

Sunset Jr. High

8th Grade Course Request





Please excuse our mess!

Construction is underway for our new school. The school is a little crowded while we are in the building process. The new school should be completed by August 2025.



Important Information about Course Requests

- The master schedule is built on the classes you choose on your course request, so please pick your classes carefully
 - If you change your mind about a class, we may not have room in another class for you and if the change is possible, it will cost \$10
- The course request must be filled out completely and correctly, so we have options in the classes you want to take
- If you think you might be moving or attending another school next year, please turn in a course request anyway (if you move or attend another school your course request will be deleted)
- If you change your mind about a course after turning in your course request, you can come to the counseling center to update the course request



- The descriptions are on the back of the course request and give you details about each class
- Prerequisite classes must be taken before the more advanced courses
 - i.e., Art Found 1 must be taken before advanced art classes
- If you already took a course, you cannot retake the course
- List your elective options in order of preference with the classes you want most listed first so we can try to place you in your top choices
- If you are interested in an audition/application course, do not list it on your course request
 - If you make the audition or application course, we will replace your bottom choice on the course request with it

***You will enter your course requests online on Thursday and the system will not allow you to put in courses you already took or advanced classes if you did not take the prerequisite courses**



Semester or year course options:

Semester (SEM)

(this is a half year option)

- Fill in ONE box.

Full Year (YR)

- Fill in TWO boxes.



8th Grade Information

- Students wanting to take Honors English are recommended to have a 1200 Lexile or higher
- Students also have the option of taking Honors Science
- If you are currently in 8th grade math, we will automatically place you in 9th grade Secondary Math 1 Honors
- Other required classes for 8th graders are US History, Digital Literacy, Health, and P.E.





SUNSET JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

8TH GRADE COURSE REQUESTS

2023-2024 School Year

NAME:

STUDENT ID #:

Required Courses				Elective Course Options YR= Year Long SEM= Semester			
English (Please mark one)				Fine Arts			
1	4030	English 8		2301	Choir 1 (YR)	2204	Band 1 Brass (YR)
	4035	Honors English 8 (recommended Lexile of 1200)		2307	Choir 2 (YR)	2205	Band 1 Percussion (YR)
Science (Please mark one)				Career & Technical Education			
2	6100	Science 8		2405	Orchestra 1 (YR)	2213	Band Percussion (Experience Required) (YR)
	6101	Honors Science 8		2406	Orchestra 2 (YR)	2502	Theatre 1 (SEM)
Math				Other Electives			
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5100 Integrated Math 8/Honors Math 8 (Accelerated Math students qualify through district processes)		2101	Art Found 1 (SEM)	2503	Theatre 2 (SEM)
Social Studies				Audition/Application Courses (DO NOT LIST ON COURSE REQUEST)			
4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4510 US History		7405	FACS Expl Intg (SEM)	7810	Exploring Tech 1 (SEM)
Sem 1 Electives (order may change)		Sem 2 Electives (order may change)		7405	FACS Expl B (Foods) (SEM)	7810	Exploring Tech 2 (SEM)
Course #	Course Name	Course #	Course Name	7743	Creative Coding (SEM)	7775	Intro to Robotics (SEM)
5	1021	Int. Fitness 8 (Required)		Other Electives			
		1000	Health (Required)	3110	Spanish 1 (YR)	3410	German 1 (YR)
		7537	Digital Literacy (Required)	3120	Spanish 2 (YR)	3420	German 2 (YR)
6				4335	Creative Writing (SEM)	214	Latinos in Action (YR)
7				4531	Civics (SEM)		
8				Audition/Application Courses (DO NOT LIST ON COURSE REQUEST)			
Alternate Courses				Yearbook 1 (YR)			
List courses in order of what you want most. Alternates are used when original elective is unavailable. Students who do not select alternate courses may have one chosen for them, if necessary. Please only list courses once and do not include electives previously selected.				Musical Theatre (SEM)			
Course #	Course Name			Band 3 (YR)			
1				Peer Tutor (SEM)			
2				Math Peer Tutor (SEM)			
3				Teacher Asst (SEM)			
4				Office Assist (SEM)			
				Teacher Asst Library (SEM)			
				Office Asst Counseling (SEM)			
				Student Signature:			
				Parent Signature:			
				Telephone:			
Please select your classes carefully. The master schedule is built upon course requests. A \$10 fee is charged for class changes. Your signature acknowledges your understanding of this policy.							

Clearly write first and last name and ID#

Choose one English and Science class

These are required classes

Choose from Elective options
(All boxes must be filled)

All alternate boxes must be filled and with a DIFFERENT elective

DO NOT PUT ANY AUDITION/APPLICATION COURSES ON THIS COURSE REQUEST

Include signatures and contact information



Fine Arts	
2204	Band 1 Brass (YR): Class for students wanting to play a trumpet, trombone, baritone, french horn, and tuba. Students provide/rent their own instrument and plan to attend summer band camp. Evening performances required.
2205	Band 1 Woodwinds (YR): Class for students wanting to play a clarinet, flute, oboe, bassoon, or saxophone. Students provide/rent their own instrument and plan to attend summer band camp. Evening performances required.
2210	Band 2 (YR): Students provide/rent their own instrument. Band 2 is combined with Band 3 Adv and acts as the flagship wind ensemble. Evening performances required.
2213	Band Percussion (YR): Students provide/rent their own instrument. Learn basic fundamentals of rhythm, pitch, and ensemble performance, while playing multiple percussion instruments. Must have at least 1 year of piano or ensemble experience. If minimum proficiency levels are not achieved, students may be moved to another class. Evening performances required.
2405	Orchestra 1 (YR): Continuation of the 6th grade Orchestra class. Beginners are welcome, but will need to catch up to the class. Students provide/rent their own instrument. Evening performances required.
2406	Orchestra 2 (YR): Students provide/rent their own instrument. Evening performances required.
2301	Choir 1 (YR): Choral singing class combined with general music. Students explore musical concepts like note values, pitch, rhythm, music connections, and learning to perform. Evening performances required (fees required).
2307	Choir 2 (YR): Non-Audition and is a more rigorous/advanced course. Evening performances required (fees required).
2502	Theatre 1 (SEM): Students focus on creating, performing, responding, and connecting by learning basic theatre concepts and techniques. Preference given to 8th and 9th graders.
2503	Theatre 2 (SEM): Prerequisite Theatre 1. Students focus on intermediate theatre concepts and techniques including script creation.
2503	Theatre 2-Fall Production (SEM): Non-audition. Students engage in a complete theatrical experience by participating in the creation and production of a play. Rehearsals and evening performances required.
2401	Guitar 1 (SEM): Acoustic guitar. Students provide/rent their own instrument. Students learn basic fundamentals of guitar performance, song writing, and music theory. Evening performances required.
2101	Art Found 1 (SEM): Beginning art class. Focus on Art Elements (fees required).
2102	IA Adv Found 2D Art (SEM): Prerequisite Art Found 1. Building upon prior knowledge gained in Art Found 1. Preference given to 8th and 9th graders (fees required).
2118	3D Design 1 (SEM): Prerequisite Art Found 1. Building upon prior knowledge gained in Art Found 1. Students create 3D sculptures from a variety of materials. Preference given to 8th and 9th graders (fees required).
Career & Technical Education	
7403	FACS Expl Intg (SEM): Students learn interpersonal skills, child care skills, sewing skills, cooking basics, and interior design (fees required).
7405	FACS Exp B (Food) (SEM): explore and develop skills in food and nutrition sciences, childcare, consumerism, entrepreneurship, and career and job-related tasks (fees required).
7810	Exploring Tech 1 (SEM): Students apply engineering principles through hands-on activities by constructing wood-based and 3D printed projects and manufacturing (fees required).
7810	Exploring Tech 2 (SEM): Students expand engineering and manufacturing knowledge with more advanced wood-based and 3D printed projects (fees required).
7743	Creative Coding (SEM): An introduction to computer programming (coding).
7776	Intro to Python 1 (SEM): Prerequisite Creative Coding. Introduction to Python programming language.
Other Electives	
3110	Spanish 1 (YR): World Language class covering the basics of the Spanish language. Preference given to 8th and 9th graders.
3120	Spanish 2 (YR): Prerequisite Spanish 1. Extension from Spanish 1.
3410	German 1 (YR): World Language class covering the basics of the German language. Preference given to 8th and 9th graders.
3420	German 2 (YR): Prerequisite German 1. Extension from German 1.
214	Latinos in Action (YR): Students tutor at local elementary schools and learn leadership skills. The class has limited availability and minimum academic requirements, so not all students may be accepted.
4335	Creative Writing (SEM): Students develop a variety of approaches to writing prose, poetry, and short stories. Preference given to 8th and 9th graders.
4531	Civics (SEM): Focus on the principles, functions, and organization of government; the origins of the American political system; the roles, rights and responsibilities of United States citizens.
Audition/Application Courses (DO NOT LIST ON COURSE REQUEST)	
Musical Theatre (SEM): Audition required. Students engage in a complete theatrical experience by participating in a musical. Rehearsals and evening performances required.	
Band 3 (YR): Audition required. Students provide/rent their own instrument. Ensemble is combined with Band 2 and is the flagship wind ensemble. Evening performances required.	
Choir 3 (YR): Audition. Choir is the most rigorous large choir at the school. Evening performances including District Festivals are required (fees required).	
Teacher Assist (SEM): Online application required (https://tinyurl.com/SJHteacherassist). Teachers request students to assist in their classrooms, may be assigned to any teacher.	
Library Assist (SEM): Online application required (https://tinyurl.com/SunsetLibraryAssist). Students assist in the library.	
Yearbook 1 (YR): Online application required (https://tinyurl.com/SunsetHYearbook). Students plan and create the school yearbook.	
Math Peer Tutor (SEM): Online application required (https://tinyurl.com/SJHMathPeerTutor). Works under teacher's direction to provide one-on-one tutoring in a math class.	
Peer Tutor (SEM): Online application required (http://bit.ly/SunsetPeerTutor). Assists other students with academic tasks. May be placed in any class.	
Office Assist Counseling (SEM): Online application required (https://tinyurl.com/SunsetCounselingAssist). Students assist in the counseling center.	
Office Assist (SEM): Online application required (https://tinyurl.com/SunsetMainOffice). Students assist the main office.	

This list provides descriptions of the elective options

Do not put these Audition/Application options on the course request
These require an audition or an online application

The links for the online applications are in the descriptions or on the Counseling Center website



Course Request

- Please take your course request home and go over it with your parents/guardians. Bring your completed course request to your advisory class on Thursday, January 28th. You will enter your course requests online on January 28th.
- If your course request is not turned in, you will be called to Lunch and Learn to complete it

****The Sundevil Academy class with the most completed/returned course requests on Thursday, January 28th, will win a treat for the whole class!!**

