



8TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION PRESENTATION

**GODLEY
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Class of 2029

MEET THE FRONT OFFICE

- Tom Frazier, Principal
- Jaclyn Trussell, Assistant Principal
- Wendy Fisk, Counselor
- Shannon Showalter, Nurse
- Dora Narvaiz, Secretary
- Lauren Lawson, Registrar
- Victoria Rodriguez, Counselor Assistant
- Rachel Van Zant, Diagnostician
- Beverly Walker, Attendance



Required Courses

- English Language Arts & Reading (ELAR)
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies (U.S. History)
- Careers/Health (1 semester each)
- Physical Education
 - Athletics or
 - PE

Elective Courses

- Art & Art 1 (by invitation only)
- Band
- Choir
- Digital Media (graphic art)
- Media/Yearbook (application required)
- Office Aide/Library Aide (application required)
- Principles of Agriculture (Ag) - take this class if you're interested in welding and/or floral design
- Robotics
- Spanish I
- Tech II - advanced technology
- Theatre Arts

High school credit

Athletics

Boys Athletics

- Football - starts at the beginning of school
- Cross Country - begins the first week of school
- Basketball- starts in November
- Track - begins in February
- Tennis - practices after school

Girls Athletics

- Volleyball - will begin tryouts the 2nd day of school.
- Cross Country - will begin the first week of school.
- Basketball - games start in November.
- Track - track meets begin at the end of February.
- Tennis - practices after school

In 8th Grade you are not required to get another Athletic Physical if you got one in 7th grade.

Honors Courses offered in 8th Grade

Honors Courses will be in offered in the following subjects:

- Math (Honors Math or Algebra I)
- English/Language Arts & Reading (ELAR)
- Science
- Social Studies

Expectations for students in honors courses include:

- Demonstrating a strong work ethic
- Budgeting time effectively
- Being prepared for independent reading and the potential for homework
- Maintaining a passing grade for every reporting period

8th Grade Algebra 1 for High School credit

- The student earned a grade of **90+** yearly average in 7th grade honors math.
- or**
- The student takes and passes the 8th grade Math STAAR test.
 - The student earned at least a Level II - **Meets** Grade-Level Academic performance on the 7th grade Math STAAR test.
 - The student's performance on the STAAR Math test reporting category 2 "computations and algebraic relationships" is a score of **70%** or better.
 - The student has teacher recommendation to enroll in the Algebra 1 course.
 - The student has parent permission.
 - The student has at least 90% attendance.

Students who take and pass Algebra I will earn **high school credit** for this course.

Credit By Exam (CBE)

- Credit by exam (CBE) is one method for students to demonstrate proficiency in grade level or course content. The Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.023, allows students to either accelerate a grade level or earn credit for a course based on credit by examination.

Credit by Exam Dates:

- March 4-8 (must order by February 9)
- June 17-21 (must order by May 17)
- July 15-19 (must order by June 14)

Students who are fluent in Spanish may take a Credit by Exam test. It is usually offered once in the Fall and once in the Spring. More information will be sent out via Parent Square.

High School Courses taken in 8th Grade

- Students receive high school credit for High School classes (**Algebra, Art I, Principles of Agriculture, Spanish I**) taken in 8th grade.
- High School classes taken in 8th grade count towards students' high school GPA.
- High school GPA can affect automatic admission to college.
- The Top Ten Percent Automatic Admissions Rule is:
 - Automatic admissions to a Texas public college or university to students who are in the top ten percent of their graduating class.
 - Exception: The University of Texas. Their automatic admission rule fluctuates between the top 6%-7% of their graduating class.

8th Grade Course Selection Sheet

- Must turn in to the Counseling Office (room 201) by Thursday, February 15, 2024.

[8th Grade Course Selection Sheet](#)

Questions

Please contact me at wfisk@godleyisd.net or at 817-592-4340 if you have any questions.