



7<sup>th</sup> Grade Course

Request

Presentation

(Current 6<sup>th</sup> Graders)

**YEAH...YOU'RE MOVING ON!**

# How do I get out of the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade like 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade different than 6<sup>th</sup> 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.
- ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> grade is the first opportunity to participate in school competitive sports!

# 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 electives like...  
Athletics and ½ year Art and ½ year Construction
  - \* 4 half year or semester electives like...  
½ year Theatre Arts, ½ year Nutrition and Wellness,  
½ year Touch Systems Data Entry and ½ year PE

# Full Year Elective Choices....

- ▶ Band
- ▶ Beginning Band (Band Director approval is required)
- ▶ Orchestra
- ▶ Choir
- ▶ Theatre Arts
- ▶ Art
- ▶ Spanish
- ▶ Gateway to Technology
- ▶ Information Technology



# 1/2 Year (Semester) Elective Choices...

- ▶ Theatre Arts
- ▶ Art
- ▶ Nutrition and Wellness
- ▶ College /Career Readiness
- ▶ Touch systems Data Entry (keyboarding)
- ▶ Construction



*\*\*\*\*\* Semester classes may not be available depending on the number of students who sign up for full year \*\*\*\*\**

# 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 two additional years of Spanish in high school to fulfill the graduation requirement.





# Orchestra and Band Elective

- ▶ You must have been in Orchestra in 6<sup>th</sup> grade to participate in 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 (1/2 Year)

(by application ONLY)

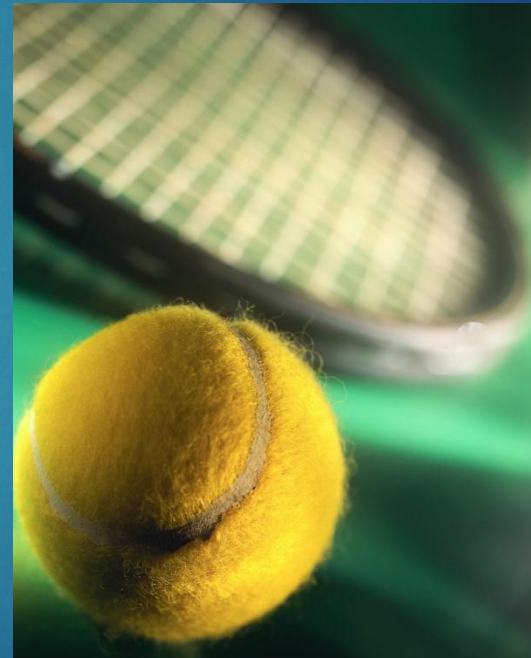


# Athletics

- ▶ 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.

# Tennis

- ▶ 7th grade tennis will only be offered during 7<sup>th</sup> 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, 7<sup>th</sup> graders will earn .5 High School elective credit toward graduation:

Touch Systems Data Entry(keyboarding)

Gateway to Technology

Nutrition and Wellness

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

Spanish 1

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

Principles of Information Technology

1 elective credit



# Should I take Enhanced/Honors classes?

There are (3) Enhanced/Honors 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:

- ▶ 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 STARR in that subject area.
- ▶ Met expectation on course specific assessment.

# Enhanced/Honors information continued...



- ▶ There will be a generic enhanced/honors contract to be signed by student and parent and turned in with course selection sheet.
- ▶ Students will not be placed in an enhanced/honors class without this contract.
- ▶ Once you are placed in an enhanced/honors class, you can only get out of the class at the end of the first 9 weeks and/or at the end of first semester.

# Advanced Math

- ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Math or Algebra are Math options in 7<sup>th</sup> grade if test results support placement. The placement test will be administered near the end of the school year.

\*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.

# 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 Request 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.
- ▶ Course Request are due February 5th



# Please remember.....

- ▶ You and your parent must sign the Request Sheet!
- ▶ Request Sheets are DUE no later than February 5th
- ▶ You should turn in Request Sheet (along with enhanced/honors 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!



QUESTIONS?  
THE END!