



CURRENT 6TH & 7TH GRADE FAMILIES

School Counselor Connect
Colina Middle School

About the Colina PTSA

Colina PTSA is made up of parents, teachers, staff, and students who pool their talents to provide practical support for our school.

The PTSA raises funds to support educational programs, teacher-requested tools, and social-based activities, with the goal of making Colina a top-notch learning environment that is also a fun, inclusive place to be.

The way we raise funds is via a Direct Donation. Each Direct Donation goes to the Colina Middle School PTSA, a registered 501(C)(3) nonprofit Organization.

Donations Matter

Like elementary school, donations are critical to give our kids access to the educational, enrichment, and social activities they deserve. Here's how we spend donations at Colina:

- School events & socials (Back-to-School, Halloween, Spring Luau, PE races/runs)
- Lunchtime events run by students & end of semester celebrations
- Software & computer subscriptions used by students in class
- Supplies for our Tech Program (3D printing, laser printers & more)
- Prizes for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship
- Scholarships for the outdoor education program
- Student leadership programs (ASB & WEB Program)
- Improvements to classrooms & the campus overall
- Inter-school sports (volleyball, soccer, basketball)
- Teacher/staff appreciation activities
- AND SO MUCH MORE

Donations Are Imperative for Learning, Safety, and Social Growth Opportunities

- Without donations, Colina students won't have access to unique learning opportunities, like our tech program's laser and 3D printing, or online learning tools.
- Donations also fund important friendship-building and inclusivity-focused activities that make school FUN. These include lunchtime games, all-school socials, intra-middle school sports, and the annual end of year Field Day.
- Each year we make our fundraising goals – *barely*.
- We hope to get to a point where donations are more plentiful and we can do more for our kids, such as enhance our campus security initiatives, dedicate more funds to campus beautification, and increase budget for teachers to purchase equipment, supplies, and other classroom needs.

Let's Connect

Have questions about life at Colina? Want to get involved with the PTSA? Reach out!
We'd love to answer any questions.

→ Email: ColinaMiddleSchoolPTSA@gmail.com

→ Instagram: [Colina_MS_PTSA](https://www.instagram.com/Colina_MS_PTSA)



- School counselors will present the following information to students in their classrooms next week
- Students and parents will receive an electronic class preference form that will be due on Tuesday, March 17th
- This information and more is available on the Colina Counseling website www.colinacounseling.org



CLASS PROGRAMMING

School counselors will present to current 7th grade classes on Monday, March 9th and will follow up to enter courses on Wednesday, March 18th; School counselors will present to current 6th grade class on Wednesday, March 11th.

ENGLISH

7th Grade

- English 7 CP (College Prep) and English 7 H (Honors)
- A- or above both semesters in 6th 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 school counselor

8th Grade

- English 8 CP and English 8 H
- Currently in English 7 H and earn B- or above both semesters, automatically placed in English 8 H
 - If C+ or below either semester, 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

7th Grade English: English 7 H (honors) and CP (college prep) are offered. Students who earn A-'s or above both semesters in 6th grade English will automatically be placed in English 7 H. 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. If a student qualifies but does not want to be in honors, please send an email to your student's school counselor.

8th Grade English: English 8 H and CP are offered. If a student is currently in English 7 H and earns B-'s or above both semesters, they will automatically be placed in English 8 H. If a student earns a C+ or below either semester, 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.

SOCIAL SCIENCE

7th Grade

- Social Science 7 CP and 7 H
- A- or above both semesters in 6th grade Social Science automatically placed in 7 H
- Petition process
- English and Social Science honors not linked

8th Grade

- Social Science 8 CP and 8 H
- Currently in Social Science 7 H and earn B- or above both semesters, automatically placed in 8 H
 - If C+ or below either semester, 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

7th Grade Social Science: Social Science 7 H (honors) and CP (college prep) are offered. Students who earn A-'s or above both semesters in 6th grade Social Science will automatically be placed in Social Science 7 H. Students who do not meet these qualifications will need to complete a petition. Petition forms will be available on the Counseling Office website. English 7 H and Social Science 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 both semesters.

8th Grade Social Science: Social Science 8 H and CP are offered. If a student is currently in Social Science 7 H and earns B-'s or above both semesters, they will automatically be placed in Social Science 8 H. If a student earns a C+ or below either semester, they will need to complete a petition form for review to continue in honors. If a student is in Social Science 7 CP and would like to move to Social Science 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.

MATH

7th Grade

- **Math 7 CP**
 - Students in Math 6 CP move to Math 7 CP
- **Math 7 Honors**
 - Students who earn B- or above both semesters in Math 6 Honors
 - Grades of C move to Math 7 CP or petition
 - Students interested in moving from Math 6 CP to Math 7 Honors, grades and test scores will be considered
- **Algebra 1 H**
 - Students who earn B- or above both semesters in Math 7 Accelerated

8th 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 camp/exam
- **Algebra 1 H**
 - Students who earn B- or above both semesters in Math 7 Accelerated
- **Geometry H**
 - Students who earn B- or above in Algebra 1 H taken in 7th grade
- **Boost camp/self-study**

*For future math planning, the math sequence is as follows: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Math Analysis, Calculus and/or Statistics

7th Grade Math: If students are currently in Math 6 Honors and earn B-'s or above both semesters, they will continue automatically into Math 7 Honors. If students are currently in Math 7 Accelerated and earn B-'s or above both semesters, they will continue automatically into Algebra 1 H. All current 7th grade students will receive a letter regarding the math summer boost camp/exam opportunities. If students are currently in Math 6 CP and would like to move to Math 7 Honors, grades and test scores will be considered. If students are currently in Math 7 CP and earn A/B's semester 1, they may be eligible to participate in the summer Math Boost Camp to boost to Algebra 1 CP if they pass. All students are eligible to self-study and take the exam. More information about these options will be on the Colina Counseling website in March/April.

SCIENCE

7th Grade

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

8th Grade

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

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**

- Requests for an A-6 schedule are not guaranteed, as they are based on space and scheduling availability.

ELECTIVE CLASSES

- Elective Wheel
- Computer Animation & Game Design
- Principles of Computer Science
- Debate/Public Speaking
- ASB Leadership
- ASB Yearbook
- Drama
- Chorus
- Band (Beginning, Intermediate, & Advanced)
- Orchestra (Beginning & Advanced)
- Spanish 1 CP (8th grade)
- Advanced Art (8th grade)
- Office/Library Aide/TA (8th grade)
- Special Friends (8th grade)
- WEB (8th grade – CORE)

*Students must list their elective choices in order of priority (1st, 2nd, and 3rd). Class times may conflict, and we would prefer to provide students with their backup elective choices. Again, requests for two electives are not guaranteed, as they are based on space and scheduling availability.