

HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

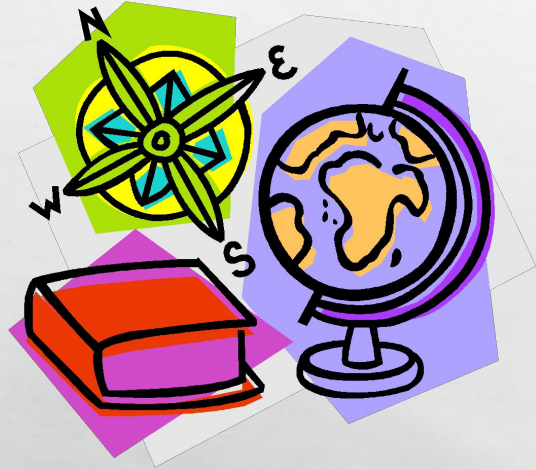


Registration for 8th Grade

Mrs. Zeutschel
7th Grade Counselor

Class of 2029

AGENDA



1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Counseling Information
3. 7th to 8th Grade Registration
 - a. Academic Courses
 - b. Electives
 - c. P.E./Athletics
 - d. Level K Courses
4. Academic Planning
5. Gearing Up For The Future
 - a. Preparing for High School
 - b. High School Graduation Plan
6. Closure

COUNSELORS CAN HELP

Confidentiality and Safety

- No harassment policy
- If you are being harassed, tell an adult (teacher, counselor, assistant principal)

Crisis

- A life-threatening situation
- Tell an adult immediately

Assistance with...

- Academics (i.e. grades, tutoring, conferences, etc.)
- Career exploration and future planning

Counselor's Corner

- Students can visit with the counselor on duty during all lunches
- When necessary, students can request a pass to see their counselor
- Provide information about programs, grade level opportunities, testing



SPECIAL TOPICS

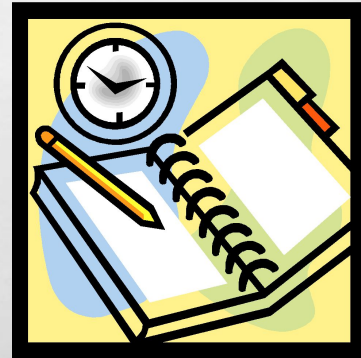


Guidance lessons include:

- Vaping
- Bullying
- Cyberbullying and social media etiquette
- Career Interest
- Course registration and graduation requirements
- Suicide Prevention

TODAY WE ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT...

- Moving on to 8th Grade
- Academic Planning



BEFORE WE GET STARTED...

- **Credit** - a unit showing a student has successfully completed a high school course; each passing semester of a course earns 0.5 credits
- **GPA** - Grade Point Average; cumulative; higher GPAs may result in more college & scholarship opportunities
- **Fine Arts** - music, art or theater arts
- **Foreign Language** - any language other than English

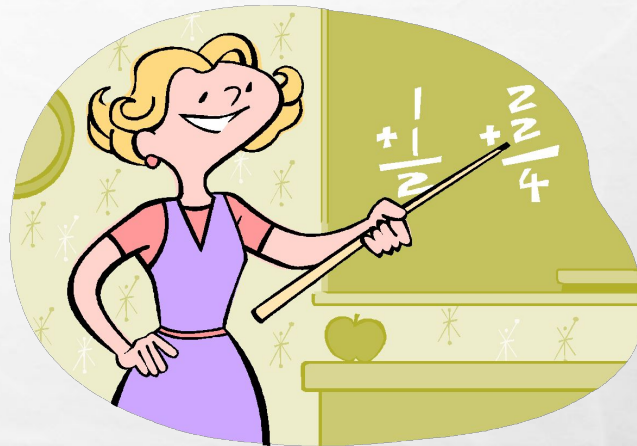
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MOVING ON TO 8TH GRADE

Classes for Next Year

8TH GRADE SCHEDULE

1. Language Arts
2. U.S. History
3. Advisory
4. Science
5. Math
6. P.E./Athletics
7. Elective
8. Elective



GOOD NEWS!

Only one half (.5) credit of P.E. or athletics is required in the 8th grade. We'll talk more about this later...

K-LEVEL COURSES

- If you are **currently** in a K-Level course you will be able to continue in that course as long as you maintain a 75+ average for the second semester.
- If you are interested in going into a K-Level course for the **first time** in 8th grade, you must have an 85+ yearly average in the current L-level course.
- You can also become eligible for K-Level courses if you earn a **Masters rating** on your STAAR test for reading or math.
- Moving up to K-Level math will require both **summer school** and an **85+ yearly average**.

MATH SEQUENCE FOR STUDENTS IN L-LEVEL COURSES

Middle School

Grade 6 – On level Math

Grade 7 – On level Math

Grade 8 – Pre-Algebra

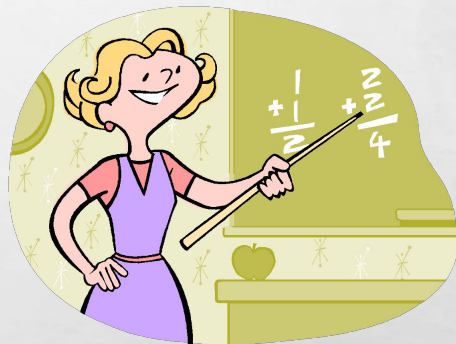
High School

Grade 9 – Algebra I

Grade 10 – Geometry

Grade 11 – Algebra II or Additional Math

Grade 12 – Pre-Calculus or Advanced Math



MATH SEQUENCE FOR STUDENTS IN K-LEVEL COURSES

Middle School

Grade 6 – Level 1 Math

Grade 7 – Pre-Algebra

Grade 8 – Algebra I

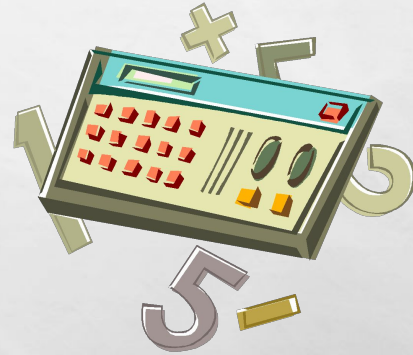
High School

Grade 9 – Geometry

Grade 10 – Algebra II

Grade 11 – Pre-Calculus

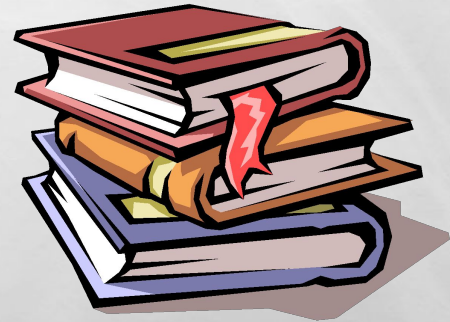
Grade 12 – Calculus or 5th Math

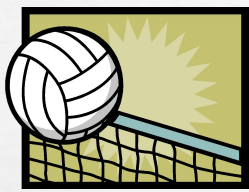


READING WORKSHOP AND MATH LAB

Reading Workshop and/or Math Lab will be required courses for students who do not meet standard on their STAAR scores. They will take the place of a regular elective.

This is why it's important to do your best! 😊





P.E./ATHLETICS

8th Grade students are required to take at least one semester of P.E. or athletics. You may take another semester elective if you only choose to take one semester of P.E. or athletics. If you like, you can still take a full year of P.E. or athletics

Students may choose **one** of the following options:

- One full year of athletics*
- One full year of P.E.
- One half year of P.E.
- One half year of athletics*
- Off-Campus P.E.

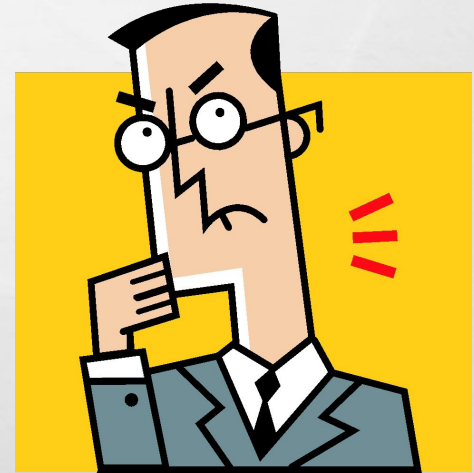
(Off Campus P.E. applications can be obtained online at CFISD.net.)



***You MUST have a doctor's physical to participate in athletics**

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT...

- If you choose a full-year **elective**, you are required to stay in that class ALL year
- If you sign up for **ATHLETICS**, you **MUST** try out for a sport each semester and remain in the class the full semester or year, whichever one you register for.



Choose wisely...

NO changes will be made!

EIGHTH GRADE ELECTIVES

FULL YEAR COURSES - MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY



- Band
- Choir
- Orchestra
- Beginning Theatre Arts
- Intermediate Theatre Arts
- Advanced Theatre Arts
- Beginning Art
- Advanced Art
- Yearbook



EIGHTH GRADE ELECTIVES

FULL YEAR COURSES- HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

- Principles of Applied Engineering
- Principles of Architecture
- Principles of Hospitality and Tourism
- Principles of Human Services
- Principles of Information Technology
- Principles of Manufacturing
- Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance

EIGHTH GRADE ELECTIVES

FULL YEAR COURSES- HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

- Spanish I
- Spanish II
- Spanish for Native Speakers I
- Spanish for Native Speakers II/III K
- Chinese II

EIGHTH GRADE ELECTIVES

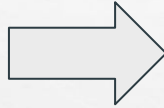
Half Year/One Semester Courses (0.5 credit)



- Art Design
- Coding and Robotics
- Exploring Foods and Fabrics
- Office Assistant (application required)
- Touch System Data Entry: Keyboarding (High School credit)

Middle School Classes (High School Credit) Required for High School Classes

Principles of Architecture



Architectural Design I (grades 10-12)
Construction Technology (grades 10-12)

Principles of Manufacturing



Diversified Manufacturing I
(grades 9-12)

Principles of Applied Engineering or
Principles of Manufacturing



Robotics I (grades 9-12)

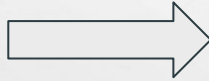
Middle School Classes (High School Credit) Required for High School Classes

Principles of Applied Engineering



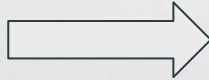
Engineering Design and Presentation I
(grades 9-12)

Algebra I



Computer Science I K (grades 9-12)

Art I



Art II

THEATER ARTS CRITERIA

Beginning Theatre Arts - For students in 7th or 8th grade who have not taken any level of theater in school.

Intermediate Theatre Arts Prerequisite: Beginning Theatre during 7th grade, or Theatre teacher recommendation

- *Opportunity to participate in productions and tournaments which will require additional preparation and involvement after school and Saturdays.*

Advanced Theatre Arts - Prerequisite: Intermediate Th. Arts or Theatre teacher recommendation

- *Requires participation in rehearsals and competitive events which usually take place on Saturdays.*

ART QUALIFYING CRITERIA

Beginning Art - 7th or 8th grade, no prerequisite

Advanced Art - Prerequisite: Successful completion of previous art course and portfolio audition or recommendation by art teacher

Art I - Prerequisite: Successful completion of previous art course and recommendation by art teacher

- Will satisfy the fine arts graduation requirement
- Will be included in GPA

FOREIGN LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS

Spanish I

Second semester average of
80+ in L-level Language Arts
or 75+ in K-level Language
Arts

Spanish II/Chinese II

Successful completion of
Spanish I/ Mandarin I

FOREIGN LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS



Spanish for Native Speakers I

- Spanish language background
- Placement test available

Spanish for Native Speakers II/III

- Successful completion of Spanish for Native Speakers I
- Spanish language background and qualifying score on Spanish for NS placement test
- 2 high school credits Spanish III K will count in student GPA

Placement Test March 1st

NATIVE SPEAKER SPANISH TESTING

March 1st



<https://bit.ly/NSTestHMS>

Scan & sign up for
testing by 2/23/2024

Top 5 Reasons to Take Spanish *for Spanish Speakers!*

1
2
3
4
5

Receive **3** high school credits in only **2** years...
(while it takes everyone else 3 years)!

GET A **PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN
BILINGUALISM & BILITERACY!**

Receive your **ARTS & HUMANITIES ENDORSEMENT**
(while it takes everyone else 4 years!)

Earn **UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE CREDITS** in Year 3
and save lots of \$\$\$ on college tuition.

You'll be on the fast track to earn a least
a minor in Spanish!

OTHER QUALIFYING CRITERIA

Yearbook

- Application required, available in Counseling Office
- Teacher recommendations required

Office Assistant

- Application Required, available in Counseling Office
- Students may be assigned to work in Library, Front Desk, Clinic, AP Office or Counseling Office



ACADEMIC PLANNING

Five Year High School Graduation Plan

GEARING UP FOR THE FUTURE

- Academic Planning is important as you look forward to high school graduation, post-secondary learning, and career planning.
- Becoming familiar with current high school graduation requirements will help you choose classes for 8th grade.

LET'S DISCUSS SOME NEW TERMS...

- **Endorsement** - an area of study; similar to a major in college
- **Credit** - a unit showing a student has successfully completed a high school course; each passing semester of a course earns 0.5 credits
- **GPA** - Grade Point Average; cumulative; higher GPAs may result in more college & scholarship opportunities



LOOKING AHEAD TO HIGH SCHOOL...



You will need 22 **credits** plus 4 additional credits required for an **endorsement** to graduate from high school

You can earn some credits while in middle school

FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Students must complete the Foundation High School Program (22 credits), one additional math credit, one additional science credit, and two elective credits while completing the specific requirements of his/her selected endorsement.
- All students must choose an **endorsement** before 9th grade.
- English I, II, III, and IV** are required.*
- Algebra I** and **Geometry** are required.*
- Biology** is required.*
- **World Geography** or **History, U.S. History, Government**, and **Economics** are required
- Two levels of **Foreign Language** are required.



Courses	Foundation	+ Endorsement
English I–IV	4	
Math	3	+1 additional math course
Science	3	+1 additional science course
Social Studies	3	
PACE or PACE Plus	½-1	
P.E./Equivalent	1	
Health	½	
Foreign Language	2	
Fine Arts	1	
Electives	4	+2 additional electives
Total Credits	22	26

THE ENDORSEMENTS

- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
- Business and Industry
- Arts and Humanities
- Public Services
- Multidisciplinary Studies

These are guidelines to help you pick classes, know prerequisites, and/or meet requirements for certifications while in high school

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

If you will take Algebra in 8th

9 th Grade <i>Freshman Year</i>	10 th Grade <i>Sophomore Year</i>	11 th Grade <i>Junior Year</i>	12 th Grade <i>Senior Year</i>
English I (1 credit)	English II (1 credit)	English III (1 credit)	English IV (1 credit)
Algebra I	Geometry	3 rd Math (1 credit)	4 th Math (1 credit)
Geometry (1 credit)	3 rd Math (1 credit)	4 th Math (1 credit)	5 th Math (1 credit)
Biology (1 credit)	IPC, Chemistry or Physics (1 credit)	3 rd Science (1 credit)	4 th Science (1 credit)
World Geography <u>or</u> World History (1 credit)*		U.S. History (1 credit)	U.S. Gov't (.5 credit) Economics (.5 credit)
PACE (.5 credit)			
Health (.5 credit)			
Languages other than English (2 credits)**			
Physical Education (1 credit)***			
Fine Arts (1 credit)**			
Electives (6 credits)			

Foundation High School
Program *Plus Endorsement*
Required Courses

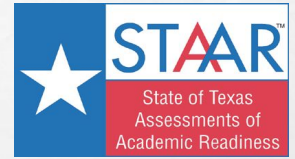
English	4
Math	3 + 1
Science	3 + 1
Social Studies	3
PACE	.5
Health	.5
Physical Ed.	1
Foreign Lang.	2
Fine Arts	1
Electives	4 + 2
TOTAL CREDITS	26

THINKING AHEAD...4 YEAR PLANNING

- This year, students will take a Career Survey that will be used to help them make their High School **Four-Year Plan**.
- The counselor will discuss the Four-Year Plan in detail with students in September 2024. You will also work with your child through the Xello program to develop the plan (My.CFISD.net).



TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION



- STAAR™ includes 5 end-of-course (EOC) tests for high school, as well as assessments for grades 3-8.
- English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, U.S. History
- Algebra I students will take STAAR™ EOC in middle school.

College Credit in High School

- Dual Credit
- AP- advanced Placement
- College Academy

LOOKING AHEAD: COLLEGE ACADEMY

- College Academy is a partnership between CFISD & Lone Star
 - Eligible student may earn a HS diploma AND an Associate of Science Degree within grades 9-12
- *Students can earn college credits in high school without being part of the College Academy program.*

COLLEGE ACADEMY

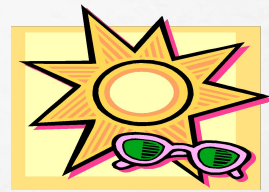
- Students apply during the spring of 8th grade.
- Eligibility requirements include
 - 80+ average in Algebra I
 - 80+ average in K-Level/Horizons Language Arts

For more info see
CFISD.net
Parents & Students
Academics
College-Career-Readiness

GPA Game?

- K-level, Dual Credit, AP, Horizon all count towards 6.0 GPA
- Take as many of these as possible if going to college
- UT automatic admission is top 6%

SUMMER SCHOOL



Original Credit
And
Make Up Credit
(Failure of a core course)

1st session: TBD
2nd session: TBD



Accelerate to Algebra

(Students who meet Level 1 math requirements, who were not enrolled in Level 1 math during the school year must attend this class and make an 80+ in the summer program to move to level 1 math in 8th grade.)

Other details for summer school, such as locations and exact times, will be available mid April.

Summer school information will be available on www.cfisd.net and in the counselor's office in mid April.

NO Elective CHANGES.....



Electives **will not be changed** after the last day of school.

You are married for 1 year to your elective/PE choices!
No Divorces = No elective changes

DEADLINE: April 30, 2024

Course Description Book

The Course Description Booklet can be found at
CFISD.net > Academics >
Curriculum and Course
Descriptions **OR** use this QR
code. Please note not all
courses listed are offered at
Hamilton MS



WOW...TIME FLIES! YOU'RE ALMOST A 8th GRADER!

*Complete the Online
Registration form by
March 8th

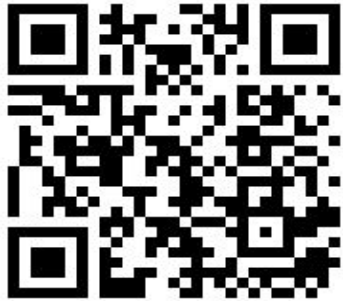
*Form link will be emailed through
School Messenger



Registration Link

Registration is available online through a Google Link below. You will receive an email with the link and QR code. **Due by March 8th, 2023**

Mark your elective choices by selecting your first, second, third, and fourth choices in each section. Remember, you must have a total of 4 **semesters** of electives. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ courses or 2 full year courses



<https://forms.gle/WBH4Zqa2pqjPwmM69>

Questions?

Counselors are available to answer simple questions, but please use the QR code below for complex questions

