



8th Grade Course Information for 2024—2025



Note: Students will enter elective priority directly into Focus with the help of a counselor. This form is for information only. Use the attached course descriptions for more information.

Core Course Information:

Student placement in academic courses will reflect consideration of prior academic performance (Test scores, overall academic record, staff recommendations). Those scoring level 1 or 2 on the F.A.S.T. ELA or Math will be placed in remedial level courses in that subject.

- **English Language Arts (2 periods):**
 - Intensive Reading if applicable
- **Physical Science**
- **U.S. History & Career Planning**
- **Math (1 or 2 periods):**
 - [^]+Algebra Honors (1 period)
 - [^]+Algebra 1A/1B (2 periods)
 - Pre-Algebra & Intensive Math (2 periods)

Elective Options

Students will have 1 or 2 elective periods depending on Math placement. At least one semester of PE is required for all students who do not waive the requirement. Waiving the PE requirement does not guarantee a seat in another requested elective. Contact the curriculum office with questions about waiving PE.

Order by preference:

- ☐ **Band** (full year)
- ☐ **Orchestra** (full year)
- ☐ **Chorus** (full year)
- ☐ **Physical Education** (semester or full year)
- ☐ **Spanish 1⁺** (full year, requires at least level 3 on FAST ELA)
- ☐ **Computer Applications** (Semester, if Available)
- ☐ **Entrepreneurship** (semester)
- ☐ **Engineering** (semester)
- ☐ **Peer Counseling** (semester or full year, requires guidance approval)
- ☐ **Art** (semester or full year, requires teacher recommendation)

***These options are subject to change and students are not guaranteed to receive their top priority.**

+ High school credit class

[^] All students scoring a 3 or higher on the Grade 7 Math PM3 will be scheduled into Algebra. Algebra is offered in two levels (Algebra 1A/B and Algebra 1 Honors). Passing a High School Algebra course and earning a 3+ on the End of Course Exam are both high school graduation requirements.