

ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL
Course Request Sheet
Seventh Grade
2020-2021

Due: Wednesday, March 4th

Name _____

COURSES:

ELAR:.....Reading/Language Arts 7

Mathematics:.....Mathematics 7
(circle ONE))

Mathematics 8* (see note on back)
(qualification based on mastery of entrance exam)

Science:.....Science 7

Social Studies:.....Social Studies 7

Physical Education:..... PE
(circle ONE) OR
 Boys Athletics
 OR
 Girls Athletics

Elective:.....
(You will have TWO electives. Please rank your choices 1, 2 and 3)

- _____ Band/ Honors Band
- _____ Art 7
- _____ Technology Applications
- _____ Theatre 7
- _____ Investigating Careers
- _____ STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)
- _____ Genius Hour (identified GT students only)

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

DATE _____

7th Grade Elective Choices

Band II and III

7-8 Band continues to build on musical skills as developed in Band 6. Activities include concerts, solos and ensembles, region band, and concert contests.

Honors Band

Honors Band consists of 7th and 8th graders. Students are placed in the Honor Band through auditions and band director recommendation. Activities include concerts, solos and ensembles, region band, and concert contests.

Art 7

Students will work with a variety of drawing, painting and sculpting media while developing the elements and principles of art.

Technology Applications

The technology applications curriculum has six strands and performance indicators: creativity and innovation; communication and collaboration; research and information fluency; critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts. Through the study of technology applications, students make informed decisions by understanding current and emerging technologies, including technology systems, appropriate digital tools, and personal learning networks. As competent researchers and responsible digital citizens, students use creative and computational thinking to solve problems while developing career and college readiness skills.

Theatre 7

7th grade theatre begins to focus on interpretation and performance as students gain a more in-depth understanding of theatrical elements & principles. Students will begin to write scripts and learn basic acting techniques. Through reading scripted materials, students analyze characters, study dialogue, basics of improv and stage movements to solve theatrical problems. This will also include creating and editing video footage, storytelling, stop motion, and learning about film/television basics.

Investigating Careers

Students will learn technical knowledge and skills to further their education and succeed in college and current or emerging careers. Students will investigate a variety of careers within 16 career clusters, including Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; Business and Industry; Public Service; Arts and Humanities; and Multidisciplinary Studies. Students will research labor market information, learn job-seeking skills, and create documents required for employment.

STEM

To ensure our students are prepared for the future workforce, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education is a method of hands-on teaching and learning where students learn to apply academic content by creatively solving real-world problems with innovative design-based thinking. Designed to increase access for young people to STEM-rich learning environments, this class will ensure students are engaged and have mastered the necessary skills for success in STEM careers.

Genius Hour

Students who have been identified as part of the Gifted and Talented program will receive GT services through this course. Units will include passion planning, creating products, presenting presentations, STEM instruction, and community service.

Mathematics 8 (as a 7th grader)*

In order to take Mathematics 8 as a 7th grader, students will have to demonstrate mastery of 7th grade mathematics TEKS. By selecting Mathematics 8 on this course selection sheet, your child will take the entrance exam before the end of the school year. Exam results will determine course placement. Taking Mathematics 8 as a 7th grader sets you on track to take Algebra I as an 8th grader (for high school credit).