



KELLER ISD

Registration

2026-27

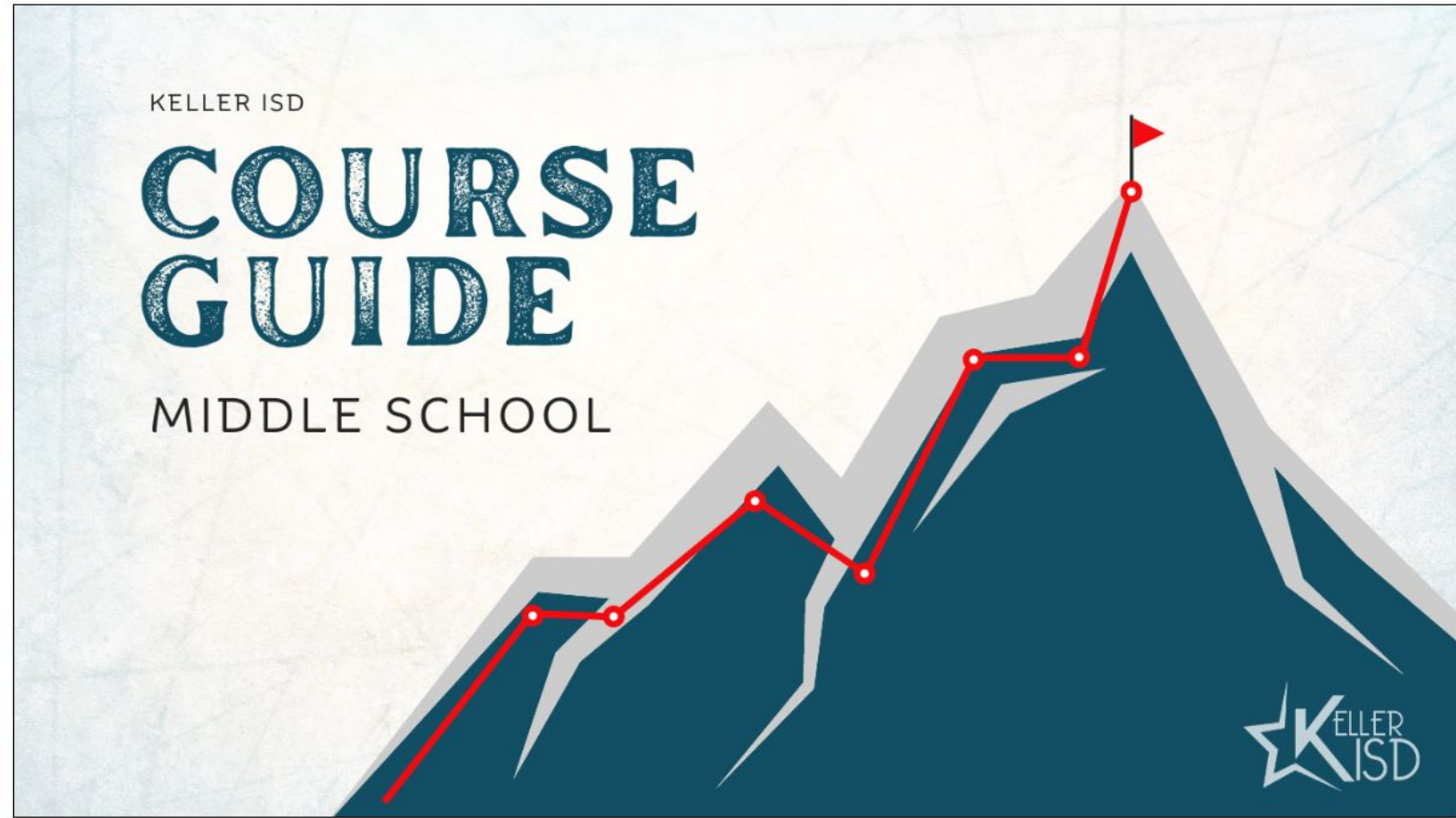
Students: Rising 8th

Grade

What should you have?

1. Course Selection Reference Sheet
2. A pencil to write with

Descriptions of courses and additional information about future graduation plans may be found in [the middle school course guide](#).



Keller ISD High School Graduation Plan

	9th	10th	11th	12th
Graduation Program - 26 Credits				
English	English I ★	English II	English III	Advanced English
Math	Algebra I ★	Geometry	Algebra II	Advanced Math
Science	Biology ★	IPC, Physics or Chemistry	Advanced Science	Advanced Science
Social Studies	World Geography	World History	US History	Government/ Economics
World Languages	2 credits of the same world language ★			
Physical Education	1 credit			
Fine Art	1 credit			
21st Century Skills	Professional Communications (.5 Credits) ★			
Electives	5.5 credits			
26 CREDITS				

Distinguished Level of Achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of four credits in math, including credit in Algebra II • A total of four credits in science • Completion of curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement
Performance Acknowledgements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For outstanding performance • In a dual credit course • In bilingualism and bi-literacy • On an AP test or IB exam • On the PSAT, the ACT-Plan, the SAT, or the ACT • For earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license

8th graders may take Spanish 1 (in person)
Students who take a language in 8th grade should plan on taking the 2nd year in 9th grade.

7th graders may take Spanish 1 in person during the school year and then will take Spanish 2 in 8th grade, thus fulfilling the 2-year language requirement to graduate.

Prof. Comm. will be offered virtually only at the Middle School. Limited spots available. HS will have in-person options.

Additional electives to graduate will include 4 Endorsement Credits



Stars indicate High School level classes available at the middle school level thus impacting overall HS GPA.

Advanced Academics vs. Academic level

Honors, and Accelerated:

- More in -depth, application of grade level and extension - style homework.
- Requires more effort, attention, and skill • Student must be able to work independently in & outside the classroom.
- The student is highly self - motivated to learn and achieve.
- Class discussions begin with the assumption that knowledge has been acquired independently and moves quickly to concepts.
- Testing involves more indirect application and drawing conclusion -style questioning .
- Accelerated classes combine two grade levels into one grade.

Academic Level:

- More grade level, skills - based, comprehension - style homework.
- The student may require more guidance from the teacher.
- The student may need monitoring to ensure completion of assignments.
- Class discussions begin with a review of knowledge and move carefully toward understanding concepts.
- Testing involves more demonstration of skills and knowledge -style questioning.

What Factors to Consider when Deciding about Enrolling in Accelerated/Honors Classes

- Academic strengths/Areas of Giftedness
- Commitment to academics
- Extracurricular activities
- Family support
- Outside commitments

Middle School Registration

- The registration form you receive is a reference sheet.
- Course Guides outlining courses and their descriptions are available online.
- Rising 8th grade students will be guided through registration at TSMS through advisory or Reading elective classes.
- Parents and students should discuss options available and make decisions regarding course requests.
- Questions or discussion should be directed to the student's counselor
- Registration will be completed via a google.doc due by Feb.6 (NOW Feb. 10)

Let's Build your 8th Grade Course Request

ENGLISH	Language Arts 8	English I Honors
MATH	Math 8	Algebra I Honors
SCIENCE	Science 8	Science 8 Honors Biology Honors
SOCIAL STUDIES	Social Studies 8	Social Studies 8 Honors

ENGLISH

ELA 8

English I (high school credit)

Math

Students enrolling in Algebra I must already have mastered Grade 7 and 8 Math TEKS.

You must be currently enrolled in accelerated math 7/8 in order to take Algebra I.

Science and Social Studies

Science 8

Social Studies 8

Science 8 Honors

Social Studies 8 Honors

Biology Honors

- Must also be enrolled in Algebra I

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Counts as one elective
choice

*Required applications are
located on the TSMS
website under registration
information

- **Athletics/Competitive Tennis**** (Physical Required and online completion of athletic application-KISD website)
- **P.E.**
- **Unified P.E.*** (application required)
- **Non-Competitive Tennis**
- **Off-Campus PE** (Contact TSMS Counseling Office after Spring Break for information)

Note- the state requires 2 full years of physical activity in grades 6 through 8. Having taken PE in 6th grade the state requires that they only have one more year.

What's next?

*Application or try-out required

8th grade Full Year Electives- May choose one of these or choose 2 semester electives

*Application required

- Spanish I Honors (HS Credit)
- Spanish II Honors (HS Credit)
- Intro to Aerospace Eng. and Aviation (HS Credit)
- PALS*
- Choir
- Show Choir*
- Band
- Art I
- Art II
- Art Portfolio *
- Unified Art*
- AVID

- Orchestra
- Journalism/Yearbook*
- Theatre I
- Theater II
- Theater Productions *
- Unified Theatre *
- Digital Media (HS credit)
- Principle of Business, Finance, and Marketing VIRTUAL (HS credit)
- Principles of Health Science VIRTUAL (HS credit)

What's next?

8th grade one
Semester Elective
Options
(you must choose 2)

- Student Aide*
- Health (HS credit)
- Creative Writing
- Speech communications
- World mythology
- Professional Communications VIRTUAL (HS credit)
- Interpersonal Studies VIRTUAL (HS credit)
- Lifetime Nutrition & Wellness VIRTUAL (HS credit)
- Entrepreneurship VIRTUAL (HS credit)
- Touch System Data Entry VIRTUAL (HS credit)

Applications

- PALS
- Student Aide
- Unified Art
- Unified PE
- Unified Theatre
- Art Portfolio
- Journalism/Yearbook

- AVID
- Show Choir
- Competitive Tennis

Applications are on the TSMS website or from the sponsor/teacher or the TSMS front office.

Due Feb. 27

Required Intervention Courses

Campus staff will identify and place students after the STAAR scores are returned in June

- Full year courses that will replace electives
- May participate in athletics before school if needed

Reading Styles

- For students who did not meet minimum expectations on most recent STAAR reading test

Math Quest

- For students who did not meet minimum expectations on most recent STAAR math test.

Project Based Research Class (Advisory)

Mandatory full-year course required for each 8th grade student.

- Counts as a HS credit
- If a student is served by dyslexia services, their reading elective course has PBR embedded into it.

AVID – Advancement Via Individual Determination:

- runs 7th -12th grade, students apply and interview for a spot *each* year
- provides structure for binder and agenda organization (weekly binder checks, for example)
- teaches note-taking skills, study skills, SAT/ACT Prep, writing and reading strategies
- emphasizes critical and independent thinking, while also providing opportunities to achieve goals in group setting
- is rigorous; AVID students are expected to take PreAP classes in middle school and AP/Dual Credit classes in high school
- explores college requirements and college campuses (field trips)

• AVID is for...

- students who want to go to college and may need help with study skills or organization
- students who enjoy school, love to learn new things
- those wanting to improve themselves academically

- AVID is NOT a remedial program and it is NOT a "cure" for unmotivated students



Registration Reminders

- Registration is via [google form](#)
- You cannot take the same course twice (other than choir, PE, band, orchestra, or athletics).
- You must choose elective alternates
- Until Feb. 6th (NOW Feb. 10th) you may submit revisions through the google doc
- The 2026-27 Course Guide provides descriptions of courses and prerequisites.
- Course requests end Feb. 6 (NOW Feb. 10th)
- Parents/Guardians and students will be able to view the course requests in Aeries starting Feb. 17
- All changes after Feb. 6th (NOW Feb. 10th) must be made *using the course request add/drop or change form sent to families via email by March 13.*
- All changes and submissions will be final after March 13th.

A few notes

- On the google doc form you will *not* see all the options listed on the green page because some options you must audition/apply/be chosen for which means you cannot sign up for these.
- You must apply for certain courses!
- Do *not* put the same course multiple times on the elective choices because the system will only let us input that course one time.
- Some elective choices are not offered at TSMS.
- **ORDER MATTERS** on elective choices– be careful.

Questions?

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