



7th Grade Course Request
Presentation
(Current 6th Graders)

Yeah....you're moving on!



How do I get out of the 6th grade?

- First and second semester averages must be 70 or above in all core classes.
- Attendance **MUST** be acceptable.
- You must pass **STARR** test or possibly attend summer school.




How is 7th grade like 6th grade?

- There will still be teams...7-1 or 7-2. These are chosen randomly. **We do not honor team requests.**
- The 5 core subjects will be required....Reading or Expo, English, Math, Science, Texas History.
- You will still have two elective periods.





How is 7th grade different than 6th grade?

- You will get to pick your electives!
 - The opportunity to take advanced or enhanced course work is available.
 - You have the opportunity to take classes that may receive high school credit.
 - You are only **required** to take a ½ year of PE.
 - 7th grade is the first opportunity to participate in school competitive sports!
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Electives

- There are full year (both semesters) electives and there are ½ year (1 semester) electives.
- On the back of the Course Request Sheet you will find brief descriptions of all offered electives.
- To equal two periods worth of electives you may have the following scenarios:

* 2 Full year electives.... like Band and Athletics

* 1 full year and 2 half year....like Athletics and ½ year Art and ½ year Construction

* 4 half year....like ½ year Theatre Arts, ½ Family and Community Services, ½ Tech Ed. and ½ PE



Full Year Elective Choices....

(This means they are a year long commitment)

- Spanish
- Band
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Theatre Arts
- Art



1/2 Year (semester) Elective Choices...

- Theatre Arts
- Art
- Technology Education
- Construction Tech
- Touch systems Data Entry (keyboarding)
- Exploring Careers



Spanish Elective

- This requires a two year commitment.
- Students that successfully complete BOTH years (grade 7 and grade 8) will receive (1) high school elective credit, but it does not go towards the high school GPA.
- You will be required to take a minimum of two additional years of Spanish in high school to fulfill the graduation requirement.



Orchestra and Band Elective



- You must have been in Orchestra in 6th grade to participate in 7th grade unless you have been receiving private lessons and play at an intermediate level.
- This year the band directors are offering an opportunity to try band for the first time as a 7th grader! If you are interested in this opportunity please choose beginning band on the course request sheet and the director will contact you.
- Orchestra and Band require a yearlong commitment.
- You must remain academically eligible to participate in UIL competitions.



Athletics or PE/Wellness Choices

- Choices for PE or athletics credit are:

½ year of PE /wellness

Full year PE/Wellness

PE Tennis (Full year)

Boy's Athletics (Full Year)

Girl's Athletics (Full Year)

Partner PE (Full Year)

(by application ONLY)



Athletics

- This is available for those who wish to participate in competitive volleyball, football, basketball, and/or track/cross country.
- 7:00 am practice is **REQUIRED** and transportation is the responsibility of the parents!
- This requires a **YEARLONG COMMITMENT**.
When you are not in season you will be participating in off-season workouts.
- A physical exam is required to be in athletics.
- Students must pass or remain academically eligible in all classes to participate in the team sports.



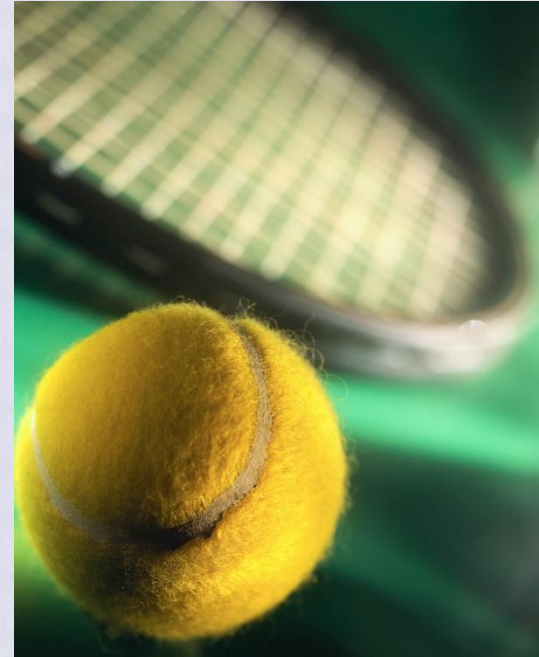
Athletics Physicals

- Wednesday March 6th at 5:30pm at the ATC – on Long Road near Collins Athletic Complex
- Cost: \$10
- Athletic physical packet must be complete **BEFORE** you come to the ATC – including signatures
- Physical packets are available at HMS.
- You can get your physical from your family physician, but it **MUST** be on the current UIL form.



Tennis

- 7th grade tennis will only be offered during 7th period.
- Due to scheduling conflicts this may not be an option for you and you will be placed in a regular PE class.



Electives that offer High School Credit

- With successful completion of the following classes, 7th graders will earn .5 High School elective credit toward graduation:

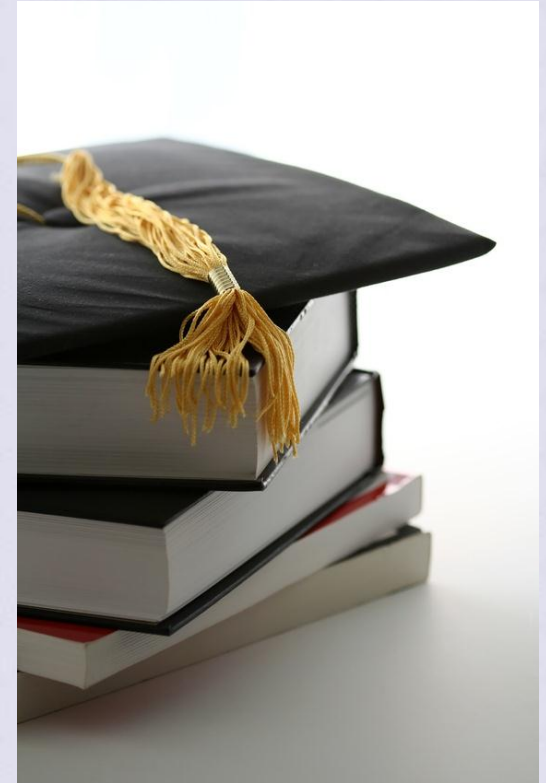
Touch Systems Data Entry(keyboarding)


Spanish

- If you successfully complete Spanish in 7th AND in 8th grade you will earn 1 High School elective credit toward graduation for:

Spanish 1

However, you must still take a minimum of 2 additional years of Spanish in High School to fulfill graduation requirements.






Should I take Enhanced classes?

There are (3) Enhanced class options:
English, Science, and TX History.

When making the decision to sign up for an enhanced class, very careful consideration should be applied. Below are some suggestions to follow, ensuring your success in an Enhanced class:

Did I:

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- Maintain an average of 85% or higher in that particular subject.
 - Have a conversation with my teacher and he/she thinks I am ready to pursue an enhanced class in the upcoming school year.
 - Turn in all work (no missing or late work) and attend school regularly.
 - Show high performance on TAKS/STARR in that subject area.
 - Met expectation on course specific assessment

Enhanced information continued...

- There will be a generic enhanced contract to be signed by student and parent and turned in with course selection sheet.
- Students will not be placed in an enhanced class without this contract.
- Once you are placed in an enhanced class, you can only get out of the class at the end of the first 6 weeks and/or at the end of first semester.
- There may be a summer assignment for Enhanced English.



Advanced Math

- 7th Grade Advanced Math or Algebra are Math options in 7th grade if test results support placement. The placement test will be administered near the end of the school year.
 - Advanced Math Testing Date - April 30th
- * Remember in High School you will be required to complete four (4) additional courses of Math to fulfill graduation requirements, and the high school math classes taken in middle school do not count towards the high school GPA.

All students will be placed in a regular math class until the math department chair provides the counselors with a list of students that should be placed in an advanced math class or Algebra class.



Math Acceleration



- You **WILL** be placed in Math Acceleration if you do not pass the Math portion of the STARR test.
- Math Acceleration will take place in advisory.



READ 180

- At the beginning of the school year all students are administered the SRI (Scholastic Reading Inventory.)
- If you do not meet the expectation on this assessment you will be placed in a Read 180 class.
- Read 180 will then take the place of one of your electives.



Course Selection Sheet (blue sheet)

- Please remember....these are REQUESTS!
- There are no *guarantees* that these are the classes you will receive. We will do our best to place you in the classes you request, but there are times that it will just not work in your schedule.



Please remember.....

- You AND your parent must sign the Request Sheet!
- Request Sheets are DUE no later than Friday March 1st
- You should turn in Course Request Sheet (along with enhanced contract if you plan on taking an enhanced class) to your ENGLISH teacher
- Advanced Math Placement Information Meeting for parents will take place at the PDC in the spring. More information to follow.
- Ask any and all questions.....we want this to be a positive experience for all!



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QUESTIONS?

A small, dark-colored mesh pencil holder is located in the bottom-left corner, containing several colorful pencils and pens.