



INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL COURSE GUIDE

2026-2027



**LIFE READY • CAREER READY
COLLEGE READY**

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

MISD Grading System for Grades 5-6

The district intermediate schools use a numerical grading system.

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
F	Below 70

Enrollment

A student enrolling in the district for the first time must be accompanied by his/her parent(s) or legal guardian and must provide satisfactory evidence of required immunization, proof of residence (utility bill or lease agreement), copy of birth certificate and social security card, and a withdrawal form from the previous school. To complete admission, the following demographic information is necessary: home address, home phone, mother's name, place of business and work phone, father's name, place of business and work phone, and a friend or relative's name and number in case of emergency.

A note to students entering MISD for the first time in grades 5-6:

The following is a conversion chart for students entering the MISD for the first time in grades 5-6. This chart will be used if the previous school does not have a conversion chart of its own. MISD will use the conversion chart of the student's previous school if one is provided.

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
98	95	92	88	85	82	78	75	72	68	65	62	55

Intermediate Schedule

MISD intermediate schools have 6 periods each day, with select courses meeting only every other day.

Advanced Courses

A student may enter the advanced course sequence at the beginning of any semester/school year based upon his/her interest and identified potential. Identified potential may be determined by consulting with the student's subject-matter teacher.



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

5TH GRADE ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

Language Arts

This course covers grammar, literature/reading, composition, vocabulary development and spelling. The course stresses concepts and skills in speaking, reading and writing. Students read from classic, contemporary and informational texts.



6TH GRADE ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

Language Arts

This course covers grammar, literature/reading, composition, vocabulary development and spelling. The students master previously learned skills in increasingly complex presentations, reading selections and written compositions. Students read from classic, contemporary and informational texts.

Advanced Language Arts

Students are introduced to the building blocks of Advanced Placement strategies in reading and writing using materials specifically selected for the Advanced Placement students. These skills are developed through close reading, critical thinking, composition, vocabulary and grammar. Students will be responsible for reading outside of class.

5TH GRADE MATH

Math

Grade 5 Mathematics focuses on problem-solving with all four operations using positive rational numbers, generating formulas and expressions, and extending measurement to area and volume. These skills are supported through number and operations, algebraic reasoning, geometry and measurement, and data analysis. Students apply place value, equivalence, and part-to-whole relationships; represent and solve problems with expressions and equations; solve problems with positive rational numbers; build function foundations through patterns; classify figures; connect geometric attributes to measures; use coordinate planes; and interpret data.



6TH GRADE MATH

Math

Grade 6 Mathematics focuses on number and operations, proportionality, algebraic relationships, and measurement/data. Students apply rational number concepts, proportionality, and algebraic thinking to analyze relationships and connect multiple representations, including equations and inequalities. Students will be introduced to negative numbers. They use geometric properties and spatial reasoning to model and solve problems, apply measurement and data analysis to draw conclusions, and communicate findings.

Advanced Math

Grade 6 Advanced Mathematics focuses on numeracy, proportionality, algebraic relationships, geometry, and data science. Students develop understanding of rational numbers, proportionality, and algebraic thinking to describe and analyze relationships. They connect verbal, numeric, graphic, and symbolic representations, including equations and inequalities, and build a foundation for functions. Students will be introduced to negative numbers. Geometry and spatial reasoning are used to model and solve problems, while measurement and data analysis support conclusions and recommendations. This course is an acceleration of middle grades math standards to support students to take Algebra I in 8th grade. Students will take the 6th grade STAAR assessment.

5TH GRADE SCIENCE

Science

Students will focus on the objectives prescribed by the State of Texas by using the district core curriculum. It includes hands-on experimentation (teacher and student-directed), some inquiry-based learning, real world experiences, and opportunities for vocabulary expansion.



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Advanced Science

Students will focus on the objectives prescribed by the State of Texas with various extensions to the district core curriculum. Students will be challenged to become successful problem-solvers through analysis, synthesis, and evaluation of higher order questions.

5TH GRADE AMERICAN HISTORY

American History

Students learn about the history of the United States from its early beginnings to the present with a focus on colonial times through the 20th century. Historical content includes the colonial and revolutionary periods, the establishment of the United States and issues that led to the Civil War. This course includes an overview of major events and significant individuals of the late 19th century and 20th century.



6TH GRADE WORLD CULTURES

World Cultures

Students will study people and places of the contemporary world. Societies for study are chosen from the following regions of the world: Europe, Russia and the Eurasian republics, North America, Middle America, South America, Southwest Asia- North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asia, Australia and the Pacific Realm.

Advanced World Cultures

Students will analyze global patterns and processes over time. Students learn about the cultures of the world and discover human commonalities. This course continues analysis of primary sources and formulation of arguments based on evidence.