



Welcome Future Eagles!

Abell Junior High School
2026 – 2027 Academic Planning
Informational Meeting
& Elective Fair

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Who are your principals?

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Dr. Andrea Rodriguez

Assistant Principal

Haylie Pegelow

Assistant Principal

Karina Rodriguez

Assistant Principal

Christin Nix





Who are your counselors?



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A word from the nurse...

Jody Ormsby

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432-240-2610

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Immunization Information

- Immunization records are due **before** the start of school.
- Required immunizations are TDAP and Meningitis

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Immunization records can be submitted by:

- Emailing the nurse: jody.ormsby@midlandisd.net
- Drop off at:
 - Eagle Expo – Date TBA
- Your start of school could be delayed if immunization records are not submitted

Important Links

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Academic Planning

Academic Planning

- A plan or document detailing the courses a student will or would like to take the upcoming school year.
- It is **not registration or enrollment** for the next school year. Registration is completed **EVERY year** in **Skyward**.
- You will complete academic planning with your 6th grade counselor & a JH Counselor.

Course Requests

- Course requests will be submitted in Skyward under “student access.”
 - These are **requests only** and you are not guaranteed placement in any course. **Classes are subject to change.**
- 6th grade counselors will review the course request cards with you.



Academic Planning Form

Students will receive a 26-27 school year planning form from their 6th grade counselor.

Counselors will assist students in completing this form which will then be sent home for parental review and signature.



2022-2023 Campus: **Abell 7th Grade Academic Planning Form** 2023-2024 Campus:

Student Name: Student ID: SKYWARD Username: SKYWARD Password:

Students will submit their course requests using Skyward Student Access. Please note that these are requests ONLY and does NOT guarantee placement in the course. Classes are subject to change. Placement in elective selections is based on scheduling and enrollment. **The last day to request changes is April 28th.**

Semester 1 Grades		STAAR Scores (2020-2021)	
Math:	ELAR:	Math:	Reading:

REQUIRED Courses: Choose one per category

English & Language Arts	Science	Physical Education
<input type="checkbox"/> ELAR70 English 7	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIE70 Science 7	<input type="checkbox"/> PE7001 PE 7-Boys
<input type="checkbox"/> ELAR71 English 7 EAS	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIE71 Science 7 EAS	<input type="checkbox"/> PE7002 PE 7-Girls

Social Studies	Fine Arts	Physical Education
<input type="checkbox"/> SOCI70 Social Studies 7	<input type="checkbox"/> ART010 Art 10	<input type="checkbox"/> PE7004 PE 7-Swim & Dive
<input type="checkbox"/> SOCI71 Social Studies 7 EAS	<input type="checkbox"/> THEA10 Theatre 10	<input type="checkbox"/> PE7005 PE 7-Tennis

Math	Physical Education	Physical Education
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH70 Math 7	<input type="checkbox"/> CHOR71 Choir JH1	<input type="checkbox"/> PE7007 PE-7 Girls Athletics
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH71 Math 7 EAS	<input type="checkbox"/> ORCH10 Orchestra JH1	<input type="checkbox"/> BAND10 Band JH1

Enhanced Grade Level Services (EAS) Suggested Guidelines:

- 60th percentile Rank on 5th grade STAAR Reading
- 60th percentile Rank on 5th grade STAAR Math
- 85 final average in grade 6 math for Math 7 EAS
- 85 final average in grade 6 reading for all other EAS content areas

***All Physical Education courses, except physical** ***Band meets both Fine Arts & Physical Education requirements.**

Elective Courses: Choose three, number in preferential order (1,2,3)

Languages Other Than English	Other Electives
<input type="checkbox"/> SPAN01 Spanish I	<input type="checkbox"/> ELEC12 PLTW-Design/Mod
<input type="checkbox"/> SPAN02 Spanish 2	<input type="checkbox"/> ELEC03 Health JH
<input type="checkbox"/> SPAN03 Spanish 3 EAS	

Application Based
<input type="checkbox"/> ELEC09 Yearbook
<input type="checkbox"/> EXT102 Competitive Robotics 7

****Must score meets on 6th grade Reading STAAR and have an 85 final ELAR average in grade 6 to enroll in Spanish I.**

Application based courses must submit an application and be accepted to be enrolled in course.

HS Credit Courses require a student meets attendance requirements and has a passing grade to receive HS Credit. HS Credit courses are factored into GPA.

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Required Courses in 7th Grade

4 Core Classes

- **English** ^(ALL levels take up to two class periods)
- **Math** ^(On level takes up to two class periods)
- **Science**
- **Social Studies**

- ❖ *All core courses may be taken On Level or Honors*
- ❖ *Guidelines for Honors courses coming soon*

1 Physical Activity Course

- **Boys Athletics*** *(Football)*
- **Girls Athletics***
- **Conditioning***
- **Tennis***
- **Swim & Dive***

**25-26 Physical Required*

- **PE**
- **Band** *(can count for PE & Fine Art)*

1 Fine Arts Course

- **Art**
- **Theatre**
- **Orchestra**
- **Band**
- **Choir**

Elective Courses

When completing their course request card, students will **choose three** electives and rank them in order of preference (1, 2, 3)



Academic Planning Important Dates

Academic Planning

- Elementary & JH counselors will complete academic planning with 6th grade students on their elementary campus
- Elementary campuses will send out specific dates to parents
- The **last day** for any add/drops will be **April 10, 2026**

Transfer Requests

- Students will complete course requests based on their **current zoned** junior high school
- Transfer requests can be completed through **Apply Midland**
 - Transfers for the 26-27 school year can be requested from **March 16 – March 27, 2026**
 - For further information, please contact Student Services at applymidland@midlandisd.net

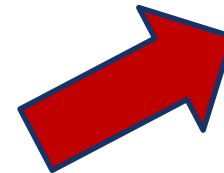




Junior High Academic Requirements and Course Catalog

For information about required curriculum, guidelines for placement, and course descriptions, please scan the QR code to visit the link to the course catalog.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1NIR72QaaColj1S0e9qyO-OyGNNGnyoXEJYn12qdsZgl/edit?usp=sharing>



2026-2027

Junior High Academic Requirements
and Course Catalog

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High School Credit Information

Courses for High School Credit

Spanish I, II, III, Pre AP Algebra 1, Art I, and several new “Principles” Courses all earn high school credit and can be taken in junior high.

GPA (Grade Point Average)

Spanish I, II, and Pre AP Algebra 1 factors into GPA, which is the average score for your high school grades. High schools use GPA for class rank and colleges review GPA for entrance and scholarships.

High School Transcripts

Your transcript is your final report card for high school and shows all high school courses taken, your grades, GPA, and class rank. Transcripts are also reviewed by colleges to determine that entrance requirements met by prospective students.



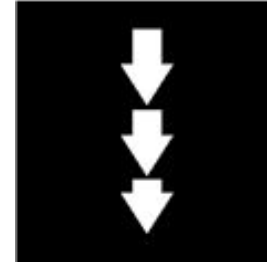
Advanced Academics (Honors/Pre AP)

2026-2027



What are Honors/Pre-AP Courses?

- Differentiated unit plans in each subject area beginning in 7th grade.
- The icons of Depth and Complexity are prompts used to initiate a more advanced and extensive understanding of subject matter for all learners.
- Summer Reading is required for honors classes starting in the summer after 7th grade.
- Math placement is dependent on STAAR or district developed placement test results beginning in 6th grade.



The goal of an Honors/Pre-AP course is to prepare students for the college level work they will see as an AP student once they are in high school.



26 - 27 MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH PATHWAYS

Course	TEKS Covered		STAAR/EOC	Qualifications
6 th Grade On Level	6th Grade Math ALL		6th Grade STAAR	-
6 th Grade Honors	6th Grade Math ALL	½ 7th Grade	6th Grade STAAR	Meets/Masters 5 th Grade STAAR
7 th Grade On Level	7th Grade Math ALL - Double Block		7th Grade STAAR	-
7 th Grade Honors	7th Grade Math ALL - Single Block		7th Grade STAAR	Meets 6 th Grade STAAR
Accelerated Math	½ 7th Grade & 8th Grade ALL Single Block		8th Grade STAAR	Masters 6 th Grade STAAR
8 th Grade On Level	8th Grade Math ALL		8th Grade STAAR	-
8 th Grade Honors	8th Grade Math ALL		8th Grade STAAR	Meets/Masters 7 th Grade STAAR
PreAP Algebra I 8 th grade	Algebra I ALL		Algebra I EOC	Approaches or higher 8 th Grade STAAR

Profile of an Honors/Pre-AP Student

Students enrolled in Honors courses are expected to:

- Engage in rigorous, grade-level and above-grade-level curriculum
- Demonstrate strong work habits, including time management and organization
- Complete independent and extended learning tasks
- Participate actively in class discussions, collaborative learning, and inquiry-based instruction

Course Agreement Requirements:

- Students should have regular attendance (>90%) and follow make-up work expectations outlined in the MISD Student Handbook
- Students are expected to maintain an average of 70 or higher in each grading cycle and semester
- Students will sign and abide by the Honors/Pre Ap Course Agreement (shown here)

TEACHING AND LEARNING DEPARTMENT
615 W. Missouri Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701
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Honors / PreAP Course Agreement
2025 - 2026 Course Agreement

Student Name	ID Number	Grade	Campus

Enrollment in an Honors / PreAP course requires at least one criteria ([linked here](#)) has been met for the course enrolled. Campus counselor and subject area teacher will review student data to determine that at least one criteria has been met.

Honors / PreAP courses are characterized by accelerated pace and rigorous instruction aligned to the standards of the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered at the high school level. AP courses require students to complete college level work while enrolled in high school. Students enrolled in Honors / PreAP courses, therefore, understand they are being prepared for college level work in high school.

Students must initial next to each expectation:

- I will maintain a passing average of 70 or higher each grading cycle and a semester average of 70 or higher.
- I will attempt and complete all assigned work in and outside of class including, but not limited to: reading, homework, projects, group work, independent study, etc.
- I will follow all attendance and make-up expectations outlined in the MISD Student Handbook.
- I understand that if I am falling at the midpoint of any grading cycle during the first semester my teacher will provide me support. I will participate and accept this support so that I can be successful.

In the event withdrawal from the course needs to be considered, the following steps should be followed.

1. Withdrawal discussions shall not begin before the midpoint of a grading cycle.
2. Any student falling at the midpoint of the grading cycle must conference with the teacher and parent.
 - a. The student and teacher will work together to create a support plan to be implemented for the remainder of the grading cycle. The student must fully participate in the support plan developed with the teacher.
3. If the support provided by the teacher does not yield positive results, withdrawal may occur at the end of a grading cycle after the teacher conferences with the student and parent. Withdrawal will occur automatically if the student does not engage in the support provided by the teacher.

The teacher will notify the student, parent, and counselor that a schedule change will be initiated for the next grading period.
4. If a student earns lower than an overall grade of 70 in Semester I the teacher, student, parent, and counselor shall conference regarding appropriate placement for Semester II. A semester average of 70 or higher is the expectation.
5. The principal must be notified of and approve all withdrawals each grading cycle or at the end of the semester.

Signing below indicates the student and parent understand and agree to the expectations and guidelines of this agreement.

Student Signature _____ Date _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Mission: All students will graduate college, career, or military ready. Revised 2025-2026

Is Honors Right for Me?

Honors Courses May Be a Good Fit If the Student:

- Enjoys academic challenge and learning beyond grade-level expectations
- Demonstrates strong organization, time-management, and study skills
- Is willing to spend additional time outside of class on assignments and projects
- Perseveres through challenging material without becoming discouraged
- Actively participates in class discussions and collaborative learning
- Has consistently demonstrated readiness in prior coursework

Honors Courses May Be Challenging If the Student:

- Becomes overwhelmed by increased workload or faster pacing
- Struggles to complete assignments independently
- Requires frequent reminders to stay on task or meet deadlines
- Experiences significant stress when academic expectations increase



COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM SCHEDULE & ELIGIBILITY

	TEST	WHO IS ELIGIBLE
7th Grade	PSAT 8/9	7 th grade Identified GT students
8th Grade	PSAT 8/9	Students who score meets/masters on either STAAR & AVID 8 students
9th Grade	PSAT 8/9	Students who score meets/masters on either STAAR & parent interest (if licenses remain)
10th Grade	PSAT 10	Students who score meets/masters on either STAAR & parent interest (if licenses remain)
11th Grade	PSAT NMSQT (fall) SAT & ACT (spring)	Top performers on PSAT 10 & parent interest (if licenses remain) Top NMSQT performers & interested juniors
12th Grade	SAT or ACT	All interested seniors (fees may apply)



Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Medical

www.midlandisd.net/stemm

What is STEM+M?

In collaboration with Baylor College of Medicine, STEM+M provides exciting coursework designed to prepare students for careers in STEM, medical and healthcare fields.

The STEM+M program will expose students to medical science concepts beginning in 7th grade.

STUDENTS WILL LEARN ABOUT:

- NEUROSCIENCE
- SCIENTIFIC DECISION MAKING
- BIOSCIENCE

BENEFITS

- Early exposure to Medical Science
- Enhanced STEM skills
- Preparation for High School and College Health Science Programs
- Development of Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Skills
- Access to Resources and Support from Baylor College of Medicine and Community Mentors in Health
- These courses will introduce students to the medical field and potential STEM+M careers



**2026 Program
Toolkit for
Grades 6 and 7!**

STEM+M MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSES

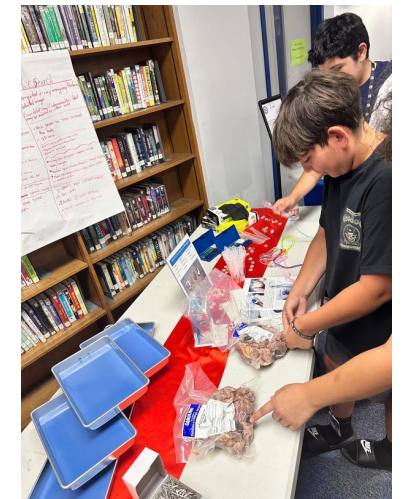
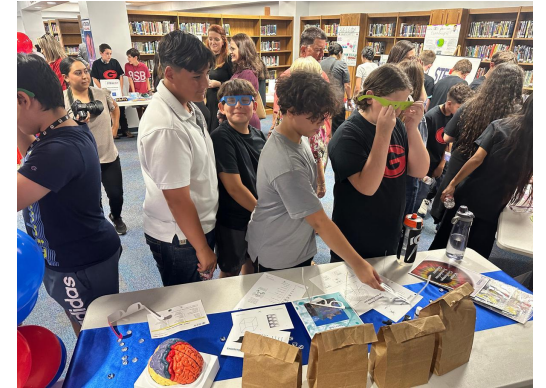
Neuroscience - 7th

Students explore the structure and function of the brain during a time of groundbreaking discoveries in neuroscience and psychology. Through hands-on brain modeling, dissections, and research projects, they gain a deep understanding of comparative brain anatomy, brain chemistry, sensory systems, and memory. The course emphasizes scientific inquiry, problem-solving, teamwork, and professional behavior, helping students build skills essential for academic and career success. Industry speakers also provide real-world insight and guidance throughout the course.

Neuroscience is a prerequisite to Principles of Bioscience (2026 - 2027)

Teachers will receive ongoing training from Baylor College of Medicine

Class Period: Yes



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STEM+M MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSES

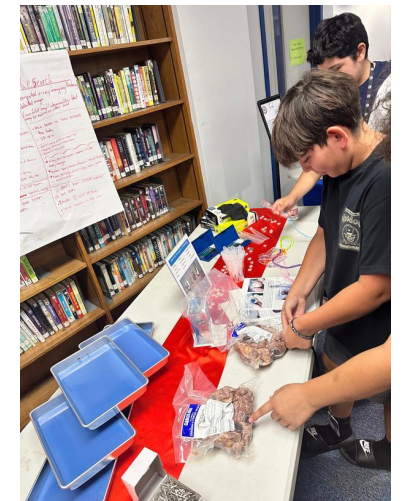
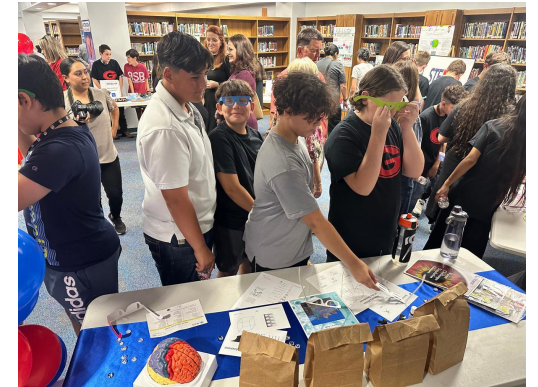
Principles of Bioscience - 8th

This course provides a strong foundation in high school Biology while introducing major concepts in biotechnology, including cell structure, genetics, nucleic acids, proteins, and real-world biotech applications. Students gain practical lab experience using current biomedical technologies such as nucleic acid isolation, recombinant DNA cloning, PCR, and ELISA. The course prepares students to enter high school ready for Biology and offers a pathway into advanced biotechnology courses, where they may earn college credit, industry experience, and certifications. This course awards 1 high school CTE credit.

Teachers will receive ongoing training from Baylor College of Medicine



Class Period: Yes



2026 Program Toolkit for Grades 6 and 7!

Questions about Advanced Academics?

Contact:

Kathleen Cook

Advanced Academics Coordinator

432-240-1356

gifted@midlandisd.net

Who to Contact?

Abell JHS Extracurricular Contact Information



Abell
Junior High School
Extracurricular Contact Information
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Principal
Christin Nix
Assistant
Haylie Pegelow
Assistant
Karina Rodriguez
Assistant

ORGANIZATION	SPONSOR/COACH	SPONSOR/COACH EMAIL	Application Required	Tryout or Other Requirement
Athletics – Girls*	Tamara Willis - Coordinator	tamara.acosta@midlandisd.net		Yes
Band	Jordan Frazier – Band Director Conner Payne – Asst Director	jordan.frazier@midlandisd.net conner.payne@midlandisd.net		Yes
Basketball – Boys*	Dusty Hill	dusty.hill@midlandisd.net		Yes
Basketball – Girls*	Tamara Willis	tamara.acosta@midlandisd.net		Yes
Cheerleading*	Brooke Ryan	brooke.ryan@midlandisd.net	Yes	Yes
Chess Club	Dustin Sanchez	dustin.sanchez@midlandisd.net		Club
Choir	Danah Watson	danah.watson@midlandisd.net		Yes
Competitive Robotics	Kari Harvey	kari.harvey@midlandisd.net	Yes	
Cross Country*	Angelica Lewis	angelica.lewis@midlandisd.net		Yes
Dungeons and Dragons Club	Dustin Sanchez Nathan Collier	dustin.sanchez@midlandisd.net nathan.collier@midlandisd.net		Club
Football Athletics*	Dusty Hill	dusty.hill@midlandisd.net		Yes
National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)	Roxana Lujan	roxana.lujan@midlandisd.net	Yes	Yes
Newspaper / Podcast Club (The Abell Eyrle)	Dustin Sanchez	dustin.sanchez@midlandisd.net		Club
Orchestra	Robert Sherwood	robert.sherwood@midlandisd.net		Yes
Soccer – Boys*	Dusty Hill	dusty.hill@midlandisd.net		Yes
Soccer – Girls*	Tamara Willis	tamara.acosta@midlandisd.net		Yes
Spanish Club	Elisa Rocha	elisa.rocha@midlandisd.net		Club
Strength and Conditioning*	Dusty Hill - Coordinator	dusty.hill@midlandisd.net		Yes
Student Council	Roxana Lujan	roxana.lujan@midlandisd.net	Yes	
Swimming & Diving*	Steve Flato	steve.flato@midlandisd.net		Yes
Tennis*	Angelica Lewis & Raymundo Perez	angelica.lewis@midlandisd.net raymundo.perez@midlandisd.net		Yes
Track & Field – Boys*	Dusty Hill - Coordinator	dusty.hill@midlandisd.net		Yes
Track & Field – Girls*	Tamara Willis - Coordinator	tamara.acosta@midlandisd.net		Yes
UIL	Dustin Sanchez Evangelee Garcia Elisa Rocha	dustin.sanchez@midlandisd.net evangelee.garcia@midlandisd.net elisa.rocha@midlandisd.net		Club
Volleyball*	Tamara Willis	tamara.acosta@midlandisd.net		Yes
Yearbook	Amanda Salcedo	amanda.salcedo@midlandisd.net	Yes	Yes
Zookeepers Club	Chantesean White	chantesean.white@midlandisd.net		Club

* Requires 2026-2027 MISD Physical

Stay Up to Date!

For up to date information, we encourage you to monitor our website and follow us on social media!

Abell's website:

<https://www.midlandisd.net/Domain/1362>

Abell's Guidance & Counseling
Services:

<https://www.midlandisd.net/domain/1365>



Follow us on Facebook:



Instagram: abelljh1



Twitter: @Abell_JHS





Elective Fair



Please join us in the gym as we showcase our elective courses, clubs, and various activities offered at Abell Jr High!



Physical Activity Choices Available

PE

Strength & Conditioning
and Tennis

Other Sports

Football

Girls Athletics



*All Athletics require a physical. Please scan the QR code for more information

<https://www.midlandisd.net/departments/athletics/rankone-required-online-paperwork>



PE vs. Athletics

Physical Education (PE)

- ▶ No physical required
- ▶ More game strategy, work outs, and teach game skills that lead into gameplay
- ▶ NOT sport related. PE students do not have to purchase athletic gear.



Abell Athletics

Abell athletics and sports teams are for the leaders of Abell. Athletes are expected to pass all of their classes each 6 weeks, maintain exceptional behavior and be role models to the other students on campus. Each of these sports will push you physically, mentally and emotionally. Being apart of this program is a true privilege and can be taken away if you fail to uphold all expectations. It is truly an honor to be called an Abell Athlete.

Football Athletics

Class Period: Yes

Prerequisites: Completed MISD Physical

Fees: Athletic Clothing Package (Ordered in the summer)

Sports Offered: Football

Boys athletics is only for athletes on the football team. (Football is a no cut sport).

If you start football and quit, you will be moved to PE.

Football will practice during and after school.

Football is a fun, strenuous sport that will push you physically, mentally, and emotionally.

If you do not want to play football but wish to tryout for basketball or track, you should sign up for Conditioning

Girls Athletics

Class Period: Yes

Prerequisites: Completed MISD Physical

Fees: Athletic Clothing Package (Ordered in the summer)

Sports Offered: Volleyball, Basketball & Track & Field

In girls athletics, athletes must go through a tryout process to make each of the athletic teams. Athletes who do not make the team will be placed in an off season group. In off season you will condition, lift weights, work on speed and agility, and prepare for the next season tryout. After an evaluation period, some athletes may be moved to Conditioning.



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Conditioning

Class Period: Yes

Prerequisites: Completed MISD Physical

Fees: Athletic Clothing Package (Ordered in the summer)

Conditioning is for boys who are not on the football team and for girls who are interested in Spring Sports. These athletes want to compete and prepare for upcoming sports tryouts.

You will lift weights, condition, work on speed and agility, and develop fundamentals for the next sport's tryout.

Conditioning is an addition to athletics and has the same requirements as athletics.

Tennis

Class Period: Yes

Prerequisites: Completed MISD Physical

Fees: Athletic clothing package (Ordered in the summer)

Tennis has a season during the spring and fall. Athletes will workout during class and after school during tennis season. Tennis plays matches during the week and on some Saturdays.



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Swimming

Class Period: Yes (During Advisory Period)

Fees: Swimwear

Prerequisites: Completed MISD Physical & Tryouts completed at the start of each semester

Students will need to be dropped off at the COM Center for practice before school, and a district bus will take them to school. Students will engage in dryland workouts and then will participate in water workouts.

Swimmers will learn the four competitive strokes, turns, and starts.

Divers will be taught the 6 diving positions with feet and head entries. Students will participate in meets each semester.

Cross Country

Class Period: NO

Prerequisites: Completed MISD Physical

OPTIONAL Fees: Athletic Clothing Package (Ordered in the summer)

Cross country training begins in mid-summer and the season takes place at the beginning of the school year until mid-fall. Generally all meets are held on Saturdays.

Cross country races are typically held on an open field with a mix of road and trail type terrains. Our XC runners are expected to be capable of running on every type of terrain.

Soccer

Class Period: No

Prerequisites: Completed MISD Physical

Fees: None

Soccer tryouts will be held in April each year. Girls will have one combined 7th and 8th grade team. Boys will have one 7th grade team and one 8th grade team. Athletes who make the soccer team will have to have their own transportation to soccer games.



Fine Arts Elective Choices

Band

Orchestra

Choir

Art JH 1

Theater JH 1



Beginning Band

- This is a class designed for 7th grade students to learn a new instrument as well as music reading skills. **No prior music experience is required.** Students will have the opportunity to rent or purchase instruments through local music stores or the school.
- **You can do band with ANY elective (including Athletics, choir, orchestra, and more!!)**
- Students who continue in band as 8th graders will have opportunities to march in parades, perform at pep rallies, and travel!!



As a member of the band you will perform at concerts, pep rallies, high school football games and more!



Choir

Choir is FUN and Expressive!

- You do not have to have prior skills/knowledge to join!
- Your body is your *instrument*
- You get to create music with your peers on a daily basis
- We will compete for TROPHIES year-round, travel, and have fun!



Orchestra

Beginner Orchestra

Designed for 7th/8th grade students with no experience. Students will have the opportunity to rent or purchase instruments through local music stores or the school. There will be some required outside rehearsals prior to major performances.



JV Orchestra

Designed for 7th/8th grade students with 1+ years of experience. There will be required outside rehearsals and performances.



Varsity Orchestra

Designed for 7th/8th grade students with 2+ years of experience. There will be required outside rehearsals and performances. Auditions are **required**.



Orchestra



Art JH1

Art I will emphasize drawing techniques and design principles while studying the elements of art and various artists. Students will also work with clay, paper collage and various painting media.

Class Fee \$50



Theater JH1

Theatre Arts I is designed to introduce the student to the many performing and technical aspects of theatre. Students will learn basic acting techniques (stage movement, developing voice, memorizing lines, etc.), improvisation, mime techniques, character development, basic scene study (group and individual), script analysis and performance critiquing. In small ensembles, duets and individually, students will prepare and perform scenes in class demonstrating these skills.

Class Fee \$25



Foreign Language (LOTE) Courses

**LOTE - Language Other Than English*



[Spanish I](#)



Spanish JH1



Join our classes for a fun introduction into the world of Spanish. Be one step ahead of the rest and complete your foreign language credits.

Earn required graduation credits in junior high

Spanish courses factor into high school grade point average (GPA)

Spanish I Prerequisites: 85 or above in English and a score of "Meets" on STAAR reading

MISD offers Spanish I through AP Spanish V



Additional Elective Choices

[New Principles Course](#)

[STEM + M \(medical\)](#)

[Courses that Require an Application](#)



New Principles Courses -

2026 Program Toolkit
for Grades 6 and 7!

Available to 8th Grade Students

Class Period: Yes

Principles of Applied Engineering

This course will provide foundational knowledge and skills in engineering and robotics, preparing students for STEM pathways.

Principles of Business, Marketing and Finance

This course introduces students to business, finance and marketing concepts, aligning with business programs of study.

Principles of Human Services

This course offers exposure to human development, family studies, and community service careers. Will serve as a launching point for “Midland Future Educators.”

Principles of BioScience

This course builds on existing neuroscience programming and prepares students for health science programs of study.



Courses Requiring an Application

These courses require an application and cannot be chosen as an elective choice. If selected, the course will replace an elective:

Competitive
Robotics



Yearbook



Competitive Robotics

Robotics I

In Robotics I, you will have the opportunity to build, program, and compete.

Competitions The Robotics Team has been State Qualifiers for the past 9 years. We have brought home a State Title and many Top 10 Finishes. This year we are taking 3 teams to compete in the State Challenge in Austin, TX.

We also have in-class competitions like: dog races, olympics, battlebots, and plenty more!

Requirements

1. Score Master on STAAR Math
2. Maintain an 85 or higher in Math and Science
3. Demonstrate effective writing skills, good work ethic, and able to work with others.
4. As a robotics student, you will be required to:
 - a. Maintain a passing grade in all classes
 - b. Maintain satisfactory citizenship and attendance in all classes
 - c. Participate in all robotics competitions



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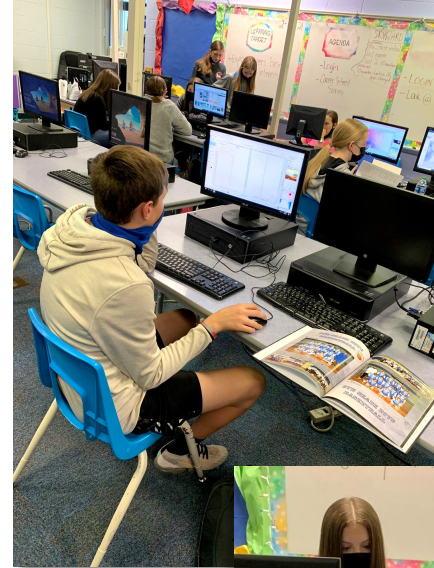


Yearbook

Students will learn fundamental concepts of design and layout, digital photography, basic copywriting techniques, interviewing procedures, and deadline management. They also use current computer technology for page design, word processing, database management, and simple accounts.

Requirements:

- 85 or higher average in ELA/Reading
- Complete the application



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AVID

Advancement Via Individual Determination

Requirements:

- Must take 1 Honors/Pre AP class
- Passing grades
- Good behavior
- Good attendance



This elective is geared toward students who want to achieve at a higher level. In this course students will learn study skills, organization skills, note-taking strategies and other academic skills to help them reach their academic goals.

This class also participates in field trips to different colleges in the area.



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Who to Contact?

Abell JHS Extracurricular Contact Information



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Extracurricular Contact Information
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Principal
Christin Nix
Assistant
Haylie Pegelow
Assistant
Karina Rodriguez
Assistant

ORGANIZATION	SPONSOR/COACH	SPONSOR/COACH EMAIL	Application Required	Tryout or Other Requirement
Athletics – Girls*	Tamara Willis - Coordinator	tamara.acosta@midlandisd.net		Yes
Band	Jordan Frazier – Band Director Conner Payne – Asst Director	jordan.frazier@midlandisd.net conner.payne@midlandisd.net		Yes
Basketball – Boys*	Dusty Hill	dusty.hill@midlandisd.net		Yes
Basketball – Girls*	Tamara Willis	tamara.acosta@midlandisd.net		Yes
Cheerleading*	Brooke Ryan	brooke.ryan@midlandisd.net	Yes	Yes
Chess Club	Dustin Sanchez	dustin.sanchez@midlandisd.net		Club
Choir	Danah Watson	danah.watson@midlandisd.net		Yes
Competitive Robotics	Kari Harvey	kari.harvey@midlandisd.net	Yes	
Cross Country*	Angelica Lewis	angelica.lewis@midlandisd.net		Yes
Dungeons and Dragons Club	Dustin Sanchez Nathan Collier	dustin.sanchez@midlandisd.net nathan.collier@midlandisd.net		Club
Football Athletics*	Dusty Hill	dusty.hill@midlandisd.net		Yes
National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)	Roxana Lujan	roxana.lujan@midlandisd.net	Yes	Yes
Newspaper / Podcast Club (The Abell Eyrle)	Dustin Sanchez	dustin.sanchez@midlandisd.net		Club
Orchestra	Robert Sherwood	robert.sherwood@midlandisd.net		Yes
Soccer – Boys*	Dusty Hill	dusty.hill@midlandisd.net		Yes
Soccer – Girls*	Tamara Willis	tamara.acosta@midlandisd.net		Yes
Spanish Club	Elisa Rocha	elisa.rocha@midlandisd.net		Club
Strength and Conditioning*	Dusty Hill - Coordinator	dusty.hill@midlandisd.net		Yes
Student Council	Roxana Lujan	roxana.lujan@midlandisd.net	Yes	
Swimming & Diving*	Steve Flato	steve.flato@midlandisd.net		Yes
Tennis*	Angelica Lewis & Raymundo Perez	angelica.lewis@midlandisd.net raymundo.perez@midlandisd.net		Yes
Track & Field – Boys*	Dusty Hill - Coordinator	dusty.hill@midlandisd.net		Yes
Track & Field – Girls*	Tamara Willis - Coordinator	tamara.acosta@midlandisd.net		Yes
UIL	Dustin Sanchez Evangelee Garcia Elisa Rocha	dustin.sanchez@midlandisd.net evangelee.garcia@midlandisd.net elisa.rocha@midlandisd.net		Club
Volleyball*	Tamara Willis	tamara.acosta@midlandisd.net		Yes
Yearbook	Amanda Salcedo	amanda.salcedo@midlandisd.net	Yes	Yes
Zookeepers Club	Chantesean White	chantesean.white@midlandisd.net		Club

*Requires 2026-2027 MISD Physical

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