

# **VRIMS** **8th Grade** **Course Registration**



2024-2025 School Year



# Who is your counselor?

- ❖ Students A-G  
Molly Brown
- ❖ Students H-O  
Lindsey Broyles
- ❖ Students P-Z  
Bill Mitchell

# Course Registration Procedure

## **REGISTRATION Procedure**

- Today we will review 8th grade course requirements
- Courses will be selected through a Google Form and uploaded by your counselor in their Google Classroom
- Sit down with your parents and select the courses you will be taking next year
- Go through the Middle School Course Guide for course descriptions (link is can be found in the Google Form and posted in Google Classroom)
- Counselors will enter your course requests into Aeries.



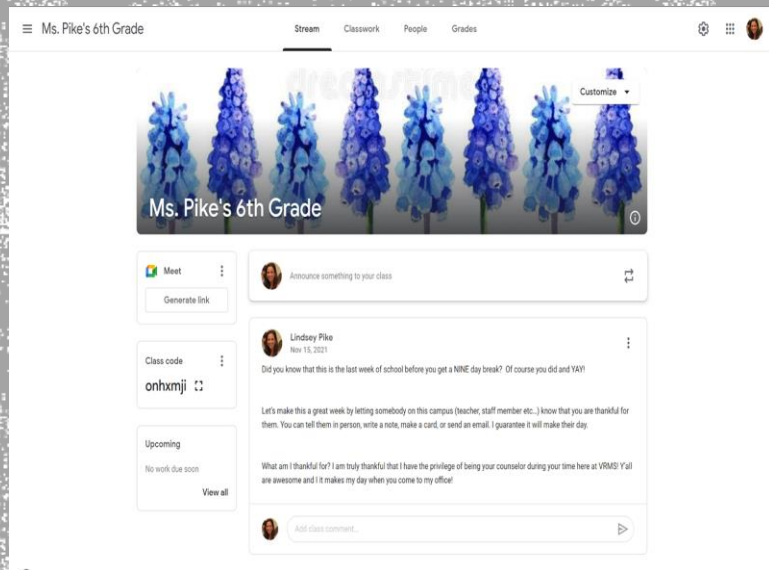
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# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCHEDULE

Math*	45 minutes
Language Arts*	45 minutes
Science*	45 minutes
Social Studies*	45 minutes
<b>Advisory (Required)</b>	45 minutes
Elective	45 minutes
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\*STAAR Tested Subjects





# **Class Options: HONORS & ACCELERATED**

## Honors, Accelerated and High School:

- More in -depth, application of grade level and extension - style homework.
- Requires more effort, attention, and skill • Student must be able to work independently in & outside the classroom.
- The student is highly self - motivated to learn and achieve.
- Class discussions begin with the assumption that knowledge has been acquired independently and moves quickly to concepts.
- Testing involves more indirect application and drawing conclusion - style questioning .
- Accelerated classes combine two grade levels into one grade.

## Academic Level:

- More grade level, skills - based, comprehension - style homework.
- The student may require more guidance from the teacher.
- The student may need monitoring to ensure completion of assignments.
- Class discussions begin with a review of knowledge and move carefully toward understanding concepts.
- Testing involves more demonstration of skills and knowledge -style questioning.



Academic strengths/Areas of Giftedness

Commitment to academics

Do you enjoy the subject-Math

Extracurricular activities

Family support

**FACTORS TO  
CONSIDER  
WHILE  
DECIDING  
WHAT LEVEL  
OF COURSES  
ARE THE  
BEST FIT**





# High School Graduation Requirements

## *CORE Classes*

Subject Area	Credits
English Language Arts	Four Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>English I</b></li><li>• English II</li><li>• English III</li><li>• English IV</li></ul>
Math	Four Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Algebra I</b></li><li>• Geometry</li><li>• Algebra 2</li><li>• Endorsement Advanced Math</li></ul>
Science	Four Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Biology</b></li><li>• Advanced Science Course</li><li>• Advanced Science Course</li><li>• Endorsement Advanced Science</li></ul>
Social Studies	Four Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• World Geography</li><li>• World History</li><li>• US History</li><li>• Government/Economics</li></ul>



# High School Graduation Requirements

## *Elective Classes*

Course	Credits
World Languages	2 credits of same language <b>Spanish</b> *Credit by exam?
Physical Education	1 credit (Not offered at VRMS)
Fine Art	1 credit (Not offered at VRMS)
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills	.5 credit Professional Communications or Entrepreneurship (Offered virtually at VRMS)
Electives	5.5 credits (Some 8 <sup>th</sup> grade electives are high school credit classes)





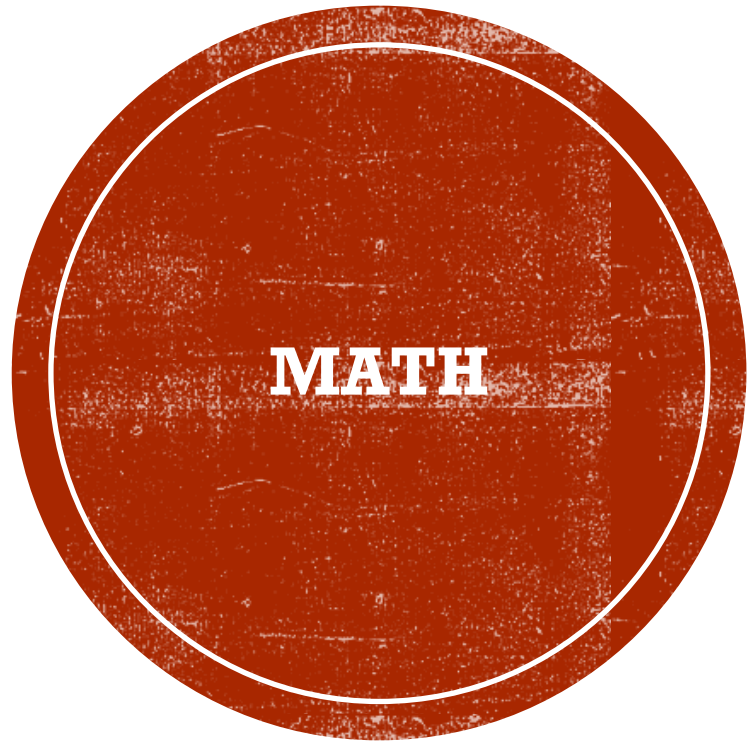
# SOCIAL STUDIES

- **Social Studies 8**
  - Academic on level course
- **Honors Social Studies 8**
  - Advanced level course



- **Science 8**
  - Academic on level course
- **Honors Science 8**
  - Advanced level course
- **Biology (MUST ALSO BE IN ALGEBRA 1)**
  - **High School credit class**. This course is required for HS graduation and is factored into a student's GPA.





- **Math 8**
  - On level academic course
- **Honors Algebra 1**
  - **High school credit course.** This course is required for HS graduation and is factored into a student's GPA. **Students need to have successfully completed Accelerated Math 7.**
  - Summer Math Boot Camp – Please see your math teacher for more information if interested.





**ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE  
ARTS**

- **Language Arts 8**
  - On level academic course
- **Honors English I**
  - **High School credit course.** This course is required for HS graduation and is factored into a student's GPA. It is recommended that students successfully complete Accelerated ELA 7.

# ADVISORY

All students are required to take Advisory next year.

- **Advisory**
  - Curriculum Driven TBD

# AVID

AVID is now an elective.

- **AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination**
  - College preparation
  - AVID Skills-organization, character building, goal setting
  - Tutoring
  - Team building, projects, and speakers
  - ***Students must apply for AVID – If you do not apply, or aren't selected, we will put you in Advisory.***
  - It is recommended that student take at least one Honors or Accelerated course

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION Options

- **Athletics**- Physical and UIL Paperwork required
- **P.E.**
- **Unified P.E.** (Application Required)
- **Tennis** (physical required)
- **Off-Campus PE** - 10 or more hours per week required. Contact Ms. Broyles for more information

Students are required to take a full year of a physical education class in either 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Students **CAN NOT** take Athletics and/or P.E. and/or Tennis at the same time.

If you took a physical education course in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, you're not required to take a physical education class in 8<sup>th</sup>, but you still can if you'd like to.



## Fine Art Electives

- **Art I, Art 2**
- **Art Portfolio (Application Required)**
- **Band**
- **Choir**
- **Journalism/Yearbook (Application Required)**
- **Orchestra**
- **Unified Art (Application Required)**
- **Theatre 1, Theatre 2**
- **Theatre Production (Audition and Application Required) -  
Please see Ms. Zamora**





## Other Electives

- **Spanish 1 – High School Credit**
- **Spanish 2 – High School Credit**
- **Engineering Essentials – High School Credit**
- **PALS (Application Required)**
- **AVID (Application Required)**

### Semester Classes

- **Investigating Careers-Introduction to Audio/Video Production**
- **Health – .5 High School Credit**
- **Creative Writing**
- **College and Career Readiness**
- **Speech Communications**
- **World Mythology**
- **Student Aide (Application Required) This will not be on your course request form. Ask your counselor for an application.**



## Virtual Electives

***ALL ONLINE***

***NO TEACHER***

- **Principles of Business, Finance and Marketing – High School Credit**
- **Principles of Health Science – High School Credit**
- **Entrepreneurship – High School Credit**

### Semester Classes

- **Professional Communications - .5 High School Credit**
- **Interpersonal Studies - .5 High School Credit**
- **Touch Systems Data - .5 High School Credit**
- **Lifetime Nutrition & Wellness - .5 High School Credit**



# Applications

- **If you pick a course where an application is required, please make sure you submit the application.**
- **If you do not apply, we will not be able to put you in that class.**
- **Applications will be sent to student emails. It is your responsibility to check for and submit them. All applications are due by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.**



# STUDENT COURSE REQUESTS GUIDE OUR STAFFING AND SCHEDULING FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

- Staffing of schools and scheduling of courses is based on student course requests.
  - We do our very best to allow for students' first choices to work, however, this is not always possible.
  - We also hope that we are able to offer as many classes as possible, however, if we do not have the staff or a large enough interest in a course, we are not able to offer the course.
  - Alternates – You must pick 3 alternate classes. They **CANNOT** be the same as your previous 3 elective choices.

# Google Form

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## Required Academic Courses



Please use this link to find a detailed list and descriptions of classes - [Middle School Course Guide](#)

### Language Arts \*

- 0181 English Language Arts, Grade 8
- 0185 English I Honors - High School Credit Course.

### Math \*

- 0840 Algebra I - High School Credit Course (You must currently be in accelerated math to be eligible for A...
- 0850 Algebra I Honors - High School Credit Course (You must currently be in accelerated math to be eligi...





# Google Form

## Elective- 1st Choice \*

1. 2352 Art I
2. 2355 Art II (Prerequisite - Art I)
3. 1295 Art Portfolio (Application Required)
4. 2364 Unified Art (Application Required)
5. 1050 Band
6. 1051 Choir
7. 1007 Orchestra I
8. 1008 Orchestra II (Prerequisite Orchestra I)
9. 2572 Theater I
10. 2573 Theater II (Prerequisite Theater I)

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## Alternate Electives



We will only use these if for some reason we are unable to get you into your 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice. Please enter them in order of preference.

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4. 2364 Unified Art (Application Required)
5. 1050 Band

# What if I want to change to my course requests?

- You can make changes to your course requests until MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>
- If you want to make changes, email your counselor
  - Molly Brown (A-G):  
molly.brown@kellerisd.net
  - Lindsey Broyles (H-O):  
lindsey.broyles@kellerisd.net
  - Bill Mitchell  
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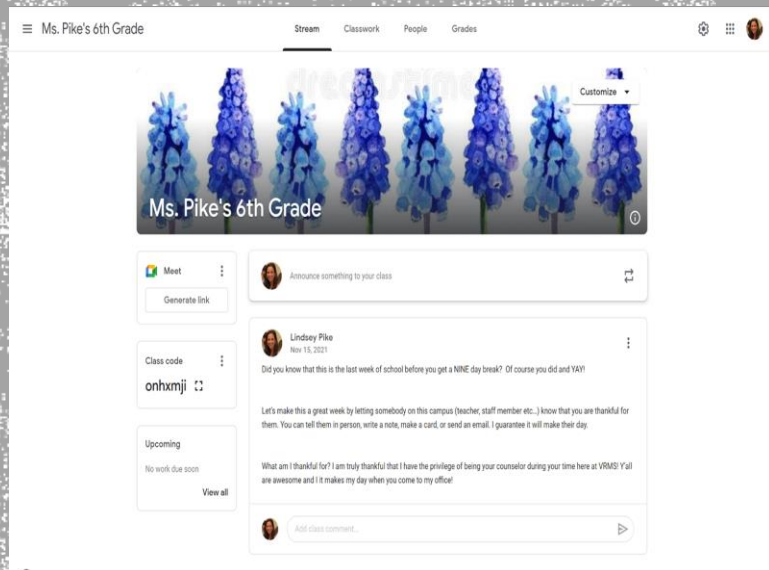
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