

# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COURSE SELECTION



# LEARNING OUTCOMES

Understand

Students will understand required classes

Learn

Students will learn the elective

Know

Students will know where and how to sign up for elective requests



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# REQUIRED CLASSES

## Required classes for 8<sup>th</sup> grade

*4.5 credits are required, 1.5 elective credits. 6.0 credits total*

- English (year long, 1.0 credit)
- History (year long, 1.0 credit)
- Math (year long, 1.0 credit)
- Science (year long, 1.0 credit)
- PE (semester, 0.5 credit)



# 8TH GRADE SAMPLE SCHEDULE

- One semester of PE is required for 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders will select **1.5 credits** of electives (3 semester long classes **or** one year-long, and one semester long class, or two year long electives)
- Year-long elective options for 8<sup>th</sup> graders:
  1. Music (Band, Orchestra)
  2. Language (Spanish, French)\*

*\* Heritage Spanish is an optional course available in high school for students who speak Spanish at home or is their first language. If you have questions, please connect with your counselor*

Period	Semester 1	Semester 2
1 <sup>st</sup>	English 8	English 8
2 <sup>nd</sup>	WA State History/US History 2	WA State History/US History 2
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Math	Math
4 <sup>th</sup>	Science	Science
5 <sup>th</sup>	PE	Elective
6 <sup>th</sup>	Elective	Elective



# SKYWARD COURSE SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

- All students will select **1.5 credit** their top elective choices and submit them as “Requests” and select **3 alternates**:
  - 1.5 credit of electives (Request)
  - 3 alternates
- Alternates:
  - Three alternate electives are selected in case your top choice (Request) is not available
  - Make sure the alternates are courses you are interested in taking as you may be placed in those classes. Counselors do their best to place you in your top elective preferences, but it’s not always guaranteed.



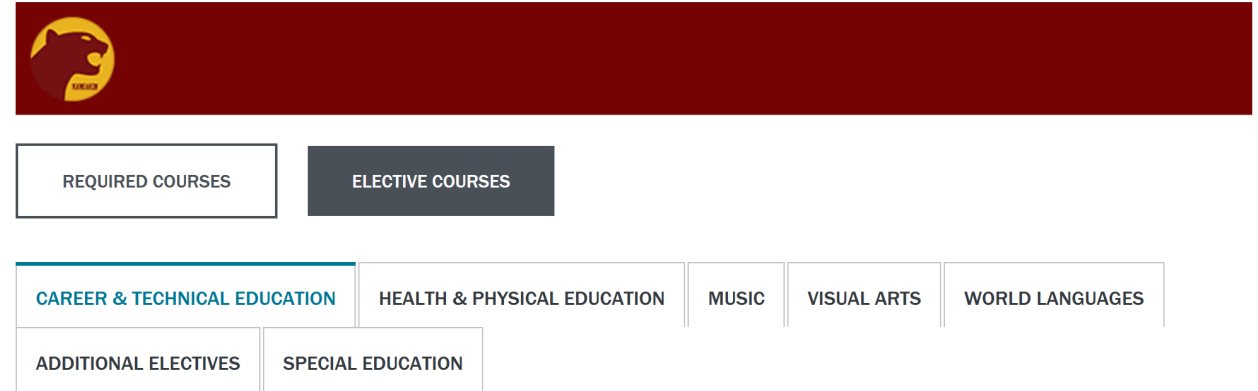
# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COURSE CATALOG

Elective choices and descriptions are available in the Course Catalog on our Kamiakin Website.

**kams.lwsd.org > academics > 8<sup>th</sup> grade courses > course catalog**

Please read the course descriptions when considering what courses to request.

## Courses at Kamiakin Middle School



### Elective Career & Technical Education (CTE) Courses

Click to filter

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Career & Technical Education (CTE) is a planned program of course work and learning experiences that supports the development of academic, career, and life skills.

[MTA543/MTA544 - Computer Science for Makers](#)

[MTA571/MTA572 - Digital Photography](#)



# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PLANNING SHEET

After the presentation, browse the Course Catalog and use the course planning sheet to plan your **requests** and **3 alternates**.

Remember, you need to select:

- **1.5** credit of electives (**Request**)
- **3** alternates

Please share your planning sheet with you parent/guardian over the weekend. You will use this form as a guide next week.

## 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade Course Planning Sheet

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This will not be collected. This worksheet prepares students for entering their choices into Skyward. The planning sheet is not collected.

Directions:

1. Please circle **1.5 credits (3 semesters)** worth of electives that you most want to take. Look up the classes you want in the course catalog to see if prerequisites are required.
2. Underline **1.5 credits (3 semesters)** of alternatives which will be used when Kamiakin is unable to provide your first elective choice.
3. Write the name of your **electives** below. The order of your electives does not matter.
4. Write the name of your **alternates** below. List the alternative that you would most like to take first and the alternative that you would least like to take last.
5. You are now ready to input your choices in Skyward

<u>ELECTIVE</u>	<u>CR</u>	<u>Sem</u>	<u>ELECTIVE</u>	<u>CR</u>	<u>Sem</u>	<u>ELECTIVE</u>	<u>CR</u>	<u>SEM</u>
Wind Ensemble	1.0	2	Culinary Arts	0.5	1	Computer Sci for Makers	0.5	1
Orchestra	1.0	2	Food-International	0.5	1	CrossFit Training	0.5	1
Leadership 1	0.5	1	Food Science and Sustainability	0.5	1	Team Sports	0.5	1
Leadership 2	1.0	2	Robotics 1	0.5	1	Individual Sports	0.5	1
Explore Art	0.5	1	Robotics 2	0.5	1	Peer Tutor	0.5	1
Ceramics/ Pottery 1	0.5	1	Tech Foundations (STEM 1)	0.5	1	Spanish	1.0	2
Digital Photography	0.5	1	Design & Modeling (STEM 2)	0.5	1	French	1.0	2







# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DATES AND DEADLINES

- Thursday, January 19 - Presentation and planning
- Monday, January 23 - Registration during Cougar Time
- Tuesday, January 24 - Flex Time question and answer / Course Request Help
- **Friday, January 26 - COURSE REQUEST DUE** - Flex Time question and answer / Course Request Help

