

***MOVIN' ON UP:
MIDDLE SCHOOL***

WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT

MIDDLE SCHOOL?



A QUIZ QUESTION?

- A. You change classes and rooms every 45 minutes
- B. A chance to be challenged even more academically
- C. A chance to get involved in more extra-curricular activities
- D. All of the above

MIDDLE SCHOOL!

- × What is EXCITING?
- × What will be NEW?
- × What will be SCARY to you?
- × What will be SIMILAR?
- × What will be INTERESTING?

**LET'S
TALK
ABOUT IT!**





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How many classes will you take?



6TH GRADE COURSES

- × 1 English Language Arts (ELA)
- × 2 Math (same math double-blocked)
- × 1 Science
- × 1 Social Studies –
Contemporary World Cultures & Geography
- × 1 Physical Education (PE)
- × 1 Fine Art
- × 1 Elective

CHOICES FOR EACH OF THE CORE CLASSES

Language Arts

- × Standard
- × Honors
- × Honors/GT

Science

- × Standard
- × Honors

Math

- × Standard
- × 6-7 Compacted Advanced
- × 6-7 Compacted Advanced/GT

Social Studies

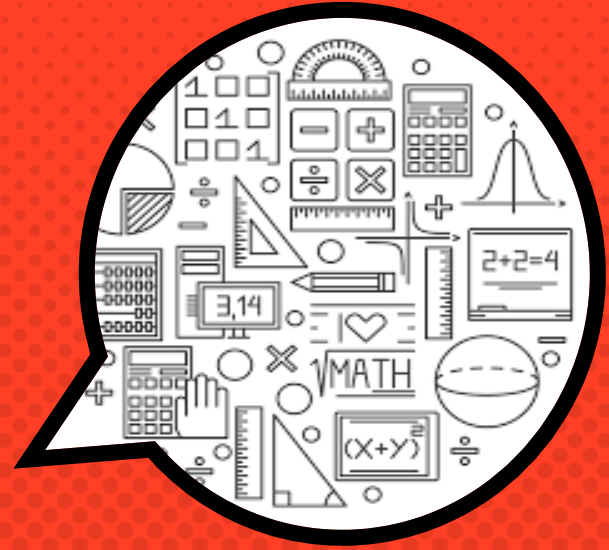
- × Standard
- × Honors



HONORS

Honors courses will prepare you for success in high school AP (Advanced Placement) courses or other rigorous courses such as college courses.

MATH!



There is a standard math pathway and an accelerated math pathway.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Standard Mathematics Pathway for Grade 6-8

**6th Grade
Mathematics**

**7th Grade
Mathematics**

**Pre-Algebra
(8th Grade
TEKS)**

Accelerated Mathematics Pathway for Grade 6-8

**6-7 Compacted
Advanced Math**

**Advanced
Pre-Algebra
(8th Grade TEKS)**

**Algebra 1
Honors**

Prerequisite:
Successful mastery of
5th Grade Math

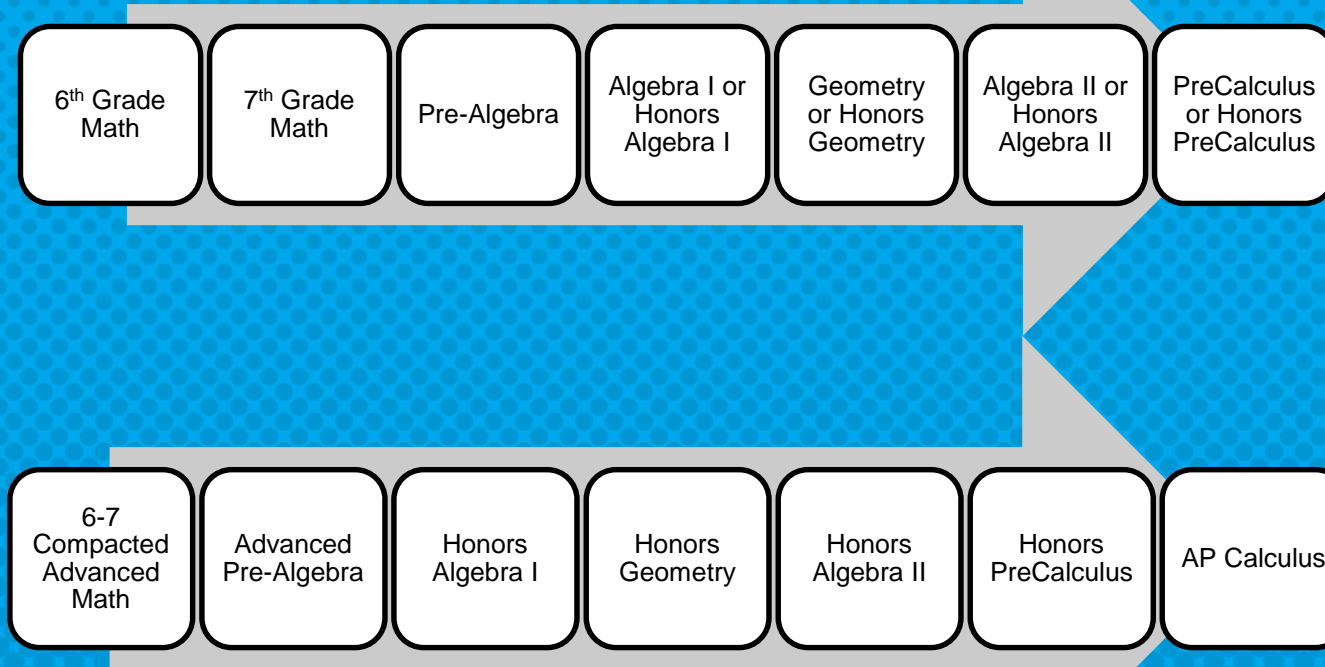
Prerequisite:
Successful mastery of 6-
7 Compacted Advanced
Math or passing 6th and
7th Grade CBE
requirements.

Prerequisite:
Successful mastery of
Advanced Pre-Algebra.

WHAT DOES ADVANCED MATH COVER?

	Title of Class	Course Material	State Assessment
Grade 6	6-7 Compacted Advanced Math	6th & 7th TEKS	6th Grade STAAR
Grade 7	Advanced Pre-Algebra	7th & 8th TEKS	8th Grade STAAR
Grade 8	Honors Algebra I	Algebra I TEKS	Algebra I EOC

EXAMPLES OF THE TWO MATH SEQUENCES FOR GRADES 6-12



HOW MANY HONORS CLASSES SHOULD I TAKE?

Consider your...

- × Academic strengths
- × Parent, teacher, and counselor input
- × Past grades and test performances
- × Personal goals
- × Extra-curricular activities

Most importantly...your motivation, effort, & attitude!

***WHAT ARE MY
FINE ARTS AND
ELECTIVE CHOICES?***



INTRODUCTION TO 6TH GRADE FINE ARTS



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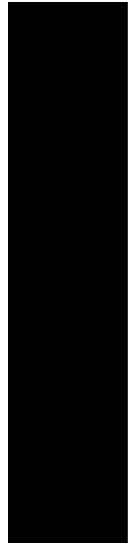
Instruments

- Trombone
- Oboe
- Euphonium
- Flute
- Trumpet
- Percussion
- Tuba
- Clarinet
- French Horn
- Bassoon
- Saxophone



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BOYS CHOIR & GIRLS CHOIR



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ORCHESTRA

Instruments

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Bass



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FINE ARTS

For more about Northwest ISD's 6th grade FINE ARTS program, including the videos and most Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's), please visit:

https://www.nisdtx.org/departments/fine_arts/5th-6th_grade_fine_arts_parent_information



YOUR ELECTIVE MAY BE:

- × A second fine arts course:
Band, Choir, or Orchestra
- × Introduction to Art
- × Introduction to Theatre Arts
- × LeadWorthy
- × Technology Apps



INTRODUCTION TO ART

Introduces students to a variety of art mediums, themes, and artists. Students will gain an appreciation for art of different eras and cultures and practice basic art skills (painting, sketching, etc.).



INTRODUCTION TO THEATRE ARTS

Designed as a survey course for sixth graders, students learn a broad overview of theatre concepts. Students explore and learn about acting and basic technical elements of the theatre and are provided opportunities to create individual and group theatrical selections.



WHAT IS LEADWORTHY™ THE COURSE?

Teaches students to take responsibility, express themselves, and handle problems and decisions when they arise. The class enables individuals to build personal responsibility and leadership skills through group activities, role play, speeches, and projects.



LeadWorthy The Course™

WHAT IS TECHNOLOGY APPS?

- ✓ Discover tech tools and Google tools for education
- ✓ Keyboarding / typing & Scratch coding
- ✓ Learn how to use technology wisely



GT EXPLORATIONS



This course offers a challenging learning opportunity through an interdisciplinary curriculum that addresses themes from the core areas of reading, writing, math, science, and social sciences as well as key cognitive skills and academic behaviors of critical thinking, creative thinking, research skills, communication skills and independent study.

Prerequisite:

Students must be identified as gifted and talented as determined by NISD criteria

How hard you work in middle school will determine your future academic success.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Middle School Matters!

CAMPUS SPECIFIC QUESTIONS?

Your NISD middle school will reach out to you soon!

Adams MS



Pike MS



Chisholm Trail MS



Tidwell MS



Medlin MS



Wilson MS





***"WE ALL MAKE CHOICES,
BUT IN THE END... OUR
CHOICES MAKE US."***

CHOOSE WISELY!

TO ACCESS THIS 6TH GRADE PRESENTATION AND OTHER INFORMATION AGAIN, YOU MAY VISIT:

<https://www.nisdtx.org/departments/student-services/counseling/middle-school-academic-planning>