

WELCOME TO SHAWNEE MISSION EAST!

2022-2023 8th Grade Information Night for 9th Grade Enrollment

Monday, February 7, 2022 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM

913-993-6600 smeast.smsd.org



Evening Agenda

6:30 - 6:45 PM: General Overview Session in Auditorium with Jason Peres, Principal
(Please use the Gym Entrance or the Performing Arts Entrance)

6:50-8:00 PM: Breakout Sessions (see below)

Breakout Session (● = Available Session)	Room	6:50-7:00	7:05-7:15	7:20-7:30	7:35-7:45	7:50-8:00
Pre-Engineering, Industrial Tech	105		●	●	●	●
Visual Arts	205	●	●	●	●	●
Band	210	●		●		●
Choir	211	●		●	●	
Orchestra	212	●	●			
Drama / Theater	213		●	●	●	
Family & Consumer Sciences	227	●	●	●	●	●
Core Content Area Open House: Questions & Answers (ELA, Social Studies, Science, Math, Counseling)	Cafeteria	Open House Teachers Available for Questions				
Open House: Physical Education, Activities & Athletics Fair With Student Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Activities & Athletics ● Chief Dusek & JROTC ● Physical Education Classes 	Main Gym	Open House Teachers Available for Questions				
Parent Engagement Opportunities (20 minute session)	311	●				●
Debate/Forensics/Mock Trial (MCC is located in library)	MCC	●	●	●	●	●
Real World Learning: Work Experiences, Industry Recognized Credentials (IRC's), Dual College Credit, and Entrepreneurial Experiences (20 minute session)	Library	●				●
AP/IB/Honors vs. Standard Courses: What's The Difference? (20 minute session)	Library	●				●
Business	500		●	●	●	●
World Languages (Spanish, French, Chinese)	511	●	●	●	●	●

Enrollment for 2022-2023

The SME counselors are looking forward to helping each current 8th grade student with enrollment for next year. On January 31st, each student will receive a Course Request Card and an SME Freshman Course List in their science class and counselors will help students begin filling out their cards.

Counselors will explain options for each subject area and students will have an opportunity to ask questions. Students will take their materials with them and discuss their options with parents and teachers over the next two weeks.

When counselors return on February 11th, students will meet individually with their counselor during their social studies class to finalize their course choices and ask questions. Students will have a final opportunity to make changes to their course requests at that time and then counselors will collect their course request cards.

Requests for changes: Schedules will be available to view in Skyward in late July and students will have a one-week opportunity to request schedule changes. (More information will be shared about this process later in the semester.)

Honors Placement

We encourage all students to challenge themselves appropriately. To that end, we offer the following honors courses for 9th graders: English Language Arts 1 Honors, World Regional Studies Honors, Biology 1 Honors, Geometry Honors, and Algebra 2 Honors. Specific information about each subject is posted on the Class of 2026 Enrollment website.

A student may self-select any honors course for which they meet the prerequisite, except for math which must be teacher recommended. Typically, students who have been most successful in honors courses at the high school are students who have performed well in middle school classes, have strong standardized test scores, and possess good study habits and the motivation to be in a more rigorous class. The honors courses are taught at a faster pace and cover more materials in greater depth than the standard courses. Because honors students are expected to take on more personal responsibility with regard to their success in class, those students who successfully complete the course with an A, B, or C will receive an extra grade point. In addition, students are expected to complete an assignment in the summer prior to beginning an English honors course.

Enrollment Timeline	January 31: SME Counselors visit Science classes and hand out enrollment materials
	January 31 - February 10: Students review materials online, ask current teachers for advice, discuss options with parents and complete their Course Request Cards.
	February 11: SME counselors meet individually with students during Social Studies classes , finalize course choices, and collect students' Course Request Cards

Overall, teachers of honors courses have indicated that students who select honors courses should be prepared for the following: accelerated pace and difficulty, increased nightly homework (30-45 minutes more per class), and more independent study and work.

How Parents Can Assist During the Enrollment Process

- Parents play a very important role in the enrollment process. Please encourage your student to take advantage of the variety of courses offered at East.
- We request that all parents sign their student’s enrollment card.
- Help your student to select his/her courses carefully, considering prerequisites for future courses.

Frequently Asked Questions

Please use the QR code or this link to the [Class of 2026 Enrollment website](#) to view a complete list of Frequently Asked Questions about topics such as when students will meet with an SME counselor, how to know which freshman classes to choose, how and when PE and Health courses are taken, when schedule changes may be requested, summer school information, and who to contact if you have questions, along with links to the *SMSD Program Planning Guide*, SME curriculum information and the Freshman Course List.



Administrators and Counselors

Jason Peres, Principal		Traci Ybarra, Counselor	A-EI
Dr. Susan Leonard, Associate Principal	A-G	Michele Grimes, Counselor	Em-K
Jeff Storey, Associate Principal	H-O	Susan Barr, Counselor	L-Re
Kristoffer Barikmo, Associate Principal	P-Z	Brenda Tretbar, Counselor	Rh-Z
Debbie Katzfey, Athletic Director		Jodee Merriman, Real World Learning Counselor	

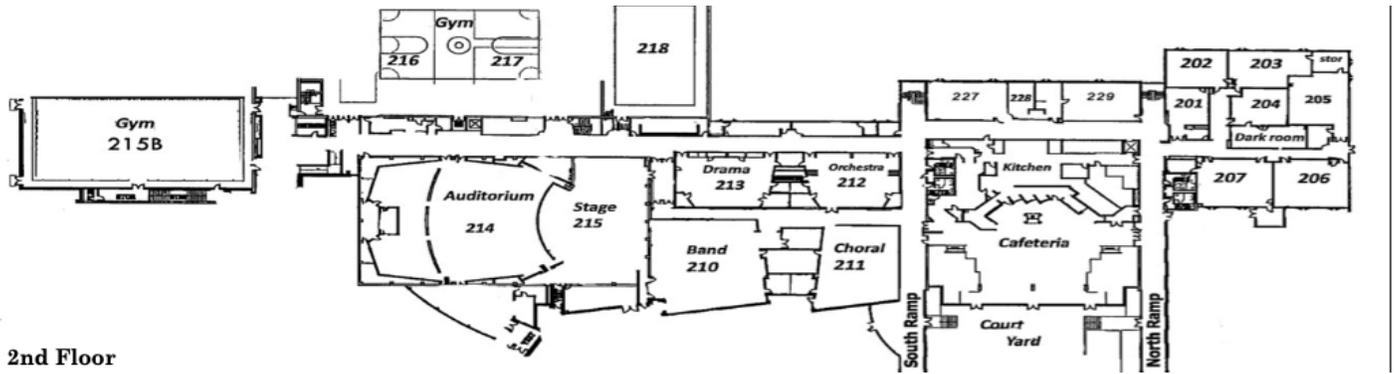
At the End of Your Evening, Please Consider Giving Your Feedback

Please use the QR code or [this link](#) to fill out a brief survey to allow us to improve our events in the future.

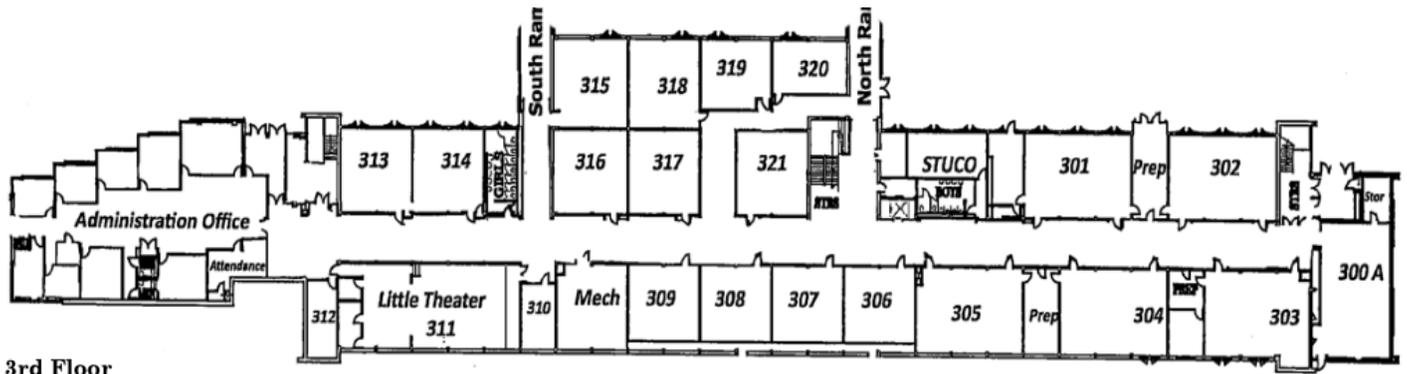


Map of SME - 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Floors

*To locate Room 105 use the South Ramp and follow the stairs to the first floor



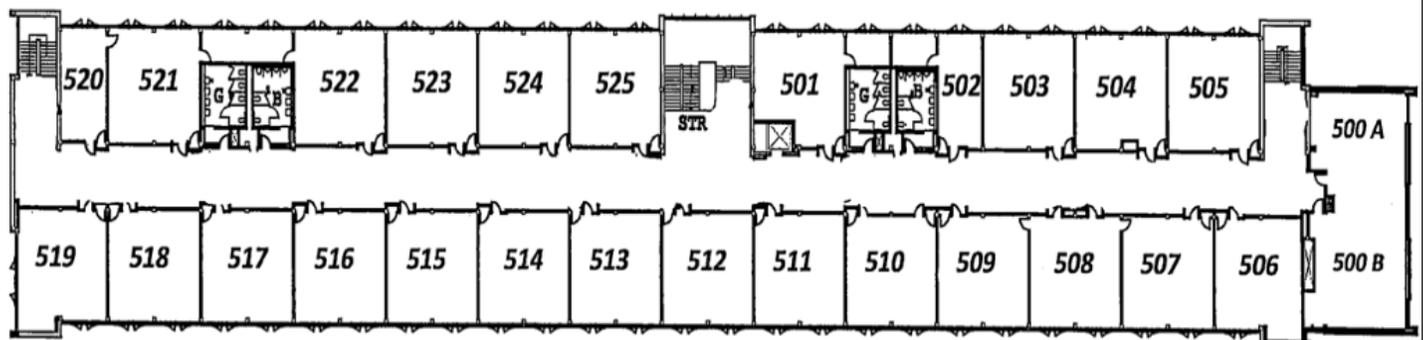
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3rd Floor



4th Floor



5th Floor