

Due back to History
Teacher on:

_____ 2017

Crownover Middle School
2017-2018 Course Request Sheet
8th Grade

History Teacher: _____

History Period: _____

Last Name _____

First Name _____

ID Number _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

REQUIRED COURSES

Eighth grade students will be scheduled to take English, Math, Science, U.S. History and Reading for a full year.

_____ English 8 10800

Or

_____ Pre-AP English 8 * 18800

_____ Reading 8 20800

Or

_____ EXPO 8* 19800

_____ Math 8 30800

Or

_____ Algebra I (screening)* 38901

_____ Science 8 40800

Or

_____ Pre-AP Science 8* 48800

_____ U. S. History 8 50800

Or

_____ Pre-AP U.S. History 8* 58800

*The student and parent must sign and return the Enhanced /Pre-AP Contract with the course request sheet to be placed in Pre-AP English, Pre-AP U.S. History, and/or Pre-AP Science.

Every effort will be made to give the student the courses requested. Course placement will be based on availability. Course offerings are subject to change depending on the availability of personnel and instructional materials. Additionally, courses are built into the schedule based on student request. As such, elective changes will not be permitted after MAY 19, 2017

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I acknowledge that I have reviewed and am in agreement with my child's course requests.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

ELECTIVE COURSES

PLEASE NUMBER *SEVEN (7) ELECTIVES* IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE, WITH ONE (1) BEING YOUR 1ST CHOICE.

The following course offerings are a full year commitment:

_____ Band 8	60060
_____ Choir 8 (Boys)	60851
_____ Choir 8 (Girls)	60852
_____ Orchestra 8	60841
_____ Spanish I-8 (HS Credit*)	70800
_____ Principles of Human Services	TBD
_____ Principles of Information Technology	C4910
_____ Desktop Communications/Yearbook	92090
_____ STUDY SKILLS	94020

The following course offerings are one semester only:

_____ Art I	61810
_____ Theater Arts 1	60860
_____ **Gateway Tech 1	C10003
_____ **Gateway Tech 2	C10053
_____ **Gateway Tech 3	C10103
_____ Lifetime Nutrition & Wellness	TBD
_____ College & Career Readiness	TBD
_____ Touch System Data Entry	C95153

Bolded classes earn 1/2-1 high school credit w/passing grade and appropriate seat time.

*Must complete Spanish 7 & 8 to receive HS Credit

**(\$10 course fee for consumable supplies used in class)

Physical Education/ Athletics

(all students are required to take one semester)

_____ *Boys Athletics 8 80820
(football/basketball/cross-country/track)

_____ *Girls Athletics 8 80810
(volleyball/basketball/cross country/track)

_____ PE Wellness 8 Full Year 808003
_____ PE/Wellness 8 One Semester 808003

_____ Tennis 800053
(one semester only; limited availability)

*Athletics is available for 8th graders who wish to participate in competitive volleyball, football, basketball, and/or track/cross country. Athletics is a year long commitment. It will be the last part of the school day and extend into after school practice. Transportation home after practice and games is the responsibility of the parents. Athletes must maintain state-required academic eligibility at all times to participate. A physical exam is required at least once during middle school.

8th graders are required to take English, Reading, Math, U.S. History, Science and ½ year of PE equivalent. In addition, a student may be placed in an additional math class (Accelerated Math) if they demonstrate weakness on the math portion of the STAAR or appear to struggle with the faster presentation of concepts. This class will provide more support and enrichment. Additionally, those students that show weakness on the reading portion of the STAAR may be placed in Accelerated Reading or Read 180. Accelerated Math and Accelerated Reading/Read 180 placement take the place of an elective.

Elective Courses for 8th Grade

***Band 8** will be made up of students who demonstrate a degree of proficiency on their instrument to perform with the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, or Concert Band according to their abilities. Band members will be required to participate in various extracurricular activities throughout the year, including UIL competition, pep rallies, sports events, and concerts.**

***Choir 8** students are expected to enjoy singing and have intermediate – advanced skills. (8th grade girls will be in either Varsity or Non-Varsity Choir according to their abilities.) This course places emphasis on vocal technique and music reading skills. Choir members will be required to participate in various extracurricular activities throughout the year, including UIL competition. **

***Boys Choir (7-8)** students are expected to enjoy singing and have intermediate - advanced skills. This course places emphasis on vocal technique and music reading skills. Choir members will be required to participate in various extracurricular activities throughout the year, including UIL competition. **

***Orchestra 8** students have successfully completed at least 2 years of orchestra instruction. Students will be placed in non-varsity “**Philharmonic Orchestra**” or may audition at the end of 7th grade for placement in the varsity “**Chamber Orchestra**.” The 8th grade orchestra curriculum emphasizes the continued improvement of technique, sight-reading skills, music theory and appreciation, and creative self-expression at an advanced level. 8th grade Orchestra members will be required to participate in several extracurricular activities throughout the year, including contests and concerts.**

Spanish I-8 This class continues practice from the 7th grade class with speaking, listening, reading and writing at a beginner level. Culture studies of Hispanic countries are a key component of the curriculum. This class is the second half of the high school Spanish 1 course. Successful completion of 7th grade Spanish is required. Completion of both years earns one year of high school elective credit for graduation. **Students are still required to take 2-3 additional years of foreign language to graduate from high school.**

Art 8 is a semester (half-year) class which reviews the basics of art and design while looking at how art got to where it is in the 21st century. Art lets you express yourself through pencil, colored pencil, and oil pastel drawing, watercolor and acrylic painting, clay ceramics, wire sculpture, and printmaking projects.

Theatre Arts 8 will require that students work in all areas of theatre arts including stage movement, voice, pantomime, improvisation, script writing, performance, and technical theatre. This class is offered as a semester class.

College and Career Readiness -This class introduces students to the process of career investigation and prepares for college and career readiness. Students will explore careers from each of the 16 career clusters through a variety of group-oriented hands-on projects. Students will investigate personal areas of interest and develop a pathway to future career goals.

****Principals of Human Services** - This course will enable students to investigate careers in the human services career cluster, including counseling and mental health, early childhood development, family and community, and personal care services. Areas of study will include goal setting, career development, nutrition, clothing construction, stress and crisis management, child development, personal care services, and financial literacy.

****Gateway to Technology 1-** Students will use a project-based curriculum designed to challenge and engage the curiosity and imagination of middle school students. Students will envision, design, and test their ideas in robotics and animation using the same advanced modeling software that is currently used by companies such as Lockheed Martin, Intel, and Sprint. **(\$10 course fee)**

****Gateway to Technology 2-** Students explore the science of electricity, behavior and parts of atoms, and sensing devices. Students acquire knowledge and skills in basic circuitry design and examine the impact of electricity on our lives. How has science affected technology throughout history? To answer this question students apply the concepts in physics, chemistry and nanotechnology to STEM activities and projects. **(\$10 course fee)**

****Gateway to Technology 3 -** is made up of two major units of study. Flight and Space (FS) and Energy and the Environment (EE). (FS) During this unit, students delve into the history of flight and space, discover the science behind aeronautics, and explore traveling and living in space. (EE) Students are challenged to think big and toward the future as they explore sustainable solutions to our energy needs and investigate the impact of energy on our lives and the world. **(\$10 course fee** for consumable supplies used in class)

****Lifetime Nutrition & Wellness** -This course allows students to use principles of lifetime wellness and nutrition to help them make informed choices that promote wellness. They will focus on understanding wellness, nutrition, and the use of science and technology in food management. They will also investigate the field of food safety and sanitation practices. Students will also prepare menus, food and explore careers in the field of nutrition and wellness.

****Principles of Information Technology** is a high school class that teaches computer knowledge and skills to be successful in “the real world”. Students will learn about word processing, spreadsheets, databases, presentation software, Internet skills, web design, exploration of IT careers, coding, and much more.

****Touch System Data Entry -** is a high school class that prepares for advanced computer level classes and to be successful in “the real world”. Have fun learning and applying “real world” business skills by learning computer keyboarding, word processing, business documents, desktop publishing, important communication skills, and much more. Here is something to think about...keyboarding skills last for life!

Study Skills— The class will include time for students to work on homework, develop note-taking skills, organization skills, facilitate character building, review health skills, and basic technology skills.

*Waivers are available to pay expenses of uniforms and instruments for students who qualify

**Earns High School Credit with passing grade and appropriate seat time