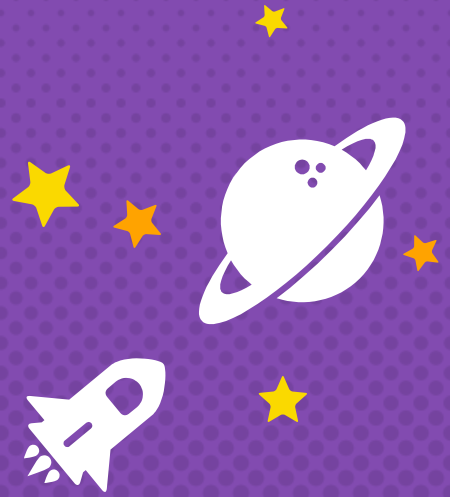




***MOVIN' ON UP:
MIDDLE SCHOOL***

WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT

MIDDLE SCHOOL?



A QUIZ QUESTION?

- A. You change classes and rooms every 45 minutes
- B. A chance to be challenged even more academically
- C. A chance to get involved in more extra-curricular activities
- D. All of the above

MIDDLE SCHOOL!

- × What is **EXCITING**?
- × What will be **NEW**?
- × What will be **SCARY** to you?
- × What will be **SIMILAR**?
- × What will be **INTERESTING**?

**LET'S
TALK
ABOUT IT!**





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How many classes will you take?



6TH GRADE COURSES

- × 1 English Language Arts (ELA)
- × 2 Math (same math double-blocked)
- × 1 Science
- × 1 Social Studies –
Contemporary World Cultures & Geography
- × 1 Physical Education (PE)
- × 1 Fine Art
- × 1 Elective

CHOICES FOR EACH OF THE CORE CLASSES

Language Arts

- × Standard
- × Honors
- × Honors/GT

Science

- × Standard
- × Honors

Math

- × Standard
- × 6-7 Compacted Advanced
- × 6-7 Compacted Advanced/GT

Social Studies

- × Standard
- × Honors

HONORS

Honors courses will prepare you for success in high school AP (Advanced Placement) courses or other rigorous courses such as college courses.

*Typically, successful honors students are self-motivated, maintain A's and B's in all subject areas, master all TEKS objectives(as measured by STAAR) and are successful in simultaneously managing multiple tasks.

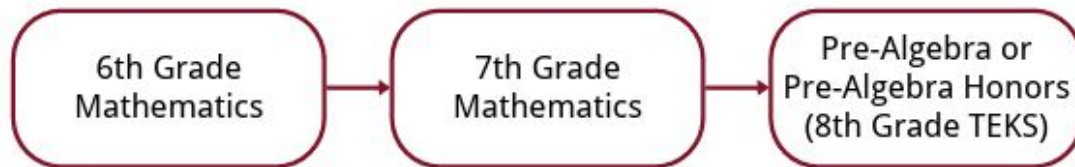
PER A NEW TEXAS LAW IN 2023 (SB 2124)...

You will automatically be placed in accelerated math (6–7 Honors Compacted Math) if:

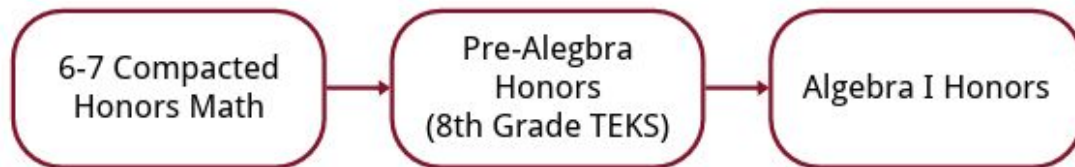
- Your performance on the Grade 5 STAAR mathematics assessment places you in the top 40 percent statewide (equivalently, at or above the 60th percentile), *or*
- You are in the top 40 percent on a locally defined measure that includes fifth-grade class ranking or demonstrated proficiency in grade-level math coursework.

* A parent or guardian may opt their child out of accelerated math: however, we would strongly encourage the student/family to allow the student to try 6–7 Honors Compacted Math in middle school before making the decision to exit.

Standard Mathematics Pathway for Grade 6-8



Accelerated Mathematics Pathway for Grade 6-8



Prerequisite:
Successful mastery of 5th Grade Math.

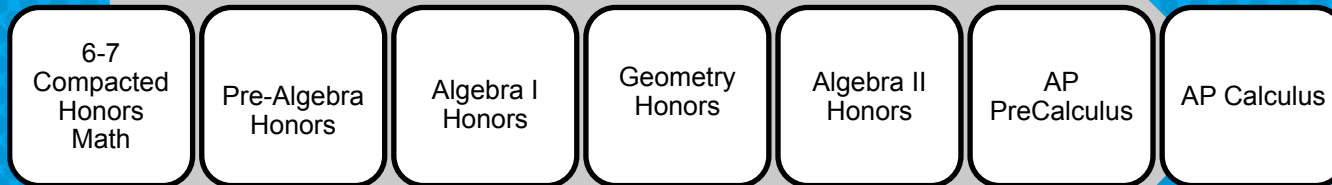
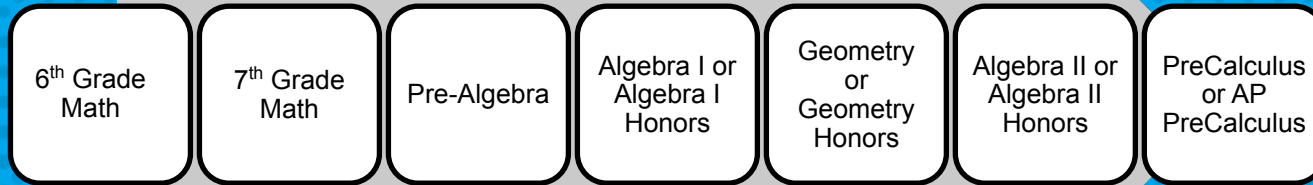
Prerequisite:
Successful mastery of 6-7 Compacted Honors Math or passing 6th and 7th Grade CBE or coursework requirements.

Prerequisite:
Successful mastery of Pre-Algebra Honors.

WHAT DOES ADVANCED MATH COVER?

	Title of Class	Course Material	State Assessment
Grade 6	6-7 Compacted Honors Math	100% of 6 th TEKS 70% of 7 th TEKS	6 th Grade STAAR
	6-7 Compacted Honors Math/GT	100% of 6 th TEKS 100% of 7 th TEKS	7 th Grade STAAR
Grade 7	Pre-Algebra Honors	30% of 7 th TEKS 100% of 8 th TEKS	8 th Grade STAAR
Grade 8	Algebra I Honors	Algebra I TEKS	Algebra I EOC

EXAMPLES OF THE TWO MATH SEQUENCES FOR GRADES 6-12



HOW MANY HONORS CLASSES SHOULD I TAKE?

Consider your...

- × Academic strengths
- × Parent, teacher, and counselor input
- × Past grades and test performances
- × Personal goals
- × Extra-curricular activities

Most importantly...your motivation, effort, & attitude!



EXIT GUIDELINES FOR HONORS COURSES

Students may request a change:

- August 1st through the Tuesday before school starts.
- After the first three weeks progress report through the end of week six.
- The last five days of semester one through the first week of semester two.

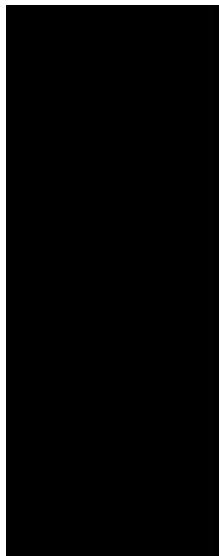


See the [NISD Middle School Course Guide](#) for details.

***WHAT ARE MY
FINE ARTS AND
ELECTIVE CHOICES?***



INTRODUCTION TO 6TH GRADE FINE ARTS



Fine Arts
NORTHWEST ISD

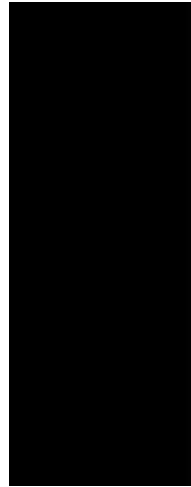


Watch the video above

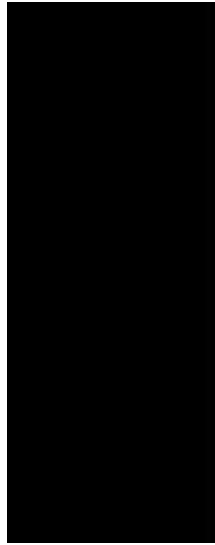
BAND

Instruments

- Trombone
- Oboe
- Euphonium
- Flute
- Trumpet
- Percussion
- Tuba
- Clarinet
- French Horn
- Bassoon
- Saxophone



CHOIR



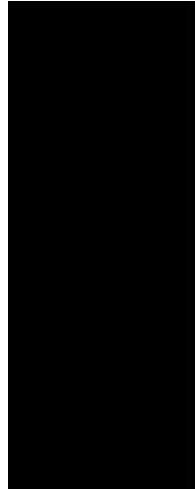
Fine Arts
NORTHWEST ISD



ORCHESTRA

Instruments

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Bass



FINE ARTS

For more about Northwest ISD's 6th grade FINE ARTS program, including videos and most Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's), please visit:

[6th Grade Fine Arts Parent Information – Northwest Independent School District](#)



YOUR ELECTIVE MAY BE:

- × A second fine arts course:
Band, Choir, or Orchestra
- × Introduction to Art
- × Introduction to Theatre Arts
- × LeadWorthy
- × Technology Apps



INTRODUCTION TO ART

Introduces students to a variety of art mediums, themes, and artists. Students will gain an appreciation for art of different eras and cultures and practice basic art skills (painting, sketching, etc.).



INTRODUCTION TO THEATRE ARTS

Designed as a survey course for sixth graders, students learn a broad overview of theatre concepts. Students explore and learn about acting and basic technical elements of the theatre and are provided opportunities to create individual and group theatrical selections.



WHAT IS LEADWORTHY™ THE COURSE?

Teaches students to take responsibility, express themselves, and handle problems and decisions when they arise. The class enables individuals to build personal responsibility and leadership skills through group activities, role play, speeches, and projects.



WHAT IS TECHNOLOGY APPS?

- ✓ Discover tech tools and Google tools for education
- ✓ Keyboarding/typing & Scratch coding
- ✓ Learn how to use technology wisely










How hard you work in middle school will determine your future academic success.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Middle School Matters!

CAMPUS SPECIFIC QUESTIONS?

<p><u>Adams MS</u></p> 	<p><u>Pike MS</u></p> 	<p><u>Worthington MS</u></p> 
<p><u>Chisholm Trail MS</u></p> 	<p><u>Tidwell MS</u></p> 	<p>Barksdale MS</p>
<p><u>Medlin MS</u></p> 	<p><u>Wilson MS</u></p> 	

***"WE ALL MAKE CHOICES,
BUT IN THE END... OUR
CHOICES MAKE US!"***

CHOOSE WISELY!

TO ACCESS THIS 6TH GRADE PRESENTATION AND OTHER INFORMATION AGAIN, YOU MAY VISIT:

<https://www.nisdtx.org/departments/student-services/counseling/academic-advisement/middle-school-academic-advisement>