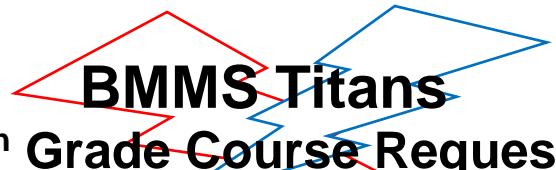


Last Name _____

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I.D. Number _____ Male _____ Female _____

Phone(____) _____



8th Grade Course Request

ELECTIVE COURSES

Eighth grade students may take up to 3 periods of elective classes for a total of 8 periods in all. Please number (5) choices in order of your preference, with one (1) being your first choice, (2) being your second choice and so on.

REQUIRED COURSES

All eighth grade students will take classes in English, Reading/Expo, Math, Science, and U.S. History. Placement in enhanced classes should be carefully considered.

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| ___ English 8 | 10800 |
| ___ Pre AP English 8* | 18800 |
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| ___ Reading 8 | 20800 |
| ___ EXPO 8** | 19800 |
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| ___ Math 8 | 30800 |
| ___ Algebra I** (1 H.S. Cr.) | 38901 |
| ___ Geometry** (1 H.S. Cr.) | 38902 |
| | |
| ___ Science 8 | 40800 |
| ___ Pre AP Science 8* | 48800 |
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| ___ U.S. History 8 | 50800 |
| ___ Pre AP U.S. History 8* | 58800 |

*Course contract and approval required.
** Successful performance on assessment required.

Students will select a yearlong Physical Education activity class as needed, from the following choices.

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| ___ PE/Tennis (space is limited) | 80005 |
| ___ Boys Athletics* | 80820 |
| Football Cross Country Basketball Track | |
| ___ Girls Athletics* | 80810 |

Volleyball Cross Country Basketball Track
**Athletics is a YEARLONG commitment that requires a physical and participation in TWO or more sports.*

FULL YEAR ELECTIVES

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|---------------------------------------|-------|
| ___ Band | 60070 |
| ___ Women's Chorale | 60852 |
| ___ Men's Chorale | 60855 |
| ___ "CD/WAM" Orchestra | 60842 |
| ___ Spanish 8 | 70800 |
| ___ Spanish for S.S. 8 | 78000 |
| ___ Art 8 | 61810 |
| ___ Theatre Arts 8 | 60860 |
| ___ Desktop Comm. | 92090 |
| ___ Gateway to Tech. I (.5 HS credit) | C1000 |
| ___ Gateway to Tech. II (1 HS credit) | C1005 |
| ___ Prin. of Info. Tech (1 HS credit) | C4910 |
| ___ Prin. of Human Ser. (1 HS credit) | C4810 |

SEMESTER ELECTIVES

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| ___ Art 8 | 618103 |
| ___ Theatre Arts 8 | 608603 |
| <i>The following courses offer .5 high school credit</i> | |
| ___ Lifetime Nutrition/Well. | C48153 |
| ___ TS Data Entry | C95153 |

By Permission Only ___ Office Aid 93040
___ Library Aide/News Team 93010
___ Fine Arts Aide 93050 - Band Orchestra Choir
___ Stephens Mentor 93060

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

For office use only:
180 _____ ACCEL _____ S.H. _____
25000 _____ 35800 _____ 94010 _____

Parents
Please assist your child in making their elective choices wisely. Myers M.S. staffing needs are determined by the courses that your child has selected. Once these course selections have been recorded in the computer there will be **NO schedule changes.**
Parent Initials _____

8th graders are required to take **English, Reading/Expo, Math, U.S. History, Science, and possibly ½ to 1 credit of PE.** The student and parent must sign and return the **Enhanced Course Contract** with the course request sheet to be placed in Enhanced English, Enhanced U.S. History, and/or Enhanced Science. A teacher signature is recommended but NOT required. Algebra 1 or Geometry may be an option if screening results support placement. The screening will take place later in the school year. Contact your child's math teacher for more information.

Parents please be advised that your child's overall academic performance, which includes recommendations from previous teachers, will be considered when determining if there is a demonstrated need for placement within a **Math Acceleration** or **Read 180** course. These placements are designed to close existing gaps and strengthen your child's academic abilities. **Placement in either of these courses could eliminate one or both of their elective choices.**

****Athletics** will be available for 8th graders who wish to participate in competitive volleyball, football, basketball, and/or track/cross country. 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/guardian. Athletes must maintain state-required academic eligibility at all times to participate.** A physical exam is required at least once during middle school. **Athletics is a YEARLONG commitment; athletes are required to participate in TWO or more sports!!!**

Elective Courses for 8th Grade

SPANISH I-8; SPANISH FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS 8 (full year) emphasizes listening, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish for everyday communication. Students continue to learn basic grammar and vocabulary and study the culture of Hispanic countries. **This course is the second half of the high school Spanish I course. Students will be required to have successfully completed the first half in 7th grade to enroll in Spanish I-8. Completion of both years earns one year of high school elective credit towards graduation. Students are still required to take 2-3 additional years of Spanish to graduate from High School.**

BAND (full year) is made up of students who have successfully completed 7th grade band or have had two years of private instruction. Students will be placed in either **Symphonic** or **Concert Band** in accordance to their abilities. Band students will have the opportunity to participate in various of extracurricular activities throughout the year; including UIL contests, pep rallies, sporting events, and concerts. If you have any questions regarding the *Mighty Titan Band*, contact **Mr. Baggerly** at mbaggerly@dentonisd.org. ******

ORCHESTRA (full year) is made up of students who have successfully completed 7th grade orchestra or have had two years of private instruction. Students will be placed in **WAM (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)** or **CD (Claude Debussy)** orchestra, in accordance to their abilities. Orchestra members are required to participate in various extra-curricular activities throughout the year such as UIL contests, concerts, and festivals. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the *Mighty Titan Choir*, please contact **Ms. Willis** at jwillis@dentonisd.org. ******

CHOIR (full year) is made up of students interested in singing and is divided into two choirs, **Women's Treble Choir** and **Men's Chorale**. Students enrolled in this course will develop their singing, listening, sight-reading, and music theory skills. Choir students will travel to UIL contests, and compete in local and regional competitions. Attendance is required at extra-curricular activities, including concerts and community events. If you have any questions regarding the *Mighty Titan Choir*, please contact **Mr. Rybowicz** at krybowicz@dentonisd.org. ******

THEATER ARTS 8 (full/half year) this course will require students to work in all areas of theater arts including basic stage movement, voice, pantomime, improvisation, choral reading, script writing, performance, and technical theater. They will also be creating and performing one-act plays, and competing within UIL competitions. ******

ART 8 (full/half year) will teach and/or improve artistic skills through drawing, painting, clay, sculpture, crafts, and much more. This course will emphasize the understanding and appreciation of self and others through art culture, history, and heritage. ******

DESKTOP COMMUNICATION (semester) (by application only) students will design, write, edit, photograph, produce, and distribute a school yearbook and newspaper. Students will work independently or in team settings, while producing a quality finished product.

P. of INFORMATION TECH. (full year) students will develop computer literacy skills to adapt to the emerging technologies used in the global marketplace. Students will focus on applications that utilize personal & interpersonal skills, networking, computer programming, and application development, to enhance the essential skills needed, while applying them to a technology environment. **(1 high school credit)**

P. of HUMAN SERVICES(semester) students will sample and gain knowledge about careers in the Human service career cluster, including counseling & mental health, early childhood, family & community and personal care. Students are expected to complete the knowledge and skills essential for success in high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand human service careers. **8th graders given priority (1 high school credit)**

GATEWAY TO TECHNOLOGY (full year) students will use a project-based curriculum designed to challenge and engage the curiosity and imagination of middle school students. They will envision, design, and test their ideas in robotics and animation. They will develop problem solving, science, technological, engineering & math skills to prepare students for a future career in engineering. **(.5 high school credit)**

LIFETIME NUTRITION / WELLNESS (semester) students will learn how to use principles of wellness and nutrition to make informed choices within careers related to hospitality & tourism, education & training, human services, and health sciences. Students will learn about dietary guidelines, food purchasing, food safety & sanitation, food preparation, and nutritional factors associated with food. **(.5 high school credit)**

TOUCH SYSTEMS DATA ENTRY (semester) will assist students in the mastery of techniques, speed, accuracy, and communication skills. Word processing will be introduced. Students compose and produce a variety of personal, educational, and professional documents. This high school course prepares the student for advanced computer level courses. **(.5 high school credit)**

****Students must maintain grade eligibility in order to participate in extracurricular or UIL activities. ****