Welcome to RISD Middle School Night

7th Grade

Information Session

Middle School Principals

Middle School #4 Opening 2025-2026

★ Jacob Payne

Herman E. Utley Middle School

★ Kristin Marceau

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★ Dr. Christina Bradford

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★ Brittney Zabojnik

7th Grade
Course Request

*Core Classes

English

Math

Science

Texas History

Rockwall ISD English 7

English 7

- ★ Reading, writing, research and inquiry, listening, and speaking. Students will study a variety of texts, both self-selected and assigned, to enrich and develop analysis skills.

English 7 Honors

- ★ Introduces students to the expectations of high school advanced academics courses by exploring a variety of reading and writing experiences to foster critical thinking. Fosters independent learning and encourage in-depth exploration of the content through the analysis of a variety of texts. Students will write in a variety of modes including responses to literature, argumentative, informational, and narrative compositions. Critical thinking skills will be emphasized to prepare students for high school AP, IB, or dual credit English coursework that can earn college credit. Students and parents must sign an acknowledgment of understanding of the program before students are enrolled.

SAGE English 7 Honors

- ★ This course is designed to meet the educational needs of students identified as gifted and talented in the area of humanities. Students must qualify for this class. This course introduces students to the expectations of high school advanced academic courses by exploring various reading and writing experiences to foster critical thinking.

Rockwall ISD
Math 7 & Algebra I

Math 7

- ★ Numeracy, proportionality, algebraic relationships, probability, and statistics. Students use mathematical concepts, algorithms, and properties to explore mathematical relationships and to describe increasingly complex situations.

Math 7 Honors

- ★ Math 7 Honors is a compacted version of 7th grade Math and 8th grade Math. Therefore, this course moves at a faster pace and a greater depth than regular Math 7. This course is designed for students who have an interest in STEM fields, a particular talent in mathematics, or plan to take future Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) mathematics course(s). This course is designed to prepare students to be successful in Algebra I Honors in their 8th-grade year and on track for AP Calculus or IB Math in high school. This course serves as a prerequisite for Algebra I. **Students in this course will take the Grade 8 Math STAAR**

Algebra I Honors

- ★ **Prerequisite - Math 7 Honors or Math 8 Equivalent High School Credit: 1**
- ★ Linear, quadratic, and exponential functions and their related transformations, equations, and associated solutions. Prepare for AP/IB math courses in the future.The grade earned for this course will be posted on the high school transcript and will be included in the calculation of the student's high school GPA, per Board Policy EIC(Local). **Students in this course will take the high school EOC Algebra 1 exam.**

Rockwall ISD Science 7

Science 7

- ★ Scientific and engineering practices, matter and energy, force and motion, Earth and space, and organisms and environments. Students will engage in hands-on investigations, ask questions, gather data, and observe phenomena to further deepen their understanding of the natural world.

Science 7 Honors

- ★ Emphasis on critical thinking and deeper analysis. Students will engage in advanced investigations and apply scientific and engineering principles to real-world scenarios. Students in this course should be enrolled in the compacted or advanced math pathway. This course prepares students for advanced STEM pathways, honors courses, and advanced academic programs such as AP and IB.

SAGE Science 7 Honors

- ★ Designed for students identified as gifted and talented in STEM through district testing. Accelerated pace with an emphasis on critical thinking and deeper analysis. Students will engage in advanced investigations and apply scientific and engineering principles to real-world scenarios. Students in this course should be enrolled in the compacted or advanced math pathway. This course prepares students for advanced STEM pathways, honors courses, and advanced academic programs such as AP and IB.

Rockwall ISD Social Studies

Texas History 7

★ In-depth examination of the history of Texas from early times through the present day. Students will learn how the history of Texas has been impacted by people from a variety of backgrounds and traditions and how they helped shape the past, present, and future of Texas.

Texas History 7 Honors

★ In-depth examination of the history of Texas from early times through the present day with and emphasis on independent learning and accelerated instruction.

7th Grade
Course Request

*Physical
Education

Physical Education

Off Campus Physical Activity

★ Students are allowed to substitute certain physical activities upon approval by district administration. Deadlines for approval apply for up to four semesters. Fees apply. See the Rockwall ISD OCPA webpage for more information.

7th Grade Course Request

*Physical Education Classes

*Students are required to have a physical examination and all other paperwork prior to the first day of school.

-Boys Athletics

-Boys Gymnastics

-Girls Athletics

-Girls Gymnastics

7th Grade Course Request

*Fine Arts

-Visual Arts
-Band
-Choir
-Orchestra
-Theatre
-Drill Team
-Cheerleading

7th Grade Course Request

*Electives

-Teen Leadership/Tech Apps

-AVID

-Robotics

-Journalism

-H. O. P. E.

(Helping Our Peers Excel)

-Broadcasting

-Yearbook

7th Grade Class Choice Sheet

Rockwall ISD Middle School Course Selection Sheet for 2025-2026 **MS**

Name: Student ID #

Student Access User Name: Password:

Course Requests for 7th grade *Signed Honors Contract -required for ANY Honors Course

1 English Language Arts (Circle 1 Option)

English 7	*English 7 Honors	SAGE English 7 Honors (GT identified)
(711)	(712)	(713)

2 Mathematics (Circle 1 Option)

Math 7	*Math 7 Honors (Prereq: Math 6 Honors) (Concurrent Enrollment with Science 7 Honors)	*Algebra I Honors (HS Credit, Prereq: Math 7 Honors) (mat01P
(721)	(722)	

3 Science (Circle 1 Option)

Science 7	*Science 7 Honors (Concurrently Enrolled in Math 7 Honors or higher)	*SAGE Science 7 Honors (GT identified) (Concurrently Enrolled in Math 7 Honors or higher)
(731)	(732)	(733)

4 Social Studies (Circle 1 Option)

Texas History 7	*Texas History 7 Honors
(741)	(742)

5 Physical Education (Circle 1 Option) *Fee requirement*

PE I /Off Campus PE (RISD application/approval required)

Boys Gymnastics*(Tryout required)

Girls Gymnastics* (Tryout required)

Cheer* (Tryout required) (Substitute for PE)

Boys Athletics* (Football only)

Girls Athletics*

6 Academic Elective *Fee Requirement*

Please write your 1st Option HERE: _____

Please circle 3 OTHER Options Below

Theater Arts I*

Art Studio I*

Teen Leadership 7/ Tech Apps I

AVID I (Application/approval required)

Drill Team* (Tryout required) (Substitute for PE)

Robotics I

Journalism

H.O.P.E.

Advanced Theatre Arts* (Auditions required)

Advanced Art Studio I/II* (Application/approval required)

Band*

Choir*

Orchestra*

Broadcasting I (Application/approval required)

Yearbook I (Application/approval required)

It is recommended students remain in a Fine Arts course through high school to fulfill the graduation requirement.

PARENT SIGNATURE

We have reviewed the above class selections with my son/daughter, and the selections of core classes have met my

Helpful Links

Middle School Academic Planning Guide (APG)

*2025-2026 will be uploaded once approved

Rockwall ISD

Have Questions?

Fill out this form using the QR Code: