



# COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS

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Current 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Families

- Counselors will present the following information to students in their classrooms over the next several weeks
- Students will receive a class preference form that will be due the following day
- This information and more is available on the Colina Counseling website [www.colinacounseling.org](http://www.colinacounseling.org)



## CLASS PROGRAMMING

# ENGLISH

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

- English 7 CP and English 7 H (Honors)
- A- or above all three trimesters in 6<sup>th</sup> grade English automatically placed in English 7 H
- Petition process
- If a student qualifies but does not want to be in honors, please send an email to your student's counselor

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- English 8 CP and English 8 H
- Currently in English 7 H and earn B- or above all trimesters, automatically placed in English 8 H
  - If C+ or below any of the trimesters, need to complete a petition form for review to continue in honors
- If English 7 CP and would like to move to English 8 H, need to complete a petition form for review to move into honors

7<sup>th</sup> Grade English: There are two levels of English in 7th grade, honors and college prep. Students who earn A-'s or above all three trimesters in any of the 6th grade English classes will automatically be placed in English 7 H (honors). Students who do not meet these qualifications will need to complete a petition for review. Petition forms will be available on the Counseling Office website starting in March. If a student qualifies but does not want to be in honors, please send an email to your student's counselor.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade English: English 8 H and CP are offered. If a student is currently in English 7 H and earns B-'s or above all trimesters, they will automatically be placed in English 8 H. If a student earns a C+ or below any of the trimesters, they will need to complete a petition form for review to continue in honors. If a student is in English 7 CP and would like to move to English 8 H, they will need to complete a petition form for review to move into honors. Petition forms will be available on the Counseling Office website in March.

# SOCIAL SCIENCE

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Social Science 7 CP and 7 H
- A- or above all three trimesters in 6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Science automatically placed in 7 H
- Petition process
- English and Social Science honors not linked

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Social Science 8 CP and 8 H
- Currently in Social Science 7 H and earn B- or above all trimesters, automatically placed in 8 H
  - If C+ or below any of the trimesters, need to complete a petition form for review to continue in honors
- If Social Science 7 CP and would like to move to 8 H, need to complete a petition form for review to move into honors

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies: There are two levels of Social Studies in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, honors and college prep. Students who earn A-'s or above all three trimesters in any of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies classes will automatically be placed in Social Studies 7 H. Students who do not meet these qualifications will need to complete a petition. Petition forms will be available in the Counseling Office starting in March. English 7 H and Social Studies 7 H are not linked, so a student can be in one and not the other. Once students are in the honors level, they will automatically continue in honors each year as long as they earn B-'s or above all trimesters.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies: Social Studies 8 H and CP are offered. If a student is currently in Social Studies 7 H and earns B-'s or above all trimesters, they will automatically be placed in Social Studies 8 H. If a student earns a C+ or below any of the trimesters, they will need to complete a petition form for review to continue in honors. If a student is in Social Studies 7 CP and would like to move to Social Studies 8 H, they will need to complete a petition form for review to move into honors.

# MATH

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

- **Math 7 CP**
  - Students in Math 6 CP move to Math 7 CP
- **Math 7 Accelerated**
  - Students who earn B- or above all trimesters in Math 6 Accelerated
  - Grades of C move to Math 7 CP or petition
- **Algebra 1 H**
  - Students who earn B- or above all trimesters in Math 7 Accelerated
- **Boost camp/self-study**

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- **Math 8 CP**
  - Students in Math 7 CP move to Math 8 CP
- **Algebra 1 CP**
  - Students in Math 7 Accelerated and earn C's
  - Students in Math 7 CP who earn a passing score on the boost exam
- **Algebra 1 H**
  - Students who earn B- or above all trimesters in Math 7 Accelerated
- **Geometry H**
  - Students who earn B- or above in Algebra 1 H taken in 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- **For future math planning, the math sequence is as follows: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Math Analysis, Calculus and/or Statistics**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math:
- If students are currently in Math 6 Accelerated and earn B-'s or above all trimesters, they will continue automatically into Math 7 Accelerated.
- If students are currently in Math 7 Accelerated and earn B-'s or above all trimesters, they will continue automatically into Algebra 1 H.
- If students are currently in Math 6 CP and earn A-'s or above all trimesters, they will receive a letter about the summer Math Boost Camp opportunity. This typically takes place the first three weeks of summer to cover the first half of the Math 7 CP curriculum that was taught in Math 6 Accelerated. If students earn a passing score on the boost test, they can move into Math 7 Accelerated. Students who do not meet criteria for math boost camp, can self-study and have the opportunity to take the exam. Please send an email to Mr. Niemczyk for self-study materials.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: There are four levels of math in 8<sup>th</sup> grade:
- **Math 8 CP:** Students in Math 7 CP move to Math 8 CP
- **Algebra 1 CP:** Students in Math 7 Accelerated and earn C's / Students in Math 7 CP who take the summer Math Boost Camp or self-study and earn a passing score on the boost exam

- Algebra 1 H: Students who earn B-'s or above all trimesters in Math 7 Accelerated
- Geometry H: Students who earn B-'s or above in Algebra 1 H taken in 7th grade
- For future math planning, the math sequence is as follows: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Math Analysis, Calculus and/or Statistics

# SCIENCE

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

- The first honors Science class is in 8th grade
- All students in 7th grade will take Life Science 7 CP

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Physical Science 8 H and CP
- Students who earn A- or above all trimesters in Life Science 7 CP automatically move into Physical Science 8 H
- Petition process

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science: The first honors Science class is in 8th grade. All students in 7th grade will take Life Science 7 CP.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science: Physical Science 8 H and CP are offered. Students who earn A-'s or above all trimesters in Life Science 7 CP automatically move into Physical Science 8 H. Students who do not automatically qualify will need to complete a petition form for review to move into honors.



## SCHEDULE OPTIONS

- **Periods A-5: 7:55am-2:19pm**
  - Based upon availability
  - Bus transportation not available
- **Periods 1-6: 9:00am-3:10pm**
  - Assigned if no preference submitted
- **Periods A-6: 7:55am-3:10pm**
  - Only available for those enrolled in certain electives



## ELECTIVE CLASSES

- Career Wheel (7<sup>th</sup> grade – single)
- Computer Animation & Game Design
- Principles of Computer Science
- Debate/Public Speaking
- ASB Leadership
- ASB Yearbook
- Drama (A period only)
- Chorus (Beginning & Intermediate/Advanced)
- Band (Beginning, Concert, & Symphonic)
- Orchestra (String & Concert)
- Spanish 1 CP (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Advance Art (8<sup>th</sup> grade – single)
- Office/Library Aide/TA (8<sup>th</sup> grade – single)
- Special Friends (8<sup>th</sup> grade – single)
- WEB (8<sup>th</sup> grade – CORE)

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### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Classes:

- **Career Wheel:** Three, rotational, trimester-long courses. Offerings may include art, computers, music (guitar), debate, introduction to Spanish, etc. Rotates depending on what is available. Stand alone elective – students cannot take the Career Wheel along with another elective class.
- **Computer Animation & Game Design:** Yearlong course. Priority given to students in 8th grade.
- **Principles of Computer Science:** Yearlong course. Coding, robotics, electronics. Priority given to students in 8th grade.
- **Debate/Public Speaking:** Yearlong course. Students learn the art of debate and the fundamentals of public speaking. Students can take the class without being on the

debate team.

- **Leadership (ASB):** Yearlong course. By application only. Applications will be available in March in the Counseling Office.
- **Yearbook (ASB):** Yearlong course. By application only. Applications will be available in March in the Counseling Office.
- **Drama:** Yearlong course. No experience necessary. Offered A period only.
- **Chorus:** Yearlong course. No experience necessary for beginning level. Intermediate/advanced level requires teacher permission.
- **Band and Strings:** Yearlong courses. Levels are determined by teachers. 7th and 8th grade students can join beginning levels if no prior experience.

\*All elective classes offered in 7th grade are also offered in 8th grade. Additional elective classes offered in 8th grade include:

- **Spanish 1 CP:** Yearlong class. Must have an A or B in English on all report cards in 7th grade and no lower than a C in all other classes. A grade of C or better is a prerequisite to taking Spanish 2 CP in high school. A student who does not meet these guidelines and wishes to be considered for Spanish 1 CP must petition. This is a High School class taught at Middle School and the course title and semester grades will go on a student's High School transcript for credit. The curriculum for this class is rigorous and taught at an accelerated pace.
- **Advanced Art:** Yearlong course. Completion of Beginning Art in 6th or 7th grade recommended or an art portfolio of at least 3 pieces of work can be submitted and reviewed by Advanced Art teacher. Stand alone elective – students cannot take Advanced Art along with another elective class.
- **Office/Library Aide/TA:** Students must submit a request form in Counseling Office. Stand alone elective – students cannot take this class along with another elective class.
- **Special Friends:** Volunteer in the classroom with students with special needs or travel with them to their elective class. Students must submit a request form in the Counseling Office. This is a special program that we offer at Colina. Stand alone elective – students cannot take this class along with another elective class.

- *WEB*: 8th graders are our WEB leaders. WEB stands for “Where Everybody Belongs”. WEB leaders help throughout the school year in a lot of ways but are primarily the students who provide a connection for and support incoming 6th grade students. Students must complete an application. Applications will be available in March in the Counseling Office. There is not a WEB elective class. There is a WEB CORE class. Students can participate in WEB in addition to any other class or activity. There is a summer commitment to be at Cougar Camp on the Monday and Tuesday of the full week before school starts.