For Current 7th Grade Students

8th Grade Course Selection

2020-2021
# Grade 8 Course Selection Contract

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**MHSJ JUNIOR HIGH**

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**Electives taken in 6th and 7th Grade:**

*Please note that Elective courses must be taken in grades 6-7, and at least one elective must be taken in each grade.*

**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 THURS. JAN. 30. Refer to the Course Selection Guide on our MHS website for course information and recommended placement criteria.

## REQUIRED ACADEMIC COURSES & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Select one option under each required course in boxes.

**A-SELECTED**

**LANGUAGE ARTS 8th Grade**
- ( ) J811 English Language Arts A
- ( ) J810 Pre-AP English Language Arts A
  (Must sign Pre-AP Contract on back)

**MATHEMATICS 8th Grade**
- ( ) J831 Math B (Pre-Algebra)
- ( ) J839 Algebra I (Prerequisite: Pre-AP Math 7)
  (Only 1 period)

**SCIENCE 8th Grade**
- ( ) J841 Science B
- ( ) J840 Pre-AP Science B
  (Must sign Pre-AP Contract on back)

**HISTORY 8th Grade**
- ( ) J851 US History B
- ( ) J850 Pre-AP US History B
  (Must sign Pre-AP Contract on back)

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION (Not required if taken for full year in 7th)**
- ( ) J500 Football (Physical Required)
- ( ) J501 Girls Athletics (Physical Required)
- ( ) J502 Boys Cross Country (Physical Required)
- ( ) J508 Boys PE
- ( ) J507 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 CAMPUSS PE (CEPE) 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:

Do NOT select courses already taken in 7th Rank your elective courses in order of preference 1-10.

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## REQUIRED 8th GRADE FULL YEAR ELECTIVE

| HSMS GENERAL EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS (Leadership/Health/Career) |

## 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)

- MHS/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.

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MISO JUNIOR HIGH

Student Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: ___________________________ ID #: ___________________________
Parent/Guardian Name: _______________________________________________________________________________________
Contact #: __________________________________________ Email: ___________________________

Electives taken in 6th AND 7th grade: ____________________________________________________________
(Fine Arts is a REQUIRED course for 6-8; if Art, Theatre, Band, or Choir has not been taken in grades 6-7, one must be taken in 8th)

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 Thurs. Jan 30.

Refer to the Course Selection Guide on our MJH website 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-8th Grade
(____) J811 English Language Arts 8
(____) J810 Pre-AP English Language Arts 8
(Must sign Pre-AP Contract on back)

MATHEMATICS-8th Grade
(____) J831 Math 8 (Pre-Algebra)
(____) J830 Algebra 1 (Prerequisite: Pre-AP Math 7) (Only 1 period)

SCIENCE-8th Grade
(____) J841 Science 8
(____) J840 Pre-AP Science 8
(Must sign Pre-AP Contract on back)

HISTORY-8th Grade
(____) J851 US History 8
(____) J850 Pre-AP US History 8
(Must sign Pre-AP Contract on back)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (NOT required if taken for full year in 7th)
(____) J580 Football (Physical Required)
(____) J581 Girls Athletics (Physical Required)
(____) J576 Cross Country (Physical Required)
(____) J578 Boys PE
(____) J577 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.

ELECTIVE COURSES: Do NOT select courses already taken in 7th
Rank your elective courses in order of preference 1-10.

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT FULL YEAR ELECTIVES
(____) J556 SPANISH I
(Recommended ELA averages: 80 in Pre-AP ELA/90 in level ELA)

LOCAL CREDIT FULL YEAR ELECTIVES
(____) J504 CHOIR: WOMEN
(____) J505 CHOIR: MENS
(____) J526 BAND
(____) J528 BEGINNING BAND

LOCAL CREDIT SEMESTER ELECTIVES (2-4 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 ARTS
(____) J552 TECHNICAL THEATRE
(____) J569 LIFESKILLS AIDE: (APPLICATION REQUIRED)
(____) OFFICE AIDE (Front Office, AP, Counselor, Library, Nurse)
(____) MATH PEER ASSISTANT (Math Lab Tutors-strong MTH skills req.)

REQUIRED 8th GRADE FULL YEAR ELECTIVE
H500 GENERAL EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS (Leadership/Health/Career)

SPECIAL ELECTIVES
• In order to be considered for Advanced Theatre, Yearbook, and Audio/Video Production, students must complete and return the required application

DUE DATE ALERT: Thurs. Jan 30
Electives Taken in 6th- 7th Grade

Find the section titled **Electives taken in 6th & 7th grade:** on your **Course Selection Contract** (top of page):

List all **ELECTIVE** classes you took in 6th & 7th grade.
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 ALGEBRA 1:
You MUST currently be taking 7th 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/projects 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

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HISTORY-8th Grade

(_) J851 US History 8
(X) J850 Pre-AP US History 8
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Decided to enroll in a Pre-AP Class?

If you elected to enroll in a PRE-AP Class you must do 2 things ...
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 and 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: ____________________________
8th GRADE STUDENTS are NOT Required to PARTICIPATE IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

IF you had 2 semesters of Athletics, Cross Country, Dance, or PE in 7th Grade!
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 8th 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 **if you want** a PE course ...

- (___) J570 Football (Physical Required)
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Let's Talk About Choosing Electives:

*You are NOT required to take a FINE ARTS elective (Choir, Band, Art, or Theatre) in 8th if you took Choir, Band, or The Wheel in 6th Grade or Choir, Band, Art, or Theatre in 7th Grade.

ELECTIVE INFORMATION:
1 Full Year or 2 Semester Electives

PE Choice or 1 Full Year or 2 Semester Electives (If had 2 semesters of Athletics, Cross Country, Dance, or PE in 7th Grade)

ALG 1=EXTRA 1 Full Year or 2 Semester Electives (MUST have taken Pre-AP 7th Math)

REQUIRED: General Employability Skills - Investigate careers, develop college and career readiness skills, use interpersonal skills & problem solving models to facilitate effective teamwork & make informed decisions, and develop skills for personal success.

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FIRST
CROSS OUT any SEMESTER ELECTIVES TAKEN in 7th GRADE
(Not FULL YEAR Electives, Lifeskills Aide, or Math Peer Assistant since they may be taken again in 8th)

SECOND:
READ AND LISTEN TO ELECTIVE INFORMATION ON NEXT SLIDE

THIRD:
RANK ELECTIVES 1-10
1=Top Pick
2=2nd Fav
3=Next Choice...

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**8th Grade Electives Mini-Descriptions**

**Spanish I** (High School Credit) Speaking, Understanding, Reading, & Writing Spanish

**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 Advanced 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

**Lifeskills Aide (Bear Buddies)** Assisting peers with disabilities

**Office Aide** (Good Conduct REQ) General Office Operation Skills and Professional Courtesy

**Math Peer Assistant** (Pre-AP MATH REQ) Helps other peers with math skills in our Math Lab setting
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 8th 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.
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