Welcome to RISD Middle School Night

6th Grade

Information Session



Middle School Principals

Middle School #4 Opening 2025-2026

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6th Grade
Course Request

*Core Classes

English

Math

Science

Social Studies

Rockwall ISD English

English 6

- 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 6 Honors

- One goal of this course is to foster 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. Students and parents must sign an acknowledgment of understanding of the program before students are enrolled.

SAGE English 6 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 in order to enroll.

Rockwall ISD Math

Math 6

- Number systems, algebraic reasoning, geometry, statistics, and financial literacy. Integers and rational numbers, proportionality, representing one-step algebraic relationships with equations, tables, and graphs, and summarizing statistical data.

Math 6 Honors

- This course is the first of two linked courses which compact the curriculum of 6th and 7th grade. This course prepares students for Math 7 Honors, the next course in the math pathway. Primary focal points include proportionality, two-dimensional measurement, data analysis, and algebraic representations. ****Students in this course will take the Grade 6 Math STAAR**

Math 7 Honors

- Prerequisite - Math 6 Honors.Math 7 Honors is a compacted version of 7th grade Math and 8th grade Math. 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 Honors.
  **Students in this course will take the Grade 8 Math STAAR.

Rockwall ISD Science

Science 6

- Scientific and engineering practices, matter and energy, force and motion, Earth and space, and organisms and environments. Through hands-on investigations, students will ask questions, gather data, and observe phenomena to develop a deeper understanding of the natural world.

Science 6 Honors

- Stronger emphasis on critical thinking and analysis. Students will participate in more advanced investigations and apply scientific and engineering principles to real-world situations. This course is designed to prepare students for advanced STEM pathways in honors and advanced academic programs, such as AP and IB.

SAGE Science 6 Honors

- SAGE Science 6 is designed for students identified as gifted and talented in STEM through district testing. More advanced investigations and apply scientific and engineering principles to real-world situations. This course is designed to prepare students for advanced STEM pathways in honors and advanced academic programs, such as AP and IB.

Rockwall ISD Social Studies

Social Studies 6

- ★ People, places, and historical developments of the contemporary world. Students will examine the concepts of limited and unlimited government, gaining an understanding of citizenship in various societies. By comparing the core institutions of government, economics, education, and religion, students will develop a broader understanding of how societies function. Throughout the course, essential skills such as map and globe interpretation, chart and graph analysis, reading, writing, and problem-solving will be integrated to enhance critical thinking and comprehension of global systems.

Social Studies 6 Honors

- ★ Added focus on developing higher-order thinking, clear writing, and content-specific reading skills. These enhancements are designed to prepare students for success in advanced social studies courses in high school.

6th Grade
Course Request

*Physical Education

1 Required Course

-Physical Education

-Girls Pre-Athletics
-Boys Pre-Athletics

★ The foundation for sports and access to tryouts and participation for 7th Athletics. Does not require a Physical for students.

6th Grade
Course Request

*Fine Arts

1 Required Course

-Visual Arts

-Band

-Choir

-Orchestra

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:

6th 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 6th grade *Signed Honors Contract -required for ANY Honors Course

1 English Language Arts (Circle 1)

English 6	*English 6 Honors	*SAGE English 6 Honors (GT identified)
(611)	(612)	(613)

2 Mathematics (Circle 1)

Math 6	*Math 6 Honors *(Recommended Pre-req: Compacted Math 5)*	*Math 7 Honors *(Pre-req: Math 6 Honors)*
(621)	(622)	(722)

3 Science (Circle1)

Science 6	*Science 6 Honors *(Concurrently enrolled in Math 6 Honors or higher)*	*SAGE Science 6 Honors *(Concurrently enrolled in Math 6 Honors or higher)* (GT identified)
(631)	(632)	(633)

4 Social Studies (Circle 1)

Social Studies 6	*Social Studies 6 Honors
(641)	(642)

5 Physical Education (Circle 1)

Physical Education I 6th Grade

Pre-Athletics 6th Grade

This course teaches the knowledge and skills that provide the foundation for sports and access to tryouts and participation for 7th Athletics.

6 Fine Arts

Please write your 1st Option HERE: _____

Please Rank 3 **OTHER** Options Below 2-4

____6th Grade Visual Art
____6th Grade Band
____6th Grade Choir
____6th Grade Orchestra

Fee required for all Fine Art Options.

PARENT SIGNATURE

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