For Current 6th Grade Students

7th Grade Course Selection

2020-2021
**GRADE 7 Course Selection Contract 2020-2021**

MIND JUNIOR HIGH

Student Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: ___________________________ ID: ___________

Parent/Guardian Name: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Contact #: ___________________________ Electives taken in 6th grade:

(For Art is a REQUIRED course for 6-8 if Art, Theatre, Band, or Choir has not been taken in grade 6, one must be taken in 7th)

**INSTRUCTIONS**: Please discuss scheduling options with your student, complete the entire form, including Pre-AP

Contract. On both sides of the form, and return to your student’s MATH teacher by ___________. Refer to the Course Selection Guide for course information and recommended placement criteria.

**REQUIRED ACADEMIC COURSES & PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Select one option under each required course in BOLD. (X) = SELECTED

**LANGUAGE ARTS 7th Grade**

1. [X] 7115 English Language Arts 7
2. [ ] 7116 Pre-AP English Language Arts 7
   (Must sign Pre-AP Contact on back)

**MATHEMATICS 7th Grade**

1. [X] 7335 Math 7
2. [ ] 7320 Pre-AP Math 7 (required for Algebra 1 in 8th)
   (Must sign Pre-AP Contact on back)

**SCIENCE 7th Grade**

1. [X] 7140 Science 7
2. [ ] 7140 Pre-AP Science 7
   (Must sign Pre-AP Contact on back)

**HISTORY 7th Grade**

1. [X] 7352 TX History 7
2. [ ] 7350 Pre-AP TX History 7
   (Must sign Pre-AP Contact on back)

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION (required in 7th)**

1. [X] 7176 Football (Physical Required)
2. [X] 7175 Girls Athletics (Physical Required)
3. [ ] 7175 Boys PE
4. [X] 7176 Girls PE

- Students will be placed in Dance Team after try-outs with teacher approval.
- Students will be placed in Athletics for Basketball after try-outs with coach approval.
- **OFF CAMPUS PE (OCPE)** IS APPROVED BY APPLICATION ONLY (Required forms can be found on our campus website and deadlines are listed in the Course Selection Guide).

**ELECTIVE COURSES**

Rank your elective courses in order of preference 1-8.

(X) = 1st Choice

**LOCAL CREDIT FULL YEAR ELECTIVES**

- [ ] 7303 CHORE: WOMEN
- [ ] 7355 CHORE: MEN
- [X] 7586 BAND
- [X] 7587 BEGINNING BAND

**LOCAL CREDIT SEMESTER ELECTIVES (1-1.5 day Fall Year)**

- [X] 7111 GATEWAY TO ENGINEERING
- [X] 7121 GATEWAY TO COMPUTER SCIENCE
- [X] 7183 GATEWAY TO ADVANCED ROBOTICS
- [X] 7555 EXPLORATORY LANGUAGES
- [X] 7144 SKILLS FOR LIVING
- [X] 7140 INTRODUCTION TO ART
- [X] 7143 3 Dimentional ART
- [X] 7181 THEATRE
- [X] 7152 TECHNICAL THEATRE
- [X] 7189 LIFESKILLS AIDE (APPLICATION REQUIRED)

**SPECIAL ELECTIVES**

- In order to be considered for Advanced Theatre, Yearbook, and Audio/Video Production, students must complete and return the required application and receive teacher approval. Applications are located in and returned to the Counselor’s Office.
- RDG/MTH Lab will be scheduled in place of semester elective if student fails STAAR test the previous year.
Complete the top part of Course Selection Contract.

GRADE 7 Course Selection Contract 2020-2021
MISG JUNIOR HIGH

Student Last Name: __________________________ First Name: __________________________ ID # __________

Parent/Guardian Name: __________________________ Contact #: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Electives taken in 6th grade: __________________________

(Fine Arts is a REQUIRED course for 6-8. If Art, Theatre, Band, or Choir has not been taken in grade 6, one must be taken in 7th)

INSTRUCTIONS: Please discuss scheduling options with your student, complete the entire form, including Pre-AP Contract on back if required, sign the bottom of form, and return to your student’s MATH teacher by __________. Refer to the Course Selection Guide for course information and recommended placement criteria.

REQUIRED ACADEMIC COURSES & PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Select one option under each required course in BOLD
[X]-SELECTED

LANGUAGE ARTS-7th Grade
(__) 7113 English Language Arts 7
(__) 7110 Pre-AP English Language Arts 7
(Must sign Pre-AP Contract on back)

MATHEMATICS-7th Grade
(__) 7113 Math 7
(__) 7130 Pre-AP Math 7 (required for Algebra I in 8th)
(Must sign Pre-AP Contract on back)

SCIENCE-7th Grade
(__) 7141 Science 7
(__) 7140 Pre-AP Science 7
(Must sign Pre-AP Contract on back)

HISTORY-7th Grade
(__) 7151 TX History 7
(__) 7150 Pre-AP TX History 7
(Must sign Pre-AP Contract on back)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (required in 7th)
(__) 5707 Football (Physical Required)
(__) 5751 Girls Athletics (Physical Required)
(__) 5756 Cross Country (Physical Required)
(__) 5742 Boys PE
(__) 5727 Girls PE

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• Students will be placed in Athletics for Basketball after try-outs with coach approval.
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ELECTIVE COURSES
Rank your elective courses in order of preference 1-8.
[1]=1st Choice

LOCAL CREDIT FULL YEAR ELECTIVES
(__) #303 CHORUS: WOMEN'S
(__) #505 CHORUS: MEN'S
(__) #206 BAND
(__) #28 BEGINNING BAND

LOCAL CREDIT SEMESTER ELECTIVES (2nd half Year)
(__) #311 GATEWAY TO ENGINEERING
(__) #312 GATEWAY TO COMPUTER SCIENCE
(__) #317 GATEWAY TO ADVANCED ROBOTICS
(__) #355 EXPLORATORY LANGUAGES
(__) #314 SKILLS FOR LIVING
(__) #340 INTRODUCTION TO ART
(__) #448 DIMENSIONAL ART
(__) #351 THEATRE
(__) #525 TECHNICAL THEATRE
(__) #629 LIFE SKILLS AIDE (APPLICATION REQUIRED)

SPECIAL ELECTIVES
• In order to be considered for Advanced Theatre, Yearbook, and Audio/Video Production, students must complete and return the required application and receive teacher approval. (Applications are located in and returned to the Counselor's Office)

• Ranks/3ATH 1st will be scheduled in place of semester elective if student fails STAAR test the previous year.

Student Signature: __________________________ Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________

DUE DATE ALERT: Thurs. Jan 30
Fine Arts Taken in 6th Grade

Find the section titled **Electives taken in 6th grade:** on your **Course Selection Contract** (top of page):

List the **Fine Art** class you are taking in 6th grade: Band, Choir, The Wheel, (Art, Theatre) or NONE.
4 Core Classes: Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies

Students have the option of choosing Level Classes or Pre-AP Classes.
Thinking about a Pre-AP Class?

Our Pre-AP Classes are for the Gifted and Talented & Advanced Learners in that particular subject

EXCEPTION: To Select 7th Pre-AP MATH:
You MUST currently be taking 6th Grade Pre-AP Math
There is a Grade Requirement you MUST meet in order to stay in a PRE-AP Class...
In Pre-AP Classes

Students **Must** earn at least a 70 Average Each 6 Weeks to stay in.
PRE-AP Classes are much more rigorous than the Level Classes.
PRE-AP classes move at a faster pace.
In PRE-AP Classes there will be MORE HOMEWORK than in a level class.
Make a good decision:
To choose the class you want to take, place an X in front of that course.
CHOOSING YOUR 4 CORE CLASSES

REQUIRED ACADEMIC COURSES & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Select one option under each required course in BOLD.
(X)=SELECTED

LANGUAGE ARTS-7th Grade
(X) J711 English Language Arts 7
(____) J710 Pre-AP English Language Arts 7
(Must sign Pre-AP Contact on back)

MATHEMATICS-7th Grade
(X) J731 Math 7
(____) J730 Pre-AP Math 7 (required for Algebra I in 8th)
(Must sign Pre-AP Contact on back)

SCIENCE-7th Grade
(____) J741 Science 7
(X) J740 Pre-AP Science 7
(Must sign Pre-AP Contact on back)

HISTORY-7th Grade
(____) J751 TX History 7
(X) J750 Pre-AP TX History 7
(Must sign Pre-AP Contact on back)
Decided to enroll in a Pre-AP Class?

If you elected to enroll in a PRE-AP Class you must do 2 things ...
Pre-AP Class Selection Instructions

First, **read** over the **PARENT/STUDENT CONTRACT** located on the **back** of the **Course Selection Contract**.
Pre-AP Class Selection Instructions

Second, Student and Parent/Guardian Must COMPLETE AND SIGN the Pre-AP Contract (on the back of Course Contract) before turning it in.
MISD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
PRE-AP PARENT/STUDENT CONTRACT

This completed, signed contract must be submitted with your Course Selection Contract if you are choosing to enroll in Pre-Advanced Placement (PRE-AP) classes.

Student Name: ____________________________

Parent Name: ____________________________ Grade Level: ____________ School Year: ____________

Please mark each PRE-AP class in which you would like to be enrolled:

☐ English  ☐ Math  ☐ Science  ☐ Social Studies

The purpose of the PRE-AP entrance and exit guidelines is to provide information to parents and students to facilitate students’ success in academically challenging courses. While PRE-AP courses are open to any student wishing to enroll, parents and students should consider the profile of students who typically experience success in PRE-AP. The decision to enroll in PRE-AP ultimately rests with the parents and the students. PRE-AP classes in Montgomery Independent School District stimulate and challenge students to perform at an advanced academic level. Therefore, PRE-AP coursework requires students to engage in more independent analytical reading and writing assignments, both inside and outside the classroom.

Entrance Guidelines regarding PRE-AP Courses:

The PRE-AP courses offer special opportunities for motivated students to pursue academic work that challenges their interests and abilities. These courses offer an environment designed to encourage higher level academic achievement. The student must have mastered the most recent state assessments taken to be eligible for these classes.

Successful students are task-oriented, proficient readers, able to prioritize their time, and have parental support. Students are asked to give careful consideration of demands of extracurricular activities, employment, community service, religious activities, and homework.

Exit Information regarding PRE-AP Courses:

Students who fail to maintain a 70 average for any given grading period will be placed in a grade level course. If there is no level course for students to move into during the same period of the day as the PRE-AP course they are exiting from, a schedule change resulting in more than one period change will be necessary. When a student transfers from a PRE-AP course, the grades for that student will transfer to the course in which the student enters.

MISD takes pride in offering a strong curriculum in all courses. If a schedule change to a level class occurs, the student will continue to experience quality learning opportunities designed to effectively prepare him or her for high school and college curriculum. I understand the entrance and exit guidelines pertaining to participation in PRE-AP courses in MISD.

________________________________________  ________________________________________  ____________
Student’s Signature  Parent/Guardian Signature  Date
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

ALL 7th GRADE STUDENTS MUST PARTICIPATE IN A PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) ELECTIVE!
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

CHOICES ARE:

• FOOTBALL

(____) J570 Football (Physical Required)

THIS IS ONLY FOR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL!
DO NOT choose

(___) J570 Football (Physical Required)

if you do not want to play football!

If you only want to play BASKETBALL and MAKE THE TEAM, your schedule will be changed to athletics at that time.
Other PE Choice are:

1. **GIRLS ATHLETICS**: VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, & TRACK interests and/or want to WORK OUT EVERY DAY 1st period.

2. **CROSS COUNTRY**: This is for all students who LOVE to RUN! You will 😊 happily RUN for the whole period.

3. **PE**: Team Sports/Games/Activities for EVERYONE.

4. **DANCE TEAM**: TRYOUT Required. Counselor will change schedule when Mrs. Brown announces team members.

5. **Off-Campus PE (OCPE)**: Requires APPLICATION found on MJH website and a minimum of 5 HOURS a week at approved facility. MR. SEE, Assistant Principal, is our OCPE facilitator and all APPLICATIONS need to be sent to him for approval before schedule can be changed.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Make your **one** choice on the Course Selection Contract ...

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (required in 7th)

(__) J570 Football (Physical Required)

(__) J571 Girls Athletics (Physical Required)

(×) J576 Cross Country (Physical Required)

(__) J578 Boys PE

(__) J577 Girls PE

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- OFF CAMPUS PE IS APPROVED BY APPLICATION ONLY (Required forms can be found on the school’s website and deadlines are listed in Course Selection Guide)
Let’s Talk About Choosing Electives:

*You are NOT required to take a FINE ARTS elective (Choir, Band, Art, or Theatre) in 7th because you are taking one this year. (Choir, Band, or The Wheel)

OPTIONS for next year: You can take Choir or Band OR TWO Semester Electives

ELECTIVE COURSES
Rank your elective courses in order of preference 1-8.
(1)=1st Choice

LOCAL CREDIT FULL YEAR ELECTIVES
(____) J503 CHOIR: WOMENS
(____) J505 CHOIR: MENS
(____) J526 BAND
(____) J528 BEGINNING BAND

LOCAL CREDIT SEMESTER ELECTIVES (2=1 Full Year)
(____) J511 GATEWAY TO ENGINEERING
(____) J512 GATEWAY TO COMPUTER SCIENCE
(____) J517 GATEWAY TO ADVANCED ROBOTICS
(____) J555 EXPLORATORY LANGUAGES
(____) J514 SKILLS FOR LIVING
(____) J540 INTRODUCTION TO ART
(____) J544 3 DIMENSIONAL ART
(____) J551 THEATRE
(____) J552 TECHNICAL THEATRE
(____) J569 LIFESKILLS AIDE (APPLICATION REQUIRED)

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MUST RANK 1-10
1=Top Pick
2=2nd Fav
3=Next Choice...

TIP:
Wait to see and hear information about each elective on the next slide before you number your preferences.
7th Grade Electives Mini-Descriptions

**Choir** - Singing Technique and Sight Reading

**Band** - Play an Instrument

**Gateway to Engineering** (GtE) - Design & Modeling/Automation & Robotics

**Gateway to Computer Science** - Programming, Coding, APP Creation

**Gateway to Adv. Robotics** (After GtE) - Computer Programming & Mechanical Designs

**Exploratory Languages** - Various Languages and Cultures

**Skills for Living** - Budgeting, Careers, Child Care, Cooking, Clothing Care, Relationships

**Intro to Art** - Drawing, Painting, Printing, & Sculpture

**3-D Art** - Sculptures, Ceramics, Fibers, Jewelry, & Assemblage

**Theatre** - Performing monologues, scenes, & pantomimes

**Technical Theatre** - Lighting, Sound Design, Stage Make-up, Sets, Costumes

**Lifescan Aide (Bear Buddies)** - Assisting peers with disabilities
Elective Choices

1. Yearbook and Audio Video Production (BEAR BUZZ) are by APPLICATION ONLY - Located in Counselor’s Office.

2. Advanced Theatre has a Required Application and Audition – Mrs. Lumpkin facilitates.
Math or Reading Lab

- RDG/MTH Lab will be scheduled in place of semester elective if student fails STAAR test the previous year.

Math and/or Reading Lab will be scheduled in place of one semester elective if STAAR Test Grade is NOT passing at least at “approaches level” or above.
First 7th Grade Assignment:

1. Make sure you discuss & complete the Course Contract Form at home with your parent/guardian. (It MUST have their signature before you can turn it in.)

2. If taking a PRE-AP course: Complete the Pre-AP Contract on the back of form.

3. Turn in form to your MATH teacher on or before Thursday, Jan. 30.
REMINDER: Student and Parent/Guardian MUST SIGN the bottom of the Course Selection Contract before turning it in to your Math teacher.
IMPORTANT:

These forms are due to your Math Teacher by Thursday, January 30th!
All 7th Grade course information and course descriptions can be found ON-LINE:

- MJH school web page
- Counseling Center
- Counselor’s Corner
- Course Selection Information (1st tab)
- 20-21 Course Selection Guide

MJH Home Page