

Course Selection
Overview
Welcome!

Core Content Classes

Every 7th and 8th grade must take the following courses.

Language Arts
Math
Science
Social Studies

Honors Options for 7th Grade

Honors Options for 8th Grade

Honors
Reading Language Arts
Summer Reading and Assignment

Students entering an Honors English course, Grades 7- 8, are required to read a common text or texts and complete an assignment over the course of the summer

Grade-level appropriate titles and assignments are carefully selected by teachers to serve as foundational texts to begin the school year

Titles are chosen for their literary merit as well as their structure and themes in relationship to exploring and building the skills of text evaluation, analysis, and synthesis

Teachers will meet in February and March to finalize titles and design summer assignments for the 2026-2027 school year

7th Grade Electives

Students will take 1 PE credit course and 1 additional elective course.

PE Credit Course Options

Athletics

Leadership Officer Training Corps "LOTG"

Physical Education

Additional Elective Options

Art

Band

Choir

Theater 1

Art

Art is a full year course.

We will focus on the Principles and Elements of Art.

You will work with different media, have a sculpting unit where we even create with things like water bottles, and much more.

You will have the opportunity to participate in the Rodeo art contest as well as Chambers County Youth Project Show.

Art classes are 7th and 8th grade combined classes.

Boys and Girls Athletics

Who?

Athletes that will participate in Sports at MSS

Cross Country

Football

Volleyball

Basketball

Track and Field

Soccer

Tennis

If you are playing sports at MSS you need to be in Athletics!

Athletes are required to participate in a minimum of 2 Sports

Boys and Girls Athletics

What do we do?

Overall Athletic development

Strength, Speed, and Agility training

Sport Specific development and practice during seasons

What do we need?

Athletes must have an ATHLETIC PHYSICAL and UIL paperwork completed before the 2025 -2026 school year ends.

Athletes will sign up on SportsYou to share class and team information

Athletes come prepared to WORK OUT everyday.

Athletic Clothes will be available to purchase
We will provide a packet of information later this Spring

Physical Education

What do we do?

Health Lessons

Jogging day

Incorporating physical activity through out games and activities.

What do you need?

Lock (No key lock)

BOYS- need shorts. Preferred black

GIRLS- need school color shirt and black shorts

Band

Band is a full year course.

Must have taken band the previous year in order to be in band in 7th or 8th grade.

The band will perform at pep rallies, one football game, a Christmas Concert and a Spring Concert.

Opportunities for individual competitions such as All-Region and/or Solo and Ensemble.

Possible Bands for 7th & 8th grade are Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Honors Band.

Band in 7th & 8th grade is divided up based on a number of factors:

Ability Level

Behavior

Academic grades

Regardless of ability level, we have a place for every band student to feel successful!

CHOIR 7th & 8th Grade

Students who were in 6th or 7th grade Choir are strongly encouraged to continue their vocal music education in one of the 7th & 8th grade Choirs.

The 7th & 8th grade Choir years become an extension of the basic skills that are gained in lower grades and are used to promote success through more advanced music. Students who are not in choir are more than welcome to join.

Choirs: Advanced Treble, Treble, Advanced Tenor-Bass, and Tenor-Bass

Advanced Choirs are open to all 7th and 8th graders via audition in April or May

Choir students will have many opportunities through:

Meeting new friends and having fun with old friends!

Participation in public performances (Fall, Holiday, Astros game, and Pop Show)

Field trips and events (guys night, girls night, etc)

All-Region Choir

Solo and Ensemble Contest

UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest

Leadership Officer Training Corps (LOTCT)

Leadership Officer Training Corps (LOTTC)

Citizenship awareness, leadership development, and organizational management, "learning by doing", course of instruction.

To accomplish this mission, the program includes courses such as citizenship, leadership, basic drills and numerous other courses designed to assist cadets to succeed in middle school and prepare them for High School.

Students are given a cadet uniform which they are required to wear once a week. Uniform is provided at no cost to parents.

Cadet study Marching and Drills, Citizenship, Patriotism, Leadership, History of the Flag, and National Anthem.

Students may be invited to participate in parades, compete at LOTTC Drill meets and earn Ranks, Awards and Ribbons.

Four basic strands--foundations: inquiry and understanding; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response-

Units Include: Pantomime, Broadcasting, Visual Oral Presentations, basic Tech Theatre, Musical Theatre History, Puppetry, Monologue, scene study, building Human Relationships

Theatre is science, Math, design, emotional intelligence, social emotional learning, teamwork Collaboration.

Theatre 1

Theatre 2

In depth Technical Theatre Techniques

In depth character study

Live Performance

In depth study of career opportunities in the entertainment/ educational industry

Podcasting

Editing video

Theatre 2- Production/ One Act Play

Prerequisite- Theatre 1 and Monologue audition in the spring. 25 Students limit.

8th Grade Electives

PE Credit Course Options

Athletics

Leadership Officer Training Corps "LOTCT"
Physical Education

Additional Elective Options

Art
Band
Choir
Theater 1 or 2
Investigating Careers
Library Aide (must submit application)
Tech Apps (NEW)
Principles of Agriculture* (NEW)
Principles of Human Services*
Professional Communications*
Spanish*
Touch Data*

*Denotes high school credit course.

Touch Data
Available to 8th Grade only
Fast Facts
High School Credit (.5)
Great for introductory computer classes.
Students will increase their typing speed.
Students will learn how to use the following Microsoft Programs:
Microsoft Word
Microsoft PowerPoint
Microsoft Excel

TECH APPS

Fast Facts
Great for introductory computer classes.
Students will increase their typing speed.
Students will learn about digital citizenship.
Students will learn how to use the following Google Programs:
Google Docs
Google Slides
Google Sheets

Spanish I
Highlight: Highschool credit
Allows students to earn Spanish 1 credit in 8th grade: LOTE requires 2 consecutive years of the same language.

Builds real world communication skills and a strong foundation in speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

Valuable skills in future professions: healthcare, business, technology, education and everyday life.

Introduces students to new cultures, traditions, and perspectives from Spanish-speaking countries around the world.

Develops confidence in basic conversations including greetings, asking questions, expressing ideas, and understanding others.

Gain a competitive advantage for advanced courses: *new: Spanish 2 Honors offered.

Ideal for students who are:

Self motivated, and have time management skills

Enjoy challenging themselves while learning in a variety of ways

Interested in ways to stay competitive in future advanced courses

Available to 8th Graders Only

Principles of Human Services

Available to 8th Grade Students Only

Focuses on the following skills:

Focuses on real-world skills needed for adulthood: communication, decision-making, self-advocacy, and responsibility

Explores practical life topics such as finances, budgeting, job applications, interviews, and workplace expectations

Introduces careers in human services (education, healthcare, social services, counseling, community support) through real-life scenarios

Builds emotional intelligence, empathy, and understanding of diverse people, needs, and life experiences

Strengthens teamwork, problem-solving, professionalism, and conflict-resolution skills used in everyday life

Encourages self-reflection, goal setting, and understanding personal values, strengths, and impact on others

Principles of Agriculture

Available to 8th Grade Students Only

Investigating careers

Available to 8th Graders

Creates a foundation for success in high school, future studies, and careers

Semester Course

Benefits are unique to each individual student

Analyze personal assets and values

Explore the 16 Career Clusters

College Exploration

Elements of a Job Search

Communication, decision-making & problem-solving skills

Guiding students to a CTE pathway in HS

Professional Communication
Available to 8th Grade only

Available to 8th grade students

Earn a High School credit

You will learn skills to enable you to speak in front of an audience more effectively.

You will learn to write formal speech outlines.

You will also give Impromptu speeches where you just get to wing it.

P. Comm. is a fun class with a serious outcome.

Electives that REQUIRE an Application:

Library Aide - Application DUE March 20th

Application will be in the front office.

Contact: Heather Mathison

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7th Course Selection Sheet

8th Course Selection Sheet

Master schedules are developed during the spring prior to the upcoming school year.

Student course selections determine how many teachers and sections will be needed for a course.

*We do not change course selections once the final course verification sheet has been returned. When students are permitted to randomly change schedules, classes become unbalanced. Even the most effective planning is compromised.

Very seldom does one course change affect only one course.

Careful selections benefit everyone.

Incoming 7th Grade

Due: February 24th
Please be sure the entire form is filled out!
Front and Back with Parent Signature!

Incoming 8th Grade
Due: February 18th
Please be sure the entire form is filled out!
Front and Back with Parent Signature!

No schedule changes will be made after May 1st.

Questions?
Submit using the QR code below
<https://bit.ly/msscourseselectionquestions>