

Last Name _____

First Name _____

I.D. Number _____ Male ___ Female ___

Phone(____) _____



2018/2019

8th Grade Course Request

REQUIRED COURSES

All eighth grade students will take classes in English, Reading/Expo, Math, Science, and U.S. History. Placement in enhanced classes requires your teacher's initials for approval.

___ English 8 10800

___ Pre AP English 8* 18800

___ Reading 8 20800

___ EXPO 8** 19800

___ Math 8 30800

___ Algebra I** (1 H.S. Cr.) 38901

___ Geometry** (1 H.S. Cr.) 38902

___ Science 8 40800

___ Pre AP Science 8* 48800

___ 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.

___ PE/Tennis (space is limited) 80005

___ PE Wellness 80800

___ PE/Partner 80850

___ 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 form, competition in and completion of TWO or more sports.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

For office use only:

Math _____ Reading _____ S.H. _____

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.

FULL YEAR ELECTIVES

___ Band 60060

___ Jazz Band 60125

___ Women's Chorale 60852

___ Men's Chorale 60855

___ Orchestra 60841

___ 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) T1100

___ Gateway to Tech. II (1 HS credit) T1120
(Must have taken GW 1)

___ Prin. of Info. Tech (1 HS credit) T1100

___ Prin. of Human Ser. (1 HS credit) T3020

SEMESTER ELECTIVES

The following courses offer .5 high school credit

___ Lifetime Nutrition/Well. T11703 &

TS Data Entry T25803

By Permission Only _____ Office Aid 93040

___ Library Aide/News Team 93010

___ Fine Arts Aide 93050 Band - Orchestra - Choir

___ Stephens Mentor 93060

___ Partner PE - Local 80910

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. Cubero** at scubero@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 (full year) 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. ****