

Future 7th and 8th Grade Information

This information will also be presented to students in their classrooms in early-February. Students will bring home their class preference form to complete and return the next day.

- **7th Grade Academic Classes**
 - **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 in the Counseling Office starting in March.
 - If a student qualifies but does not want to be in honors, please send an email to your student's counselor.
 - **Social Studies:**
 - There are two levels of Social Studies in 7th grade, honors and college prep. Students who earn A-'s or above all three trimesters in any of the 6th 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 and Social Studies 7 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.
 - **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.

- **Science:**
 - The first honors Science class is in 8th grade. All students in 7th grade will take Life Science 7 CP.
- Note:
 - Students will have a different teacher for each class starting in 7th grade.
- **7th Grade Elective Classes**
 - **Important: 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.**
 - **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. Prior computer experience required. Priority given to students in 8th grade.
 - **Principles of Computer Science:**
 - Yearlong course. Coding, robotics, electronics. Prior computer experience required. 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.
 - Can take as a second elective for an A-6 schedule, if space is available
 - **Leadership (ASB):**
 - Yearlong course. By application only. Applications will be available in March in the Counseling Office.
 - Can take as a second elective for an A-6 schedule, if space is available
 - **Yearbook (ASB):**

- Yearlong course. By application only. Applications will be available in March in the Counseling Office.
 - Can take as a second elective for an A-6 schedule, if space is available
 - **Drama:**
 - Yearlong course. No experience necessary.
 - Can take as a second elective for an A-6 schedule, if space is available
 - **Chorus:**
 - Yearlong course. No experience necessary.
 - Can take as a second elective for an A-6 schedule, if space is available
 - **Band and Strings:**
 - Yearlong courses. Levels are determined by teachers.
 - 7th and 8th grade students can join beginning levels if no prior experience
 - Can take as a second elective for an A-6 schedule, if space is available
- **8th Grade Academic Classes**
 - **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 in the Counseling Office in March
 - **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:**
 - There are four levels of math in 8th grade
 - Math 8CP

- 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
 - The 2019-2020 school year is the last year Geometry H will be offered on middle school campuses. After next year, students will need to take the Geometry H class at the high school and return to middle school for their remaining 8th grade classes. Parent transportation will need to be provided.
 - For future math planning, the math sequence is as follows: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Math Analysis, Calculus and/or Statistics
- **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
- **8th Grade Electives**
 - All elective classes offered in 7th grade are also offered in 8th grade
 - Additional elective classes offered in 8th grade:
 - **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
 - Can take as a second elective for an A-6 schedule, if space is available

- **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

- **ASB:**
 - Students must reapply each year
 - 7th and 8th blended class
 - Can take as a second elective for an A-6 schedule, if space is available

- **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 activity
 - There is a summer commitment to be at Cougar Camp on the Monday and Tuesday of the full week before school starts

*Please feel free to send us an email with any additional questions.