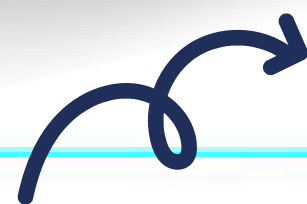


INCOMING 6TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

RONALD
THORNTON
MIDDLE SCHOOL



Tuesday, January 13, 2026

RTMS Leaders



Dr. Kargbo
Principal



Dr. Williams
Associate Principal



Mrs. Martinez
A - C
Assistant Principal



Mrs. Skinner
D - Ke
Assistant Principal



Mr. Watson
Kh - Re
Assistant Principal

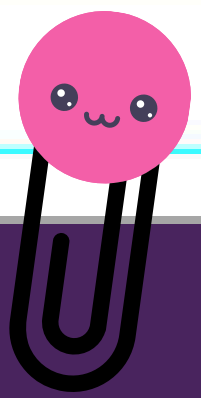


Mr. Cardenas
Ri - Z
Assistant Principal



Mrs. Evans-Williams
Assistant Principal

RTMS Counseling Team



Ms. Jefferson
A - C



Mrs. Parker
D - Ke

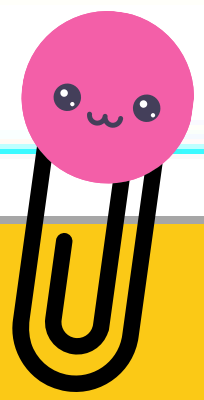


Ms. Green
Kh - Re

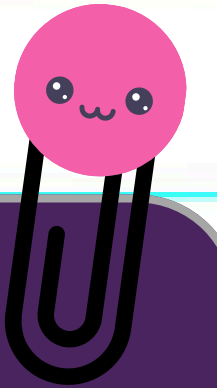


Mrs. Torres
Ri - Z

Our Agenda



- Core Classes
- Electives
- Profile of an AAC Student
- Math Pathway
- Course Worksheet
- Windows/Dates



Doors open
at 8:20 am

Start Time:
8:50 am

End Time:
4:10 pm

COURSE SELECTION

Due Dates

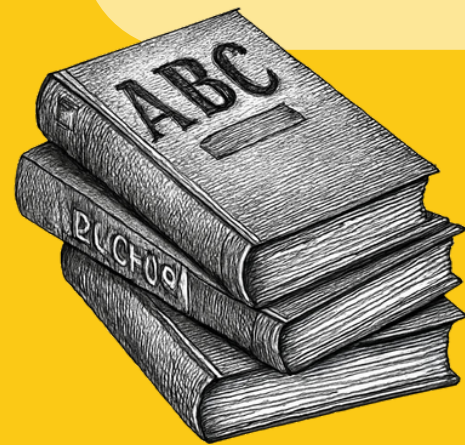
Elementary Counselors will share

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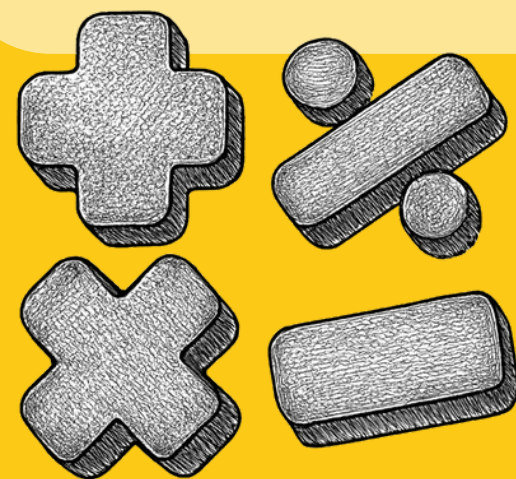
January 26 - February 13



6th Grade Required Courses



English Language
Arts



Math



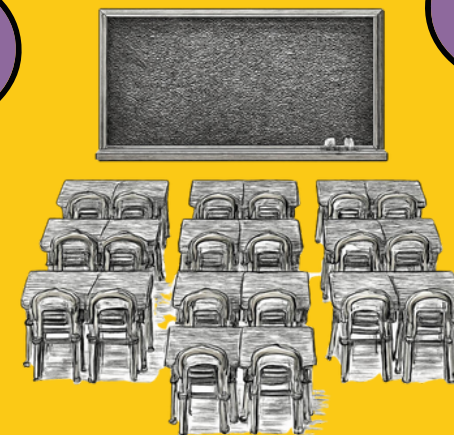
Social Studies



Physical
Education



Science



AVID 6



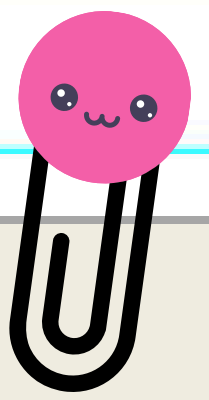
Elective



AVID

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- In class you learn the “tricks” to school
 - Expert note taking a.k.a. focused note taking
 - Organization with notes, binders, and planners
 - Helpful Study Habits
 - Advocating for yourself!
- Not required to take AAC course
- No application process
- Some will be in a LAB instead of AVID



Technovations I

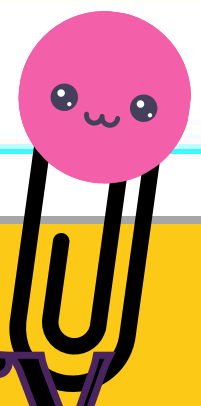
- Replaces Robotics and Engineering I
- An introductory course that focuses on robotics and engineering.

- Students will get a hands on experience designing, constructing, and programming.
- The goal is to expose students to computational thinking and promote problem-solving skills.



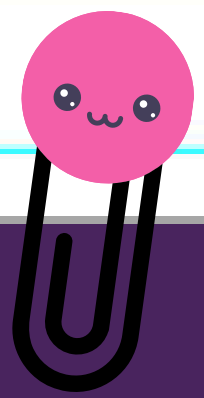
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Middle School AAC Math Entry Points & Course Sequencing



- Grade 6 Math AAC covers **BOTH** 6th-grade Math TEKS and some 7th-grade math TEKS
- Grade 7 Math AAC includes 7th-grade math TEKS not addressed in 6 Math AAC and **ALL** 8th-grade math TEKS

AAC vs On-Level



Criteria for enrolling in Pre-AP courses

- ✦ Rigor
- ✦ Project based
- ✦ Fast paced
- ✦ Academically challenging
- ✦ Success in Pre-AP is 75 and above

Profile of an AAC Student

- Advanced Math Considerations:
 - Math is the only subject that accelerates instruction. This means all the 6th-8th grade TEKS will be taught in 2 years to allow for Algebra 1 in 8th grade.
 - Students in 7th AAC Math take the 8th Math STAAR Test.
 - Once students take the 8th grade STAAR Test in 7th grade, students are automatically placed in Algebra 1 for 8th grade.
 - Once placed in Algebra 1, students may not level down to 8th grade math.
- ELA, Social Studies, and Science AAC courses increase the rigor, pace, and time spent outside of school on the grade-level curriculum.
- Science AAC requires students to complete a science fair project.
- Students may only request to level up from an on-level class to an AAC class in the first nine days of school.
- Level downs from AAC classes to on level classes must occur in the first grading period.
- Math Lab and Literacy classes are available for students who do not approach grade level standards on the STAAR test.



RTMS Transition 2026-2027

<u>Profile of a Successful On-Level Student:</u>	<u>Profile of a Successful AAC Student:</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> At/Above Level on NWEA MAP	<input type="checkbox"/> At/Above Level on NWEA MAP
<input type="checkbox"/> Consistently Approaches, Meets, or Masters-Grade Level on STAAR	<input type="checkbox"/> Consistently Masters-Grade Level on STAAR
<input type="checkbox"/> Understands the importance of education	<input type="checkbox"/> High interest in learning challenging concepts
<input type="checkbox"/> Practices concepts until mastered	<input type="checkbox"/> Picks-up new concepts quickly
<input type="checkbox"/> Completes assigned schoolwork in school and at home	<input type="checkbox"/> Takes responsibility for schoolwork without adult direction
<input type="checkbox"/> Asks questions when help is needed	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-advocates for assistance when needed
<input type="checkbox"/> Reads on a 5 th grade level or above	<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys reading and writing about new concepts independently
<input type="checkbox"/> Strong number sense and uses strategies to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division (math)	<input type="checkbox"/> Strong mastery of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division with ease (math)

Fine Arts

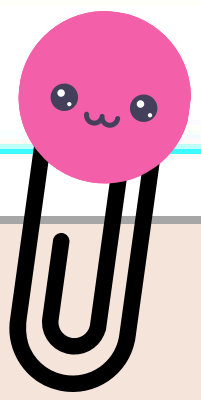
Commitment

Cost

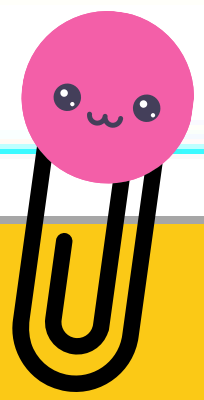
Required Parent Night

Instrumentation/Beginner Fitting

Instrument fitting for band and orchestra will be on April 18th at RTMS. Students interested in percussion must attend a mandatory screening on April 16th at RTMS. Band and Orchestra parent night is scheduled for April 7. Additional details will be shared later.



Pre-Athletics

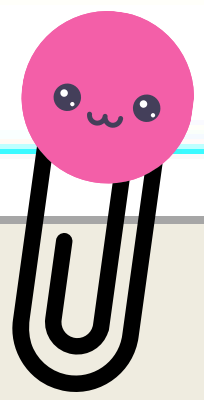


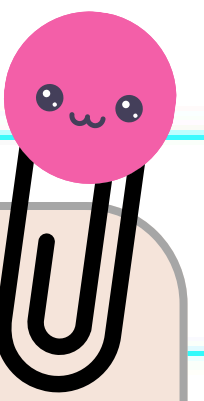
- Takes the place of P.E.
- Requires an application process
- Coach's recommendation required
- Willing to participate in sports during 7th and 8th grade
- Demonstrates teamwork and a positive attitude

What is Career and Technical Education (CTE)?

Our students define CTE as a program that involves academic and hands-on skills to prepare students for a specific career that they want.

Career and Technical Education is a strategic educational plan for all students. It allows for academics, creativity and skills to merge therefore sparking career interest that will carry them from high school to college and career.





Why students should get active in CTE Early!

✦ Foundation for Skill Development

- CTE in middle school allows students to explore interests and develop essential skills early for future success.

✦ Informed Academic Pathways

- Early CTE exposure helps students make informed decisions about high school and post-secondary courses.

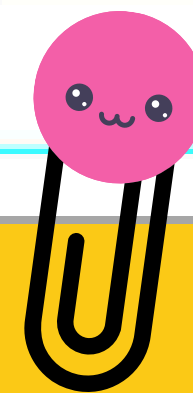
✦ Increased Engagement and Motivation

- Real-world learning applications in CTE increase student engagement and motivation in school.

✦ Family Benefits and Support

- Families gain clarity and confidence in education planning, reducing stress and rushed decisions.

CTE Courses available for Middle School 26–27

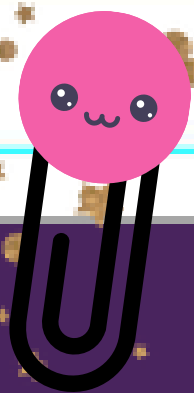


6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Technovation I	Touch System Data Entry/Dollars and Sense	Fundamentals of Computer Science
	Career and College Exploration	Principles of Human Services
	Technovation II	Technovation II
		Touch System Data Entry/Dollars and Sense
		Career and College Exploration



To enroll your incoming 6th grader in Technovation I or a rising 7th or 8th in Technovation II, make sure to select the course during course selection, use one of your elective spaces to add the course.

5th to 6th Course Selection Options



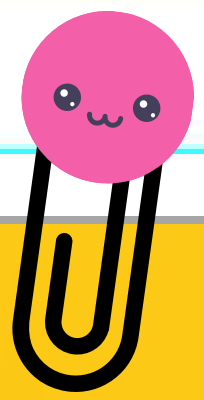
Subject	Grade 6
English	___ EL6211 ELA I 6
	___ EL6111 ELA I 6 AAC
Math	___ MA6211 Math 6
	___ MA6111 Math 6 AAC
Science	___ SC6211 Science 6
	___ SC6111 Science 6 AAC
Social Studies	___ SS6211 Soc Stdy 6
	___ SS6111 Soc Stdy 6 AAC
PE/Kickstart Health (7th Grade)	___ PH6639 PE 6
	___ PH6640 PE 6 Kickstart
	___ Pre-Athletics

ELECTIVES: Number elective choices in order of preference: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Please use all five numbers.
Students may not get their first choice or second choice due to availability. Space in electives is limited.
One year of Fine Arts is required in middle school per TEA. Electives are for a FULL YEAR and are not changed during the school year.

Fine Arts	___ FA6689 Art I 6
	___ FB6799 Band I
	___ FC6749 Beg Boys Choir I
	___ FC6759 Beg Girls Choir I
	___ FO6809 Beg Orch I
	___ FT6959 Theatre I 6
Electives	___ AV6111 AVID Gr 6
	___ CTE111 Technovation I

5th to 6th Course Selection Sheet

Subject	Grade 6
English	<input type="checkbox"/> EL6211 ELA I 6
	<input type="checkbox"/> EL6111 ELA I 6 AAC
Math	<input type="checkbox"/> MA6211 Math 6
	<input type="checkbox"/> MA6111 Math 6 AAC
Science	<input type="checkbox"/> SC6211 Science 6
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Social Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> SS6211 Soc Stdy 6
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	<input type="checkbox"/> PH6641 Pre-Athletics
ELECTIVES: Number elective choices in order of preference Students may not get their first choice or second choice due to availability. One year of Fine Arts is required in middle school per TEA. Electives are for a total of 3 choices.	
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26 - 27 SchoolLinks Middle School Course Catalog Information



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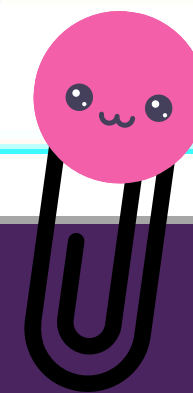
**Course Selection
Guides**

**Parents &
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Dates to Remember



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Middle
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Camp

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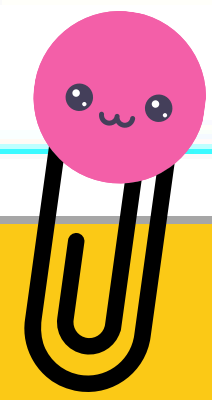
Course
Verification
Window is
March 9 - 13

*Details will be
communicated
by the district

3

Course Selection
Sheets should be
returned to you
elementary
counselor. Check
with your
Elementary
Counselor for the
due date

Course Change Policy



To maintain balance of classroom numbers and to minimize disruptions to the academic process, schedule changes will be made for the following reasons by using the Schedule Change Request Form.

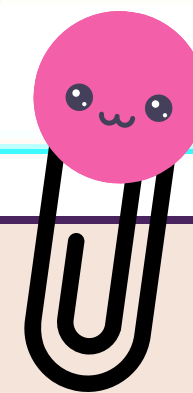
- To maintain balance of classroom numbers and to minimize disruptions to the academic process, schedule changes will be made for the following reasons by using the Schedule Change Request Form.
- A student has already received credit for the class in which they are currently scheduled.
- A male has been scheduled into a female PE/Athletics, or vice versa.
- A student is in a class for which they do not have the appropriate prerequisite (i.e., enrolled in Spanish II and has not taken Spanish I).
- A student is a SENIOR and needs the requested class for graduation.
- A student is duplicating a class in which they are enrolled through the Dual Credit program at Houston Community College (documentation must be submitted showing the student has enrolled in the course).
- A student requiring a schedule correction must pick up a Schedule Change Request Form and submit to their counselor. The deadline for all schedule correction(s) is 9 days after the start of each semester.

In general, elective change requests will not be honored. However, if a student is trying to move from a regular elective into an extracurricular program (i.e. band, choir, and athletics) the request for the change will be considered but must be initiated by the coach/ program director.

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RTMS Spirit Wear



QUESTIONS

