

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

- All students are enrolled in a regular Math, Science, and English class. You can earn an honors designation by completing the required coursework and then your transcripts are updated to reflect the honors designation.
- If you are enrolled in the accelerated math program, we will automatically place you in 9th grade Secondary Math 1/Honors Secondary Math 1
- Other required classes for 8th graders are US History, Digital Literacy, Health, and P.E.





SUNSET JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

8TH GRADE COURSE REQUESTS

2024-2025 School Year

NAME:

STUDENT ID #:

Required Courses				Elective Course Options YR= Year Long SEM= Semester				
English				Fine Arts				
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4030	Integrated English 8/Honors English 8	2301	Choir 1 (YR)	2204	Band 1 Brass (YR)	
				2307	Choir 2 (YR)	2205	Band 1 Woodwind (YR)	
Science				2401	Guitar 1 (SEM)	2210	Band 2 (YR)	
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6100	Integrated Science 8/Honors Science 8	2405	Orchestra 1 (YR)	2213	Band 2 Percussion (Experience Required) (YR)	
				2406	Orchestra 2 (YR)			
Math				2101	Art Found 1 (SEM)	2503	Theatre 2 (SEM)	
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5100	Integrated Math 8/Honors Math 8 (Accelerated Math students qualify through district processes)	2102	Adv Found 1A 2D Art (SEM)	2504	Theatre 3-Fall Production (SEM)	
				2118	Adv Found 1B 2D Art (SEM)	2118	3D Design 1 (SEM)	
Social Studies				Career & Technical Education				
4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4510	US History	7403	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)	7825	Manufacturing (SEM)	
Course #	Course Name	Course #	Course Name	7743	Creative Coding (SEM)		Intro to Python 1 (SEM)	
5	1021	Int. Fitness 8 (Required)	1000	Health (Required)	Other Electives			
6			7537	Digital Literacy (Required)	3110	Spanish 1 (YR)	3410	German 1 (YR)
7					3120	Spanish 2 (YR)	3420	German 2 (YR)
8					4335	Creative Writing (SEM)	214	Latinos in Action (YR)
Alternate Courses				4531	Civics (SEM)	4365	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.				1040	Ind. Lifetime Activities-Yoga (SEM) (does not replace P.E.)			
				Audition/Application Courses (DO NOT LIST ON COURSE REQUEST)				
				Choir 1 S/A (YR)		Musical Theatre (SEM)		
				Choir 3 (YR)		Peer Tutor (SEM)		
				Band 3 (YR)		Math Peer Tutor (SEM)		
				Teacher Asst (SEM)		Office Assist (SEM)		
				Teacher Asst Library (SEM)		Office Asst Counseling (SEM)		
				Student Signature:				
				Parent Signature:				
				Phone/Email:				
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#

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 or tuba. No prior music experience is required. Students provide/rent their own instrument. Evening performances required.
2205	Band 1 Woodwinds (YR): Class for students wanting to play a clarinet, flute, oboe, bassoon, or saxophone. No prior music experience is required. Students provide/rent their own instrument. Evening performances required.
2210	Band 2 (YR): Students provide/rent their own instrument. Band 2 is the Concert Band for 2nd and 3rd year musicians. Evening performances required.
2213	Band 2 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. Students provide/rent their own instrument. 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): Beginning choir class that explores the basics of music theory and sight-reading. 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.
2504	Theatre 3-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, guitar styles, song writing, and music theory. Evening performances required.
2101	Art Found 1 (SEM): Beginning art class. Focus on Art Elements (fees required).
2102	Adv Found IA 2D Art (SEM): Prerequisite Art Found 1. Building upon prior knowledge gained in Art Found 1 with a focus on drawing and painting. Preference given to 8th and 9th graders (fees required).
2103	Adv Found IB 2D Art (SEM): Prerequisite Art Found 1. Use a variety of digital programs to create artwork. 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 and artwork 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 (Foods) (SEM): Students explore and develop skills in food and nutrition sciences, childcare, consumerism, entrepreneurship, and career and job-related tasks (fees required).
7810	Exploring Tech I (SEM): Students apply engineering principles through hands-on activities by constructing wood-based and 3D printed projects and manufacturing (fees required).
7825	Manufacturing Tech (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. Includes game design and is an introduction to Python programming language and its use for data exploration. Explore python in block-based and text-based coding languages.
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 is earning a passing grade in 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 is earning a passing grade in German 1. Extension from German 1.
4365	Yearbook 1 (YR): Students plan and create the school yearbook. The class has limited availability and minimum academic requirements, so not all students may be accepted.
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.
1040	Ind Lifetime Activities-Yoga (SEM): Students work with the body through postures, breathing, and relaxation to unite their physical, mental, and spiritual self (does not replace P.E.).
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): Students provide/rent their own instrument. Band 3 is the Symphonic Band for the top 2nd and 3rd year musicians. Evening performances required.	
Choir 1 S/A (YR): Audition required. Treble choir for Soprano and Alto voices and students will hone their music theory and sight-reading abilities. Evening performances required (fees required).	
Choir 3 (YR): Audition SATB Choir for top 8th and 9th grade singers and students will hone their music theory and sight-reading abilities. Evening performances and uniform required (fees required).	
Teacher Assist (SEM): Online application required (https://tinyurl.com/5JHteacherassistant). 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.	
Math Peer Tutor (SEM): Online application required (https://tinyurl.com/5JHMathPeerTutor). 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/5JHCounselingAssist). Students assist in the counseling center.	

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 25th. You will enter your course requests online on January 25th.
- 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 25th, will win a treat for the whole class!!**

