents & current teachers

• Math
• Language Arts
• Science
• US History

• College & Career Readiness / Tech Apps *Counselors will provide info

2 Elective Choices
** Athletics becomes an elective choice!

* Specialty classes such as Dyslexia, ACC Math, or ACC Reading fill elective slots
If you are planning to take an Honors Level course, you will need to have this commitment form on file in the Counselor’s Office.
Elective Choices

- **Art** (Level 1, 2, 3, or high school credit)
  - RED choices are 8th grade only
- **Athletics** (7th grader can take instead of PE, so it’s not an elective)
- **AVID** (Application Process)
- **Band** (Level determined by director)
- **Choir** (Level determined by director)
- **Dance**
- **Orchestra** (Level determined by director)
- **Pre-Journalism**
- **Technology Applications** (full year)
- **SPANISH I** for High school credit
- **SPANISH II** for High School Credit
- **Theatre Arts** (Level 1, 2, 3 or high school credit)
- **Teen Leadership**
Lets explore some of these choices!

• All middle schoolers MUST take a full year of a fine arts class.
• If you are in a fine arts program this year, we encourage you to continue in that area! There are awesome opportunities waiting for you throughout middle and high school!
• If you are NOT in a fine arts, it’s never too late to start!!

ART  BAND  CHOIR
ORCHESTRA  THEATER  DANCE
What is Athletics

• Athletics can take the place of PE for 7th graders.
• Athletics is an elective for 8th graders.
• Coaches will go over all specifics/details during your PE/PreAthletic/Athletics classes.
• You need to commit to trying out for at least 2 of the sports listed here:

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• Other teams are available as after school sports.
  – Fall : Cross Country
  – Spring : Soccer, Tennis, Golf, & Swimming
What is:

- An elective class that support your academic growth and success
- Focuses on writing as a tool for learning, inquiry method, and collaborative grouping.
- The three main components of the program are:
  1. Academic instruction
  2. Tutorial support
  3. Motivational activities.
- Students are required to take 1-2 Honors Level courses

** An Application and Interview are required
What is: Pre-Journalism

- An elective that provides a general overview of journalism skills that will prepare students for high school Journalism.

- Topics taught include:
  - journalistic writing, editing, illustration, photography, and graphic design and layout
  - historical, legal, and ethical concerns of producing print and digital media.

- Students will be responsible for completing performance-based assignments within a deadline

- Student work may be published in school publications.

- This course also support the creation of the campus yearbook.
What is: Technology Applications
(IT73 - full year course)

• An elective that explores numerous technology applications.

• Students learn to make informed decisions by understanding current and emerging technologies, systems, appropriate digital tools, and personal learning networks.

• Become more competent researchers and responsible digital citizens, by using creative and computational thinking to better problem solve.
What is: Spanish

• Students develop basic language skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish by studying:
  – vocabulary and grammar
  – geography,
  – traditions and culture

• Student practice communication in order to socialize, to acquire and provide information, to express feelings and opinions, and to get others to adopt a course of action.

• Student who reach the required proficiency level can earn high school credit.
  – Spanish 1 is available to students in 7th and 8th grade
  – Spanish 2 is available to 8th graders who have successfully completed Spanish 1.
What is: Teen Leadership

• An elective that supports students in:
  – Setting personal goals
  – Developing a positive self-concept
  – Learning public speaking skills
  – Examining principles and their importance in decision making.

• Students learn to take personal responsibility for their thoughts, attitudes, and actions and to set life goals based on a vision for the future.
Carefully consider ALL your options!

- Some of you will have tough decisions to make regarding your elective choices.

Here’s a few tips:

- High school courses are good, but you are meant to take them in high school so don’t miss out on other opportunities just to get ahead. Athletics and Fine Arts are very valuable too!

- You will need to make alternate choices incase we cannot fit you into your top 1 - 2 choices.

- Do **NOT** make choices based on what your friends are doing! You may not end up in the same class anyway!

- Parents DO need to agree and sign off on your choices!
Course Request Forms Examples
6th graders will fill out 7th and 8th grade Course Request Sheets - Examples below

### Example of 7th Grade Course Request Sheet

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<td>4) Science</td>
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*Rank 1, 2, 3 where 1 is the one you must want.

**Electives: Choices may change pending master enrollment**

1. **AVID** (Application & Interview required)
2. Band
3. Director (fine arts)
4. Orchestra
5. Pre-Journalism

**Honors: Commitment Form required for Honors classes**

TAG: must be identified in TAG

### Example of 8th Grade Course Request Sheet

**Required Courses:**

1. Language Arts
2. Math
3. History
4. Science

**Electives: Choices may change pending master enrollment**

1. AVID (Application & Interview required)
2. Band
3. Choir
4. Dance (fine arts)
5. Orchestra
6. Pre-Journalism
7. ...
7th graders will fill out 8th grade Course Request Sheet-Example below
Official copy that will be sent home to be signed.

### Course Plan

Each year your student adds/edits their own four-year graduation plan, or Plan of Study. In this section you can see which credits are required, still needed and completed for graduation. Courses in the “Credits In Plan” column reflect credits for courses your student is currently taking or planning to take in the future.

This is how the official copy of the Course Selection looks like. Students will bring a copy home next week to be signed and return to counselors office by Friday, January 21st. Thank you.

#### Plan Name

KISD Middle School Plan

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- **Credits Required**: The number of credits required to graduate
- **Credits In Plan**: The number of credits this student is planning to take
- **Credits Still Needed**: The credits the student needs to add to their plan to meet graduation requirements
- **Credits Completed**: The credits this student has already completed

#### Required Courses

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DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE COUNSELORS!