

Fort Settlement Middle School

5th Grade Parent Night for Incoming 6th Grade Course Selection Information

FORT BEND
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPRING 2020

The background is a dark grey chalkboard with various white chalk sketches. On the left, there's a globe on a stand. Above it are some circular diagrams and a ruler. In the center, there's a stack of books. On the right, there's a microscope and some other geometric shapes.

Welcome

Michael Hejducek, Principal

Course Selection 2020

**Online Window is open for incoming 6th grade
February 24 – March 20, 2020
Input courses through Skyward Family Access**

Grade 6 Courses – 7 Total

REQUIRED CORE CLASSES

English Language Arts (ELA)

Math

Science

Social Studies

Fine Art Elective – (Art, Band, Orchestra, Choir, or Theatre)

PE or Kickstart

and **ONE CORE PLUS** class:

Falcon Discovery – Most students

Math Counts (Testing Required)

Literacy – (If Reading STAAR Scores or Grades indicate a need)

Math Lab – (If Math STAAR Scores or Grades indicate a need)

Grade 6 “Core Plus” Electives

Falcon Discovery

An orientation course designed to help 6th grade students develop skills needed for greater success in middle school.

Math Counts

A class designed to prepare students to participate in math contests such as MathCounts, UIL Number Sense, and Texas Mathematics League.


Literacy

A course designed to strengthen reading skills and develops vocabulary, comprehension, and reading fluency.
Reading STAAR performance in 5th grade is considered for enrollment.

Math Lab

A course designed to strengthen knowledge and skills in Math objectives.
Math STAAR performance in 5th grade is considered for enrollment.

Pre-Advanced Placement



Should your child take an advanced (Pre-AP) class?

- Do they ENJOY a particular subject and are motivated to learn more about it?
- Are they willing to do extra reading or homework in this subject?
- Do they need a challenge in this subject because the content is easily understood?
- Do they understand the purpose of Pre-AP coursework versus regular level?

Is a Pre-AP Class Right for My Child?

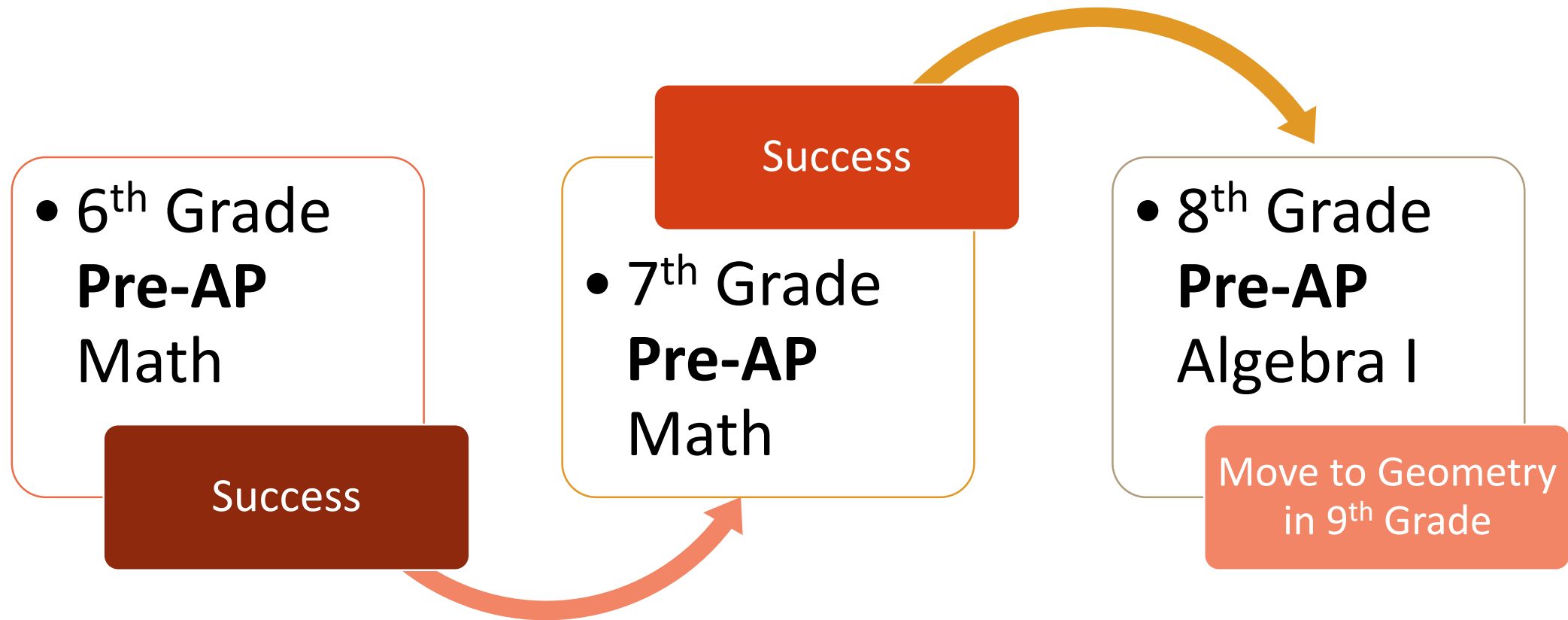
- Pre-AP courses add depth and breadth to the already rigorous grade level curriculum.
- Pre-AP courses are demanding of time. Reading and writing assignments, as well as projects and regular homework can be expected. They will need to make sure they are able to balance academic work and extracurricular activities.
- The pacing of some Pre-AP courses is very fast – particularly in Math. If your child generally picks up new concepts quickly, Pre-AP may be a good fit. If your child generally needs more time in order to learn new material, a non-Pre-AP course may be more appropriate for them.

Guidelines for Exiting Pre-AP Classes

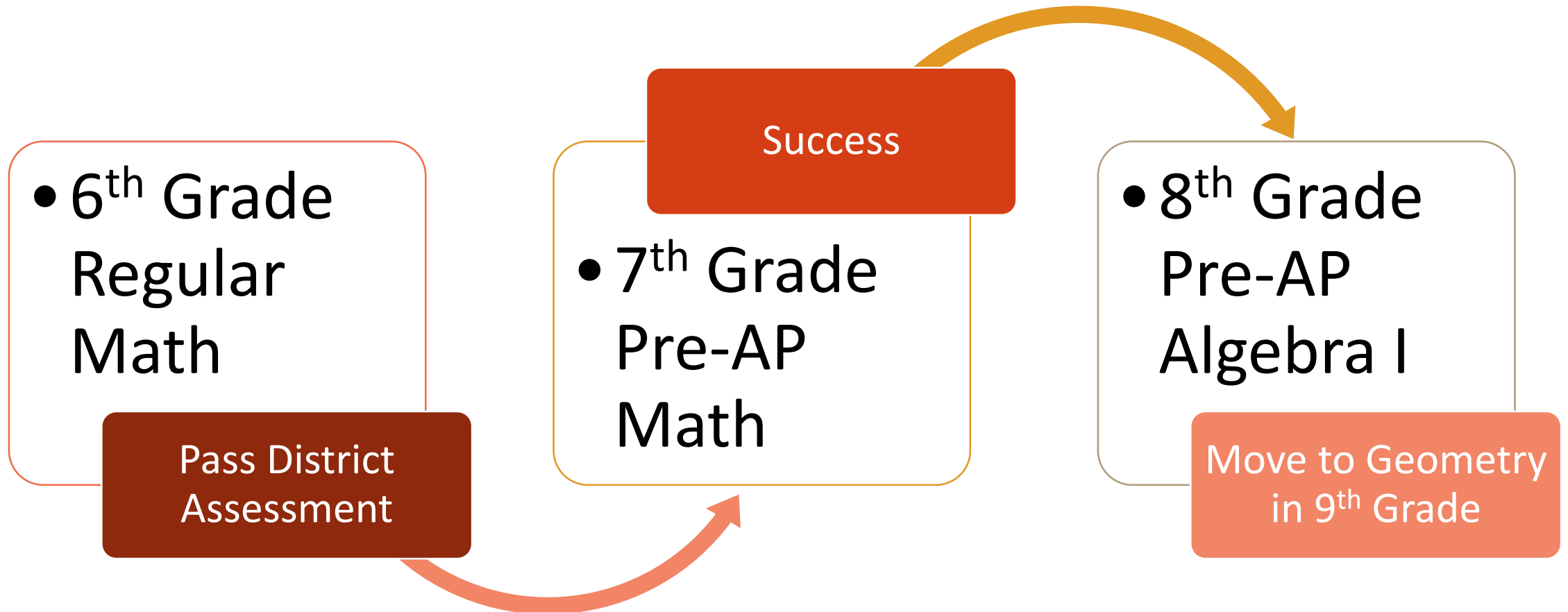
Exit processes are necessary to assist students in making sound course selection decisions. Students and parents must be aware that, depending on the timeline, grades earned in Pre AP courses follow the student to the corresponding on-level course. These grades will be included in calculating the on-level course grade and may impact UIL eligibility.

1. Students are expected to seek support when needed to be successful in a Pre AP course. Actions taken should include tutorials and conferencing with the teacher.
2. Students must submit a formal request to be exited from a Pre AP course. This request will be reviewed by the teacher and campus designee(s) to consider student performance, availability of space in other courses, grading timelines, and other factors that may be at issue. Students experiencing success (maintaining a C or better for the semester) should remain in the class for the semester.
3. Students who earn an F in a Pre AP course at the end of the grading period may be removed from the class unless otherwise recommended by the teacher and administrator.

Advanced Math Sequencing



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Middle School Pre-AP Math Entry Points and Course Sequencing

Pre-AP Sequence (entering at 6th Grade)

5 th Grade	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th grade	9 th grade
5 th Grade Math	6 th Grade Pre-AP	7 th Grade Pre-AP	Algebra 1 Pre-AP	Geometry Pre-AP

NOTE: If a student is successful in 6th Grade Pre-AP they will move on to 7th Grade Pre-AP.

If a student completes 7th Grade Pre-AP Math with a grade of 75% or greater they will move on to Algebra I Pre-AP.

No Screener will be given in these two cases.

****New as of 2 years ago** - In order to move from 6th Grade Pre-AP to Algebra 1 Pre-AP, students will need to make an 80% or higher on both the 7th Grade CBE and the 8th Grade CBE

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Entering Pre-AP after 6 th Grade				
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*In order to move from 6th Grade to 7th Grade Pre-AP, students will need to meet the identified standard for mastery of curricular content on the District Acceleration Assessment – Grade 7.

** In order to move from 7th Grade to Algebra 1 Pre-AP, students will need to meet the identified standard for mastery of curricular content on the District Acceleration Assessment – Grade 8 or make an 80% or higher on the 8th Grade CBE.

Note: The District Acceleration Assessment is usually given sometime in May. Students who select Pre-AP Math but are currently in an on-level class will be notified of the date in time of the DAA.

Grade 6 Course Selection Sheet

2020-2021 FORT SETTLEMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE REQUEST WORKSHEET - GRADE 6

Student's I.D. Number

Current Elementary School

Name: _____
 Last First M.I.

Father's Name (Please Print)

Street Address: _____

Father's Phone #

City: _____ Zip: _____

Mother's Name (Please Print)

Telephone: HOME _____

Mother's Phone #

Birthdate: _____ Gender: Male Female
 Month Day Year Circle one

Parent E-Mail address

Please complete all
Demographic
information.

Grade 6 Course Selection Sheet

Students should select their level of choice for core courses.

Please make selections carefully. If a student should need a level change, many of the students scheduled classes could change.

Students may select PE or Kickstart for their Physical Education class.

**Required courses include: English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education & Advisory.
All students will be placed in core classes based on individual needs.
A core plus class will be assigned/determined per student need.**

<p><u>ELA:</u></p> <p>___ EL6211 ELA 6 ___ EL6111 ELA 6 PreAP/GT</p>	<p><u>MATH:</u></p> <p>___ MA6211 Math 6 ___ MA6111 Math 6 PreAP/GT</p>	<p><u>SCIENCE:</u></p> <p>___ SC6211 Science 6 ___ SC6111 Science 6 PreAP/GT</p>	<p><u>SOCIAL STUDIES:</u></p> <p>___ SS6211 Social Studies 6 ___ SS6111 Social Studies 6 PreAP/GT</p>
<p><u>PE:</u></p> <p>___ PH6639 PE ___ PH6640 PE 6 Kickstart</p>	<p><u>ADVISORY:</u></p> <p>___<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NC0600 Advisory</p>	<p><u>CORE PLUS:</u></p> <p>___<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LC6000 Falcon Discovery</p>	<p><u>CORE PLUS:</u></p> <p>___ NC6001 Math Contest 6 (Pending Testing)</p>

Grade 6 Course Selection Sheet

ELECTIVES: All sixth grade students will have one **Fine Arts** elective. Number elective choices in order of preference: **1, 2, 3, 4.** Students may or may not get their first choice due to availability.



NOTE: Electives are for a full year and may not be changed during the year.

The only electives offered at FSMS are listed on this sheet.

Please number electives in order of preference.
Please list four

Both student and parent signatures are required on the sheets.

____ FA6689 Art 6

____ FC6759 Beginning Girls Choir I

____ FB6799 Band I

____ FT6959 Theatre I 6

____ FC6749 Beginning Boys Choir I

____ FO6809 Orchestra I

- Arrangements must be made for **band/orchestra** instruments prior to **May 28th**. Failure to do so may result in band/orchestra being replaced by another elective based upon availability.

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Date

Fine Arts at FSMS - Video



<https://spark.adobe.com/video/8h8bEdloiTdqv#>



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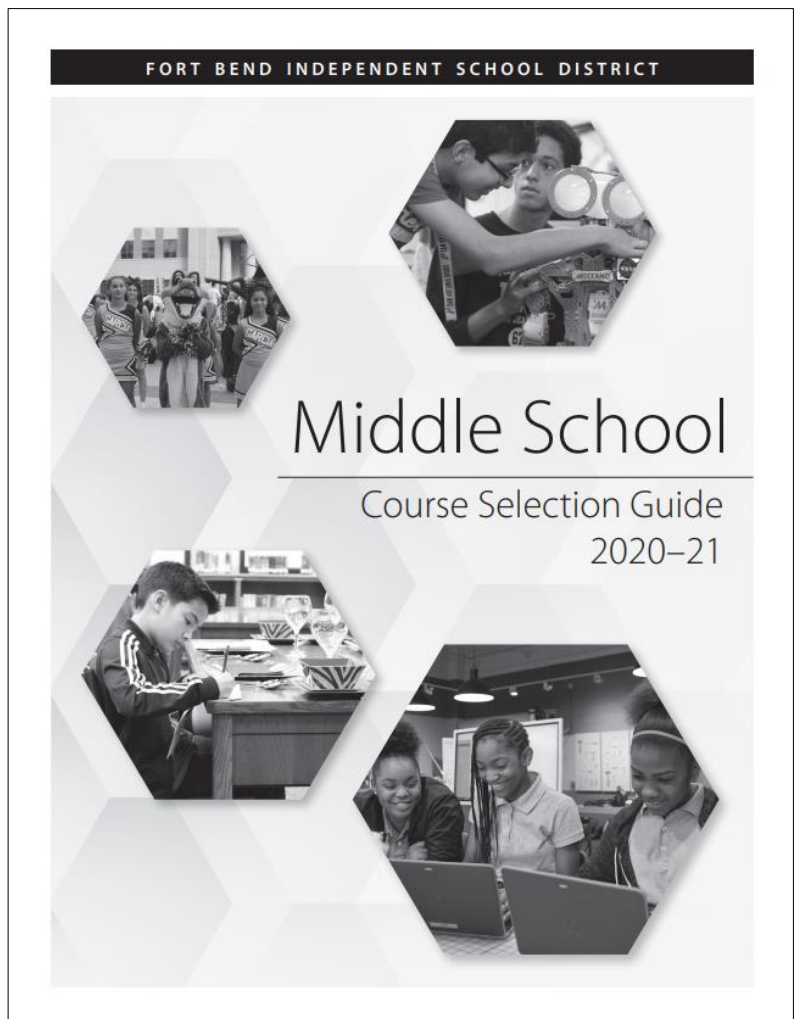
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Frequently asked questions

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Incoming Grade 6

Current FBISD students will input courses in Skyward Family Access at your elementary campus.

Middle Schools will have access to their course requests for scheduling.

Students who are currently not enrolled in FBISD will need to register with the district prior to choosing courses.

1. Register online. <http://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/85>
2. Schedule an appointment in July once the registration window opens
3. Bring required documents to the appointment
4. Request Courses during the appointment

Success In Middle School – For Parents!

- **Expect success as well as mistakes.**
- **Give specific praise for a job well done.**
- **Communicate with teachers. Email is best.**
- **Set a place to study and a regular time for homework.**
- **Expect your child to take initiative; if not, remind them.**
 - **Communicate with your child about school often.**
- **Allow them to decompress before the evening activities.**
- **Encourage your child's participation in school activities. It develops a sense of belonging and friendships.**

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Quick Links

Fort Settlement Webpage <https://www.fortbendisd.com/fsms>

Fort Settlement Counselors' Webpage <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Domain/2976>

Credit By Exam <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/296>

Off Campus PE <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/96272>

Middle School Course Guide

<https://www.fortbendisd.com/cms/lib/TX01917858/Centricity/Domain/74/2020%2021%20Middle%20School%20Course%20Selection%20Guide-01-31-2020.pdf>

QUESTIONS



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