Georgetown ISD
2022-2023
6th Grade Course Selection Presentation

Home of the most inspired students, served by the most empowered leaders.

Welcome to Forbes Middle School

- Forbes Middle School was the 3rd MS to open in GISD
- School name – Forbes is named in honor of Charles A. Forbes
- School colors - black, silver, and royal blue
- School mascot - Forbes Falcons

Forbes Middle School

Middle School Academic Expectations

1. 4 Core Classes each year:
   - English Language Arts
   - Math
   - Science
   - Social Studies
2. 2 PE Classes
3. 1 Fine Art Class *(Taken in 6th grade)*
4. Elective courses

State-mandated curriculum (TEKS-based curriculum)

Focus on comprehension, application, analysis and synthesis of subject area content processes and skills

A 6th grader's class schedule

All 6th grade students will take 7 classes:

- English/Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- PE or Pre-Athletics
- Fine Arts (Band, Choir, Orchestra, Art, Theater)
- An Elective

Description of the courses can be found in the Georgetown ISD Course Catalog: www.georgetownisd.org

PE & Fine Arts Elective

All 6th graders will take PE or Pre-Athletics

- UIL Sports will be available to students next year in grades 7 and 8: Football, Basketball, Track, Volleyball, (Soccer & Cross Country offered before or after school)
- Tennis is a separate class offered to 7th and 8th graders only

All 6th graders will take two electives

- All electives for 6th graders are Fine Arts or PLP
- The 6th graders will choose between:
  - Art
  - Band
  - Choir
  - Orchestra
  - Theater
  - PLP

**Every effort will be made to schedule students into their first choice elective. However, class size limitations and other scheduling factors may require placement in a student's second or third choice elective.*

Advanced Courses

What are Advanced Courses?

- Academically advanced courses designed to challenge students
- Designed to prepare students for high school level advanced and AP courses
- Courses offered in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies

Are you ready for Advanced course level work?

- Level III Advanced Standard on previous year's STAAR is recommended for preparedness
- Teacher recommendation based on classroom work ethic, motivation, and average of 85 or better

How can you be successful in Advanced courses?

- Stay Organized
- Be Responsible
- Be Self-motivated (Wanting to go the extra-mile in learning)
- Develop Good Study-Skills
- Take advanced courses that are appropriate to your interests and academic strengths

Course Selection Worksheet

Student Name:	Current Elementary School:	Future Middle School:

Students will select between core and Advanced level courses for Language Arts, Science and Social Studies. Advanced Placement courses are designed to enhance a student's academic experience by challenging motivated students beyond on-level coursework. For more information, please see the GISD Course Guide and review the advanced course guidelines.

1	Core Language Arts 6	Advanced Language Arts 6
2	Core Social Studies 6	Advanced Social Studies 6
3	Core Science 6	Advanced Science 6
4	**Math:** Students will be enrolled in the next level of math according to their current math pathway placement in the 5th grade. Should students have a change in math placement based on the screening process, families will receive notification and adjustments will be made to reflect these changes in May.	

PE: All students in sixth grade take a physical fitness course. Please select an option below. Students who are interested in pursuing Off Campus Physical Education (OCPE) should select a course below and then contact the middle school counselor for more information.

4	BOYS ☐ PE OR ☐ Pre-Athletics	GIRLS ☐ PE OR ☐ Pre-Athletics	☐ Kickstart 6

Electives: All 6th grade students will take TWO electives. One of these two electives will be a fine art. Below, students can select their first through fifth choices in rank order. The first choice is the elective the student wants the most and the fifth choice is the elective the student wants the least. Every effort will be made to schedule students into their first and second choices. However, class size limitations and other scheduling factors may require placement in a student's third, fourth, or fifth choice elective. While you are making your choices, do not select the same elective more than once.

First Choice - Fine Art	*Second Choice*	*Third Choice*	*Fourth Choice*	*Fifth Choice*
Art	*Art*	*Art*	*Art*	*Art*
Orchestra	*Orchestra*	*Orchestra*	*Orchestra*	*Orchestra*
Band	*Band*	*Band*	*Band*	*Band*
Theater	*Theater*	*Theater*	*Theater*	*Theater*
Boys Choir	*Boys Choir*	*Boys Choir*	*Boys Choir*	*Boys Choir*
Girls Choir	*Girls Choir*	*Girls Choir*	*Girls Choir*	*Girls Choir*
	Personalized Learning Pathway (PLP)	*Personalized Learning Pathway (PLP)*	*Personalized Learning Pathway (PLP)*	*Personalized Learning Pathway (PLP)*

PLEASE NOTE: Students who receive specialized courses through Special Education, Section 504, Dual Language, and or ESL will receive updates and any necessary adjustments to their requested courses at a later date.

Please complete and turn in to 5th grade Homeroom teacher by Monday, January 24, 2022

Georgetown ISD Secondary Schools Schedule Change Guidelines

*Schedule change requests must be made in writing, with a parent signature, within **five (5) days of the start of class**.*

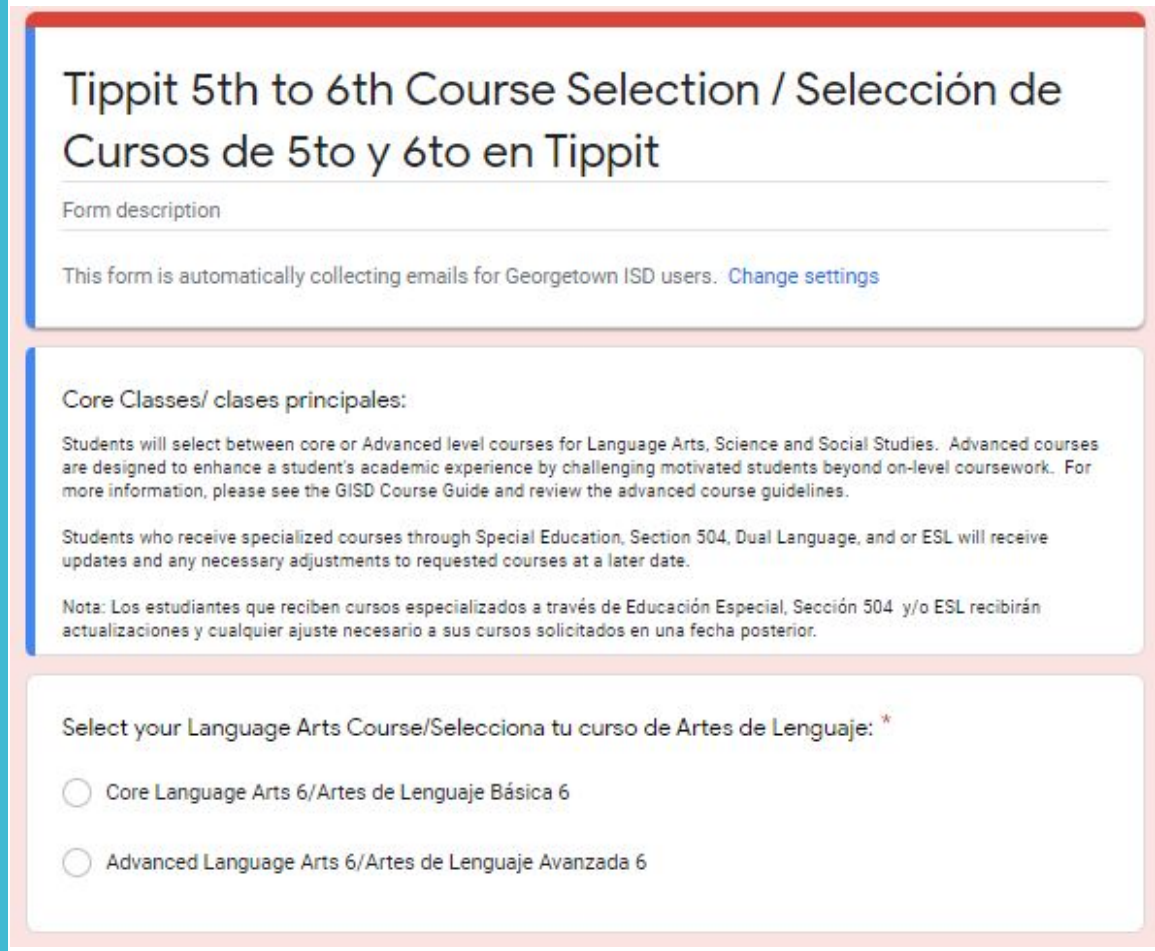
Requests may not be approved.

Requests for schedule changes will be approved for the following reasons:

- Error in schedule
- Student was unsuccessful in passing the prerequisite course
- Change in program/level (athletics, band, choir, orchestra, etc.)
- Level changes as recommended by teachers and counselor with parental knowledge and principal approval

More information regarding the Georgetown ISD Secondary Schools Schedule Change Guidelines are available in the Georgetown ISD Middle School Course Catalog.

Example of 6th Grade Course Selection Google Form



Tippit 5th to 6th Course Selection / Selección de Cursos de 5to y 6to en Tippit

Form description

This form is automatically collecting emails for Georgetown ISD users. Change settings

Core Classes/ clases principales:

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Nota: Los estudiantes que reciben cursos especializados a través de Educación Especial, Sección 504 y/o ESL recibirán actualizaciones y cualquier ajuste necesario a sus cursos solicitados en una fecha posterior.

Select your Language Arts Course/Selecciona tu curso de Artes de Lenguaje: *

- Core Language Arts 6/Artes de Lenguaje Básica 6
- Advanced Language Arts 6/Artes de Lenguaje Avanzada 6

Log into your GISD email account. You will see an email titled **Forbes** 5th to 6th Course Selection Form

Students will receive an email confirmation with their course selections

FMS Elective Showcase

6TH GRADE ELECTIVE OPTIONS

WELCOME FUTURE FALCONS!

Frequently Asked Questions...



When will we find out our schedule?

- Schedules will be available for students and parents to view in Skyward Family Access before the 1st day of school (Date TBD)
- Students will also have the opportunity to pick up a paper copy of their schedule before the first day of school (more details to follow)

How long is the school day and class periods?

- School starts at 8:45 AM and ends at 4:00 PM
- You will have **7 classes** on your schedule (50 minutes each), **LUNCH** (30 minutes), and **SOAR** (about 35-40 minutes)

Forbes Middle School

2021-2022 Class Schedule

8:20 AM 8:45 AM	*Report to First Period*		
8:45 AM 9:35 AM	Period 1		
9:37 AM 10:27 AM	Period 2		
10:29 AM 11:08 AM	SOAR		
	6th Grade	*7th Grade*	*8th Grade*
11:10 AM 11:40 AM	Lunch	Period 3A	
11:42 AM 12:00 PM	Period 3B		
12:02 PM 12:32 PM		Lunch	Period 4A
12:34 PM 12:52 PM	Period 4B		
12:54 PM 1:24 PM			Lunch
1:26 PM 2:16 PM	Period 5		
2:18 PM 3:08 PM	Period 6		
3:10 PM 4:00 PM	Period 7		

What does GT look like in middle school and will I continue in GT?

- Students who are identified as Gifted & Talented are encouraged to select Advanced courses. There is not a separate GT class or pull-out program, and you will maintain your GT status.
- Teachers of G/T students receive specialized G/T training.
- During SOAR, there are opportunities for students to participate in programs such as SeaPerch, Rocketry Club, Lego/Robotics, Destination Imagination, and more.

Can we use our cell phone at school?



- The campus cell phone policy and rules are subject to change based on student behavior and appropriate use of technology
- Currently, students are allowed to use their cell phones at the following times:
  - Before & After school
  - During Lunch
  - During passing periods

(Phones need to be turned off and put away at all other times)



When can I go to the library?

- Students are welcome to checkout books before and after school. The ELA teachers will take their classes to the library from time to time as well.
- Other Library Facts:
  - Students can checkout 2 books at a time for a two week time period.
  - FMS has a battle of the books team that competes in the spring every year.
  - Technology help is located in the library.
  - Students get their school IDs/Bus Tags from the library. If you lose the 1st ID badge printed, then the 2nd one will cost you $5.

Will I have a locker?



- Students are NOT issued lockers in the grade level hallways. Students will carry their materials for class in a backpack or bag of their choice.
- Students WILL BE issued a locker for PE/Pre-Athletics in the locker room. They will keep their athletic clothes/shoes in this locker in order to dress out for PE/Pre-Athletics.



Will all of my classes be in the same hallway?

- Most of your core content (ELA, SS, Science, Math) classes will be in the 6th grade hallways.
- Classes outside of the 6th grade hallways:
  - Fine Arts Classes
  - PE/Pre-Athletics
  - Possibly Advanced Math 7/8 (Pathway 3)
  - Dyslexia Class and Other Special Programs

***We have maps of the school available to help you locate your classrooms. Teachers are also in the hallways during passing periods, and they are happy to help you find your way.*

We are excited for you to join us next year!