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COURSE



SELECTION NIGHT

Ronald Thornton Middle School

2026



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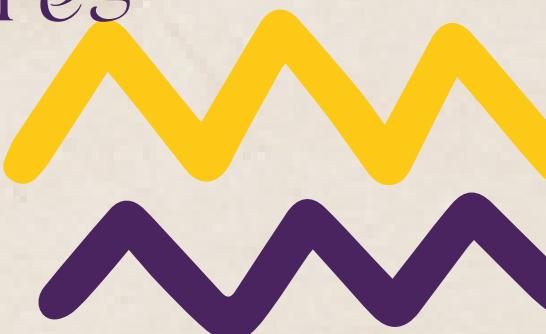
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# Agenda

- AAC vs. On-Level Courses
- Math Pathway
- Core Classes
- Electives
- Kickstart, PE, Health, Dance
- Athletic Class

- High School Credit Courses
- Spanish Options
- Applications
- Course Worksheet
- Windows

# 7TH GRADE COURSES

ELA

Math

Social Studies

Science

.5-PE/Kickstart/Athletics .5-Health

Elective

Elective

Advisory

# 8TH GRADE COURSES

ELA

Math

Social Studies

Science

PE/Kickstart/Dance/Athletics

Elective

Elective

Advisory

# AAC VS. ON-LEVEL

Criteria for enrolling in AAC courses

Rigor

Project based

Fast paced

Academically challenging

Success in an AAC course is a 75 and above

# Profile of an AAC Student

- Advanced Math Considerations:
  - Math is the only subject that accelerates instruction. This means all the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade TEKS will be taught in 2 years to allow for Algebra 1 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Students in 7<sup>th</sup> AAC Math take the 8<sup>th</sup> Math STAAR Test.
  - Once students take the 8<sup>th</sup> grade STAAR Test in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, students are automatically placed in Algebra 1 for 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Once placed in Algebra 1, students may not level down to 8<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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) |

# MS AAC MATH ENTRY POINTS & COURSE SEQUENCING

- Grade 6 Math AAC covers both 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math TEKS and some 7<sup>th</sup> grade math TEKS.
- Grade 7 Math AAC includes 7<sup>th</sup> grade math TEKS not addressed in 6 Math AAC and all 8<sup>th</sup> grade math TEKS
- Grade 7 Math AAC students will take the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR
- On Level Algebra I will be offered on course selection sheet under Math
- OL and AAC Algebra I students will take the Algebra I EOC

# Kickstart/Physical Education/Health/O.C. PE

All 7th graders have a choice of taking either kickstart or PE

8th graders can take dance

All 7th graders must take a semester of health.

Off Campus PE is handled at the district level.  
There is a strict deadline for Off Campus PE; students must apply for the whole year before the deadline.

# ATHLETICS CLASS

7th and 8th grade students have an opportunity to sign up for the athletics class

It is a year long commitment and students must commit to staying the entire year

## **Enrollment Process**

### **Class Structure**

**Student Athletes must plan on playing 1 - 2 UIL sports offered at RTMS**

Requires approval from the coach - Coaches will evaluate on interest and enthusiasm, teamwork and cooperation, physical fitness, behavior and dressing out

# AVAILABLE HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES

## 7TH GRADE

- Touch System Data Entry (.5)  
& Dollars And Sense (.5)
- Technovation II

## 8TH GRADE

- Spanish 1
- Spanish for Spanish Speakers
- Touch System data Entry (.5)  
& Dollars And Sense (.5)
- Principles of Human Services
- Principles of Computer  
Science
- Technovation II

# 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

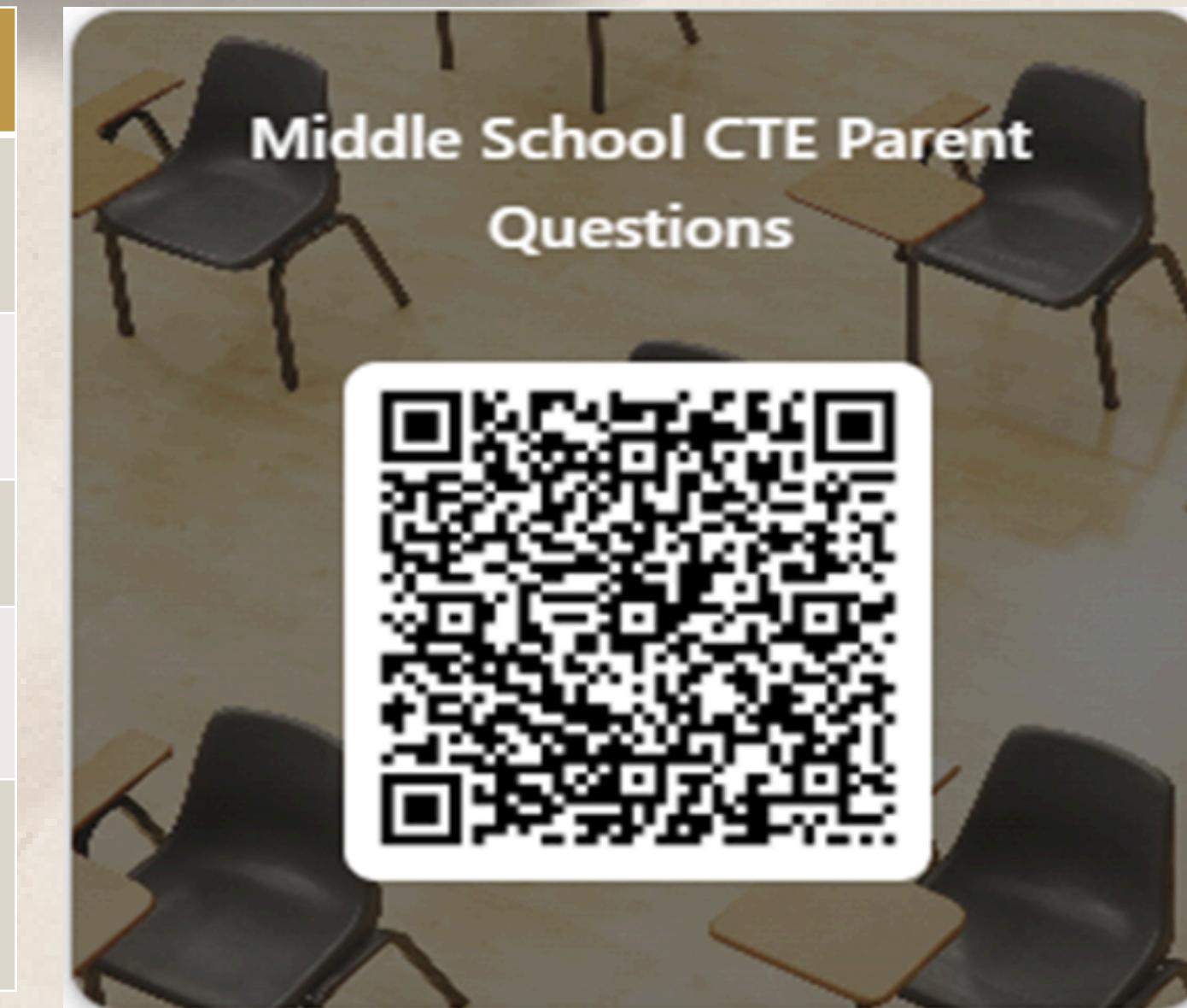
- Real-world learning applications in CTE increase student engagement and motivation in school.

## 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.

# Courses Requiring Applications/Approval



6TH TO 7TH GRADE

COURSE SELECTION

WORKSHEET

# 6TH TO 7TH CORE OPTIONS

| Grade 7               |
|-----------------------|
| EL7211 ELA I 7        |
| EL7111 ELA I 7 AAC    |
| MA7211 Math 7         |
| MA7111 Math 7 AAC     |
| SC7211 Science 7      |
| SC7111 Science 7 AAC  |
| SS7211 Tx Hist 7      |
| SS7111 Tx Hist 7 AAC  |
| PH7639 PE 7           |
| PH7640 PE 7 Kickstart |
| PH7638 Health 7       |



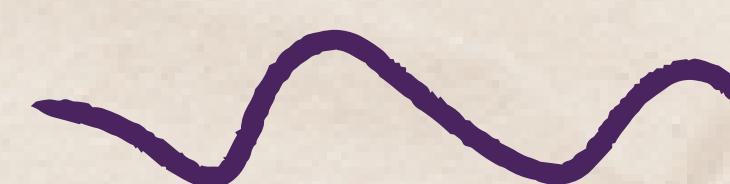
# 6th To 7th Grade Elective Offerings

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|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> FA7869 Art I 7-8         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FA7879 Art II 7-8        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FB7739 Band II           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FC7780 Beg Boys Choir I  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FC7781 Beg Girls Choir I |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FC8749 Boys Choir II     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FC7779 Girls Choir II    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FO7849 Orch II           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FT7939 Theatre I 7-8     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FT7999 Theatre II 7-8    |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AV7111 AVID Gr 7        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CBU020 *Touch Systems   |
| Data Entry (Fall)                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHU020 *Dollars and     |
| Sense (Spring)                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHU010 *Principles of   |
| Human Services                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CTE021 Career and       |
| College Exploration                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CTE112 *Technovation II |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FJ7899 Introd Broad 7   |

# 7th To 8th Grade Core Options

| Grade 8               |
|-----------------------|
| EL8211 ELA I 8        |
| EL8011 ELA I/II 8 AAC |
| MA8211 Math 8         |
| MA212 *Algebra I      |
| MA211 *Algebra I AAC  |
| MA222 *Geometry       |
| MA221 *Geometry AAC   |
| SC8211 Science 8      |
| SC8111 Science 8 AAC  |
| SS8211 US Hist        |
| SS8111 US Hist 8 AAC  |
| PH8669 PE 8           |
| PH8670 PE 8 Kickstart |
| PH8671 Intro to Dance |





# 7th TO 8th Grade Elective Offerings

- FA7869 Art I 7-8
- FA7879 Art II 7-8
- FA8679 Art III
- FB8739 Band III
- FC7780 Beg Boys Choir I
- FC7781 Beg Girls Choir I
- FC8749 Boys Choir II
- FC7779 Girls Choir II
- FC8789 Boys Choir III
- FC8779 Girls Choir III
- FO8849 Orch III
- FT7939 Theatre I 7-8
- FT7999 Theatre II 7-8
- FT8809 Theatre III

- AV8111 AVID Gr 8
- CBU020 \*Touch Systems
- Data Entry (Fall)
- CHU020 \*Dollars and Sense (Spring)
- CHU010 \*Principles of Human Services
- CTE021 Career and College Exploration
- CTE112 \*Technovation II
- CST280 \*Fundamentals of Computer Science
- FJ7899 Introd Broad 8
- FJ8899 Advanced Broad 8 (teacher recommendation required)
- FJ8877 Journalism (application required)
- FL112 \*Spanish I
- FL1021 \*Spanish I for Spanish Speakers
- FL1021 \*Spanish II for Spanish Speakers
- NC8979 PALS (application required)

# Course Selection Sheet

Course selection sheets are due to your social studies teacher no later than 1/22/26.

| Student Name: _____  | M   | F  | Student ID #: _____   |
|--|---|--|---|
| Parent Name: _____   | Daytime Contact#: _____   |  |   |
| Email Address: _____   |   |  |   |
| Subject  | Grade 6   | Grade 7  | Grade 8   |
| English  | <input type="checkbox"/> EL6211 ELA I 6<br><input type="checkbox"/> EL6111 ELA I 6 AAC  | <input type="checkbox"/> EL7211 ELA I 7<br><input type="checkbox"/> EL7111 ELA I 7 AAC   | <input type="checkbox"/> EL8211 ELA I 8<br><input type="checkbox"/> EL8011 ELA I/II 8 AAC   |
| Math   | <input type="checkbox"/> MA6211 Math 6<br><input type="checkbox"/> MA6111 Math 6 AAC  | <input type="checkbox"/> MA7211 Math 7<br><input type="checkbox"/> MA7111 Math 7 AAC   | <input type="checkbox"/> MA8211 Math 8<br><input type="checkbox"/> MA212 *Algebra I<br><input type="checkbox"/> MA211 *Algebra I AAC<br><input type="checkbox"/> MA222 *Geometry<br><input type="checkbox"/> MA221 *Geometry AAC  |
| Science  | <input type="checkbox"/> SC6211 Science 6<br><input type="checkbox"/> SC6111 Science 6 AAC  | <input type="checkbox"/> SC7211 Science 7<br><input type="checkbox"/> SC7111 Science 7 AAC   | <input type="checkbox"/> SC8211 Science 8<br><input type="checkbox"/> SC8111 Science 8 AAC  |
| Social Studies   | <input type="checkbox"/> SS6211 Soc Stdy 6<br><input type="checkbox"/> SS6111 Soc Stdy 6 AAC  | <input type="checkbox"/> SS7211 Tx Hist 7<br><input type="checkbox"/> SS7111 Tx Hist 7 AAC   | <input type="checkbox"/> SS8211 US Hist<br><input type="checkbox"/> SS8111 US Hist 8 AAC  |
| PE/Kickstart<br>Health (7th Grade)   | <input type="checkbox"/> PH6639 PE 6<br><input type="checkbox"/> PH6640 PE 6 Kickstart<br><input type="checkbox"/> PH6641 Pre-Athletics   | <input type="checkbox"/> PH7639 PE 7<br><input type="checkbox"/> PH7640 PE 7 Kickstart<br><input type="checkbox"/> PH7638 Health 7   | <input type="checkbox"/> PH8669 PE 8<br><input type="checkbox"/> PH8670 PE 8 Kickstart<br><input type="checkbox"/> PH8671 Intro to Dance  |
| <b>ELECTIVES:</b> Number elective choices in order of preference: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Please use all five numbers.<br>Students may not get their first choice or second choice due to availability. Space in electives is limited.<br>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  | <input type="checkbox"/> FA6689 Art I 6<br><input type="checkbox"/> FB6799 Band I<br><input type="checkbox"/> FC6749 Beg Boys Choir I<br><input type="checkbox"/> FC6759 Beg Girls Choir I<br><input type="checkbox"/> FO6809 Beg Orch I<br><input type="checkbox"/> FT6959 Theatre I 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> FA7869 Art I 7-8<br><input type="checkbox"/> FA7879 Art II 7-8<br><input type="checkbox"/> FB7739 Band II<br><input type="checkbox"/> FC7780 Beg Boys Choir I<br><input type="checkbox"/> FC7781 Beg Girls Choir I<br><input type="checkbox"/> FC8749 Boys Choir II<br><input type="checkbox"/> FC7779 Girls Choir II<br><input type="checkbox"/> FO7849 Orch II<br><input type="checkbox"/> FT7939 Theatre I 7-8<br><input type="checkbox"/> FT7999 Theatre II 7-8 | <input type="checkbox"/> FA7869 Art I 7-8<br><input type="checkbox"/> FA7879 Art II 7-8<br><input type="checkbox"/> FA8679 Art III<br><input type="checkbox"/> FB8739 Band III<br><input type="checkbox"/> FC7780 Beg Boys Choir I<br><input type="checkbox"/> FC7781 Beg Girls Choir I<br><input type="checkbox"/> FC8749 Boys Choir II<br><input type="checkbox"/> FC7779 Girls Choir II<br><input type="checkbox"/> FC8789 Boys Choir III<br><input type="checkbox"/> FC8779 Girls Choir III<br><input type="checkbox"/> FO8849 Orch III<br><input type="checkbox"/> FT7939 Theatre I 7-8<br><input type="checkbox"/> FT7999 Theatre II 7-8<br><input type="checkbox"/> FT8809 Theatre III   |
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| <small>*Indicates high school credit and counts toward GPA. Students taking a language other than English should plan to take Level II of the same language in 9th grade.</small>  |   |  |   |

# 26 - 27 Middle School Course Guide Information

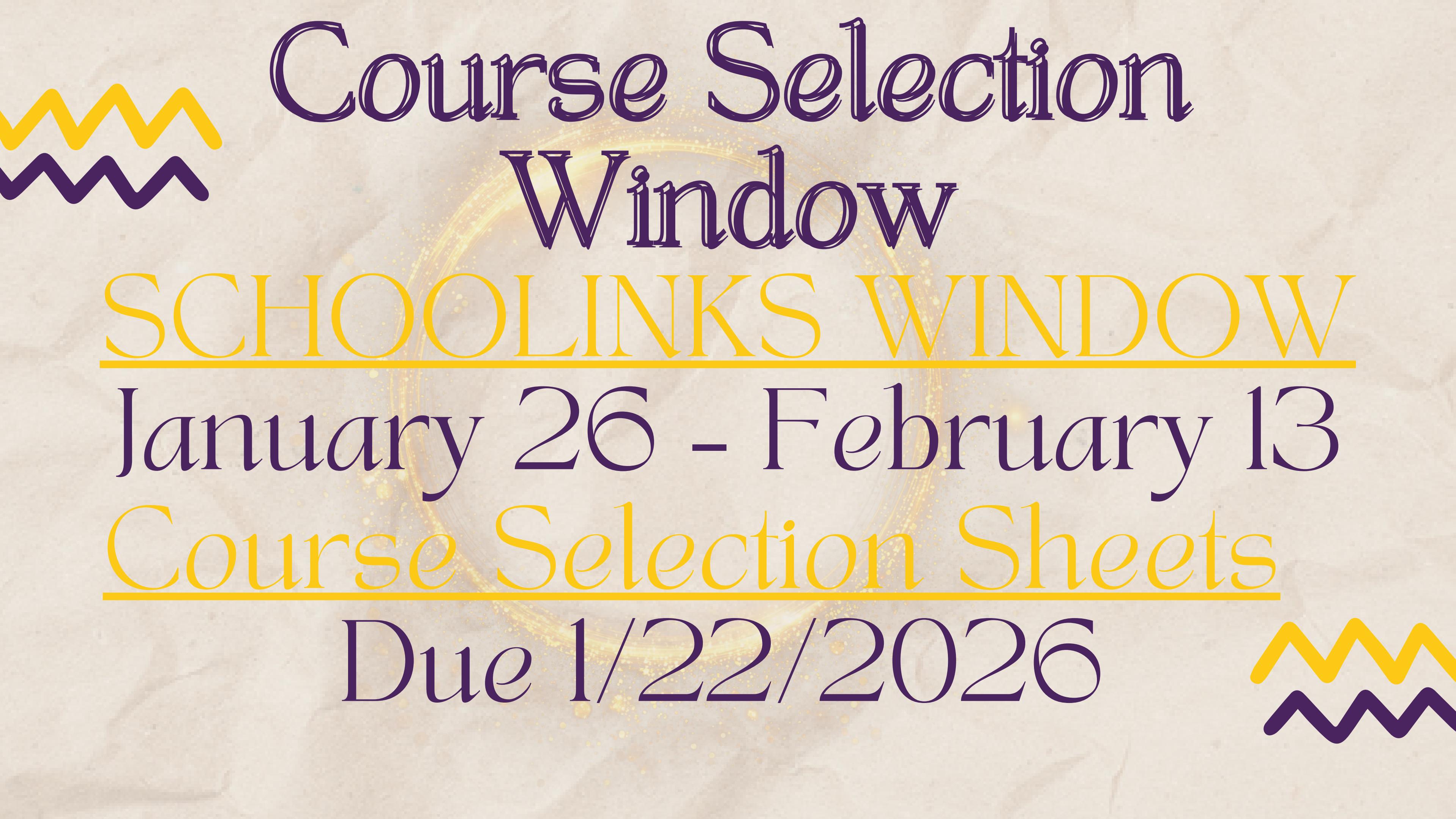
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# Course Selection Window

SCHOOLINKS WINDOW

January 26 - February 13

Course Selection Sheets

Due 1/22/2026



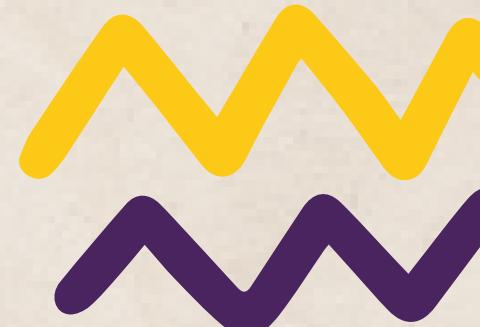
# Parent Verification Window



March 9 - March 13



# Course Change Policy



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- 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.



QUESTIONS