

MYE Parent University Course Selection FAQ

1. Question:

I would like to explore school options for my GT student. We are currently deciding between Garcia Middle School and Quail Valley Middle School. What would you recommend?

Answer:

Both campuses offer strong academic programming. Families are encouraged to consider factors such as location, campus culture, and program offerings when making their decision. In the GTA, your child will take all his/her core classes (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Spanish)

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Math	GTA Math 6 (6 th grade math standards) (must pass Math 6 CBE to skip)	GTA Math 7 (7 th and 8 th grade math standards) (must pass Math 7 and Math 8 CBE)	Algebra 1 Pre-AP/GT OR Math 8 GTA
ELA	GTA ELA 6	GTA ELA 7	GTA ELA 8
Science	GTA Science 6	GTA Science 7	GTA Science 8
Social Studies	GTA World Cultures	GTA Texas History	GTA US History
World Language	Discovering Span Language	Spanish I (HS Credit)	Spanish II (HS Credit)
Physical Education	PE/Kickstart	PE/Kickstart and Health	PE/Kickstart
Fine Art/Electives	Fine Art	Fine Art/Elective	Fine Art/Elective

2. Question:

If a student earns a *Masters* grade on STAAR, are they automatically enrolled in AAC?

Answer:

Yes. However, most campuses will contact parents of students who qualify for AAC but did not select it on their course selection sheet.

3. Question:

Can you please confirm whether Technovation counts toward the Fine Arts credit in middle school?

Answer:

Technovation does **not** count toward the Fine Arts credit in middle school.

4. Question:

Are electives and PE graded, and do they count toward GPA?

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Answer:

Yes, electives and PE are graded. They do **not** count toward GPA in middle school, but they **do** count toward GPA in high school.

5. Question:

Is AVID considered an elective, and can my child take both Choir and AVID?

Answer:

Yes, AVID is an elective. Sixth-grade students may enroll in **only one elective**, so they cannot take both Choir and AVID in sixth grade.

6. Question:

Our first choice is Quail Valley Middle School. Can we also apply to Garcia Middle School?

Answer:

No application is required for Garcia Middle School. If you are zoned to GMS, your student will be automatically enrolled.

7. Question:

Can you provide more information about the AVID elective?

Answer:

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) focuses on organization, study skills, academic goal-setting, and college and career readiness.

8. Question:

Are there math or science electives available for 7th or 8th graders?

Answer:

Math and science are core academic classes. They are required courses and are not offered as electives.

9. Question:

Is one credit of Fine Arts required every year of middle school, or only once during the three years?

Answer:

Students are required to complete **one year** of a Fine Arts course during middle school. Options include Art, Theater, Band, Orchestra, or Choir.

10. Question:

Can you explain what it means to earn high school credit in middle school?

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Answer:

Beginning in 7th grade, students may enroll in select high school credit courses.

Students who follow the advanced math pathway may take Algebra I in 8th grade.

11. Question:

In Skyward, how do I submit course selections for both Quail Valley MS and Garcia MS?

Answer:

You will submit **one** course selection. The course request will transfer to the appropriate campus once enrollment is finalized.

12. Question:

Is there an extended day program at Garcia Middle School?

Answer:

Garcia Middle School does not offer an extended day program. However, Club Excel is available in the **morning only**, with student drop-off beginning at 7:00 a.m.

13. Question:

Are there materials available to help students prepare for CBEs?

Answer:

Yes. Review materials can be found at:

https://highschool.utexas.edu/cbe_study_guides

Obtaining the textbooks referenced in the study guides is the responsibility of the parent.

World Language CBEs are offered beginning in 8th grade and are developed by Avant Assessment. Available languages and practice tests can be found at:

<https://avantassessment.com/stamp>

14. Question:

Can you explain again how students can earn high school credit, as mentioned in the Teams meeting?

Answer:

Students may begin taking high school credit courses in 7th grade. Most courses do not have prerequisites. Algebra I may only be taken if the student completes the advanced math pathway (Math 6 AAC and Math 7 AAC).

15. Question:

Are there electives that support a specific pathway, and should we be choosing pathways now?

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Answer:

No. Electives are intended to expose students to different interests and subject areas. Students will learn more about high school pathways in 8th grade and make pathway decisions at that time.