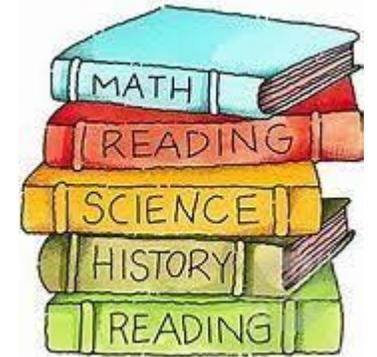


# Fort Settlement Middle School

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night for Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection Information



FORT BEND  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**SPRING 2021**

# MEET THE STAFF

Michael Hejducek, Principal  
Dr. Jennifer Williams, Associate Principal  
Susan Bakus, Assistant Principal  
Lisa McCune Padron, Assistant Principal

Marla Angibeau, Lead Counselor  
Stefanie Armatta, Counselor  
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Course Selection 2021

# Course Selection Timeline

Skyward Course Entry  
(incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders)

March 25 – April 9

Elementary staff will assist  
students with this task!

## 2021-2022 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: Month Day Year Gender: Male Female Parent E-Mail address  
Circle one

Required courses include: Math, Science, English Language Arts, 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.

AAC (Advanced Academic Course → formerly known as Pre-AP)

ELA:	MATH:	SCIENCE:	SOCIAL STUDIES:
<input type="checkbox"/> EL6211 ELA 6 <input type="checkbox"/> EL6111 ELA 6 AAC	<input type="checkbox"/> MA6211 Math 6 <input type="checkbox"/> MA6111 Math 6 AAC	<input type="checkbox"/> SC6211 Science 6 <input type="checkbox"/> SC6111 Science 6 AAC	<input type="checkbox"/> SS6211 Social Studies 6 <input type="checkbox"/> SS6111 Social Studies 6 AAC
PE:	ADVISORY:	CORE PLUS:	CORE PLUS:
<input type="checkbox"/> PH6639 PE <input type="checkbox"/> PH6640 PE 6 Kickstart	<input type="checkbox"/> NC6600 Advisory	<input type="checkbox"/> LC6000 Falcon Discovery	<input type="checkbox"/> NC6001 Math Contest 6 (Pending Testing)

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FA6689 Art 6                       FC6759 Beginning Girls Choir I                       FB6799 Band I  
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Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

All course requests and alternates must be entered into Skyward Family Access using the student's login.

# Grade 6 Courses – 7 Total

## REQUIRED CORE CLASSES (can be on-level or AAC)

English Language Arts (ELA)  
Math  
Science  
Social Studies

## 1 PHYSICAL EDUCATION CHOICE

P.E. Class  
OR  
KickStart Karate

## 1 FINE ART ELECTIVE

- Art
- Band
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Theatre

## 1 CORE PLUS CLASS

Falcon Discovery (most students)  
Math Counts (test required)  
Literacy (by need)  
Math Lab (by need)

# Advanced Academic Courses



**REQUIRED CORE CLASSES**  
(can be on-level or AAC)

English Language Arts (ELA)  
Math  
Science  
Social Studies

## Advanced Academic Courses...

- Formerly labeled 'Pre-AP'
- add depth and breadth to the already rigorous grade level curriculum
- are demanding of time -- reading and writing assignments, as well as projects and regular homework, should be expected
- students must be able to balance academic work and extracurricular activities, considering that excessive stress can be incurred if the student takes on more than they can handle
- the pacing can be very fast – particularly in math. If your child generally needs more time in order to learn new material, an on-level course may be more appropriate for them.

# Guidelines for Exiting AAC 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 AAC 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 (attend tutorials regularly, conferencing with the teacher) when needed to be successful in an advanced class. This is part of a student's academic skill development.
2. Students must submit a formal request to be exited from an AAC 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 an advanced course at the end of the grading period may be removed from the class unless otherwise recommended by the teacher and administrator.

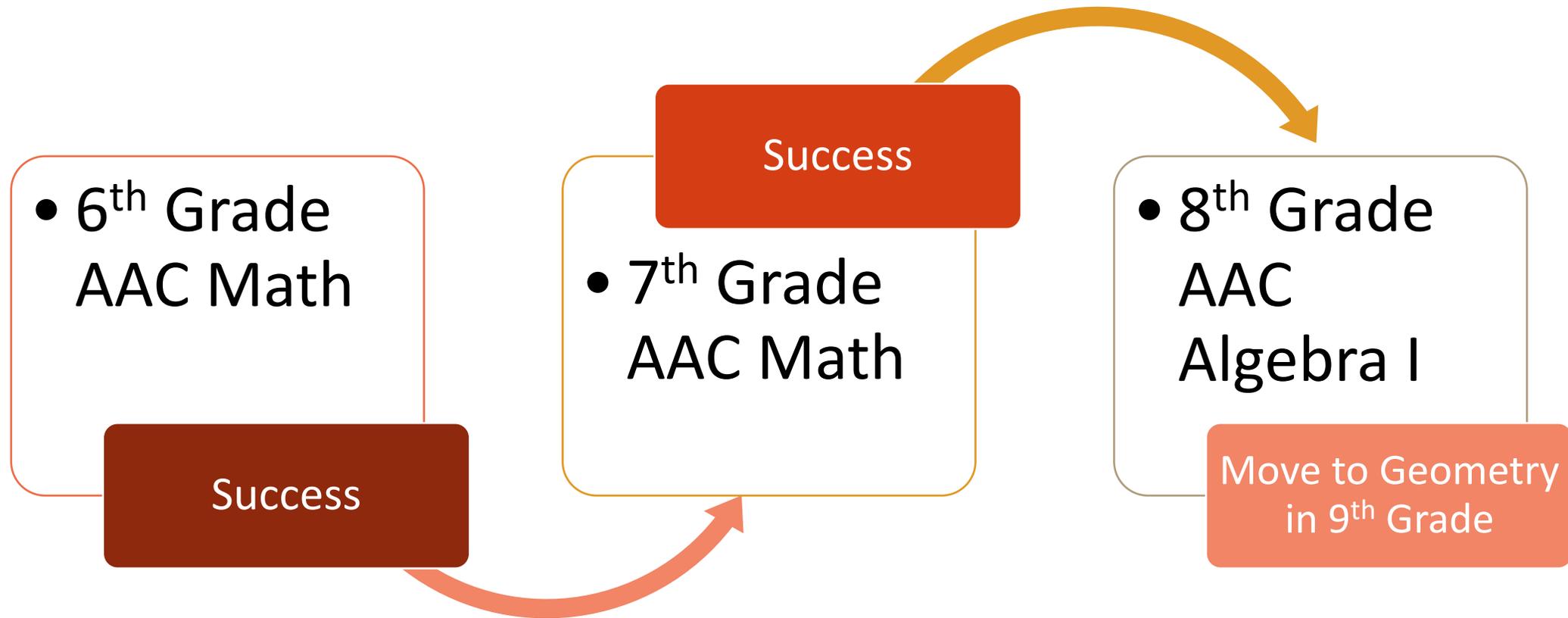
# Should My Child Enroll in Advanced Academic Courses?



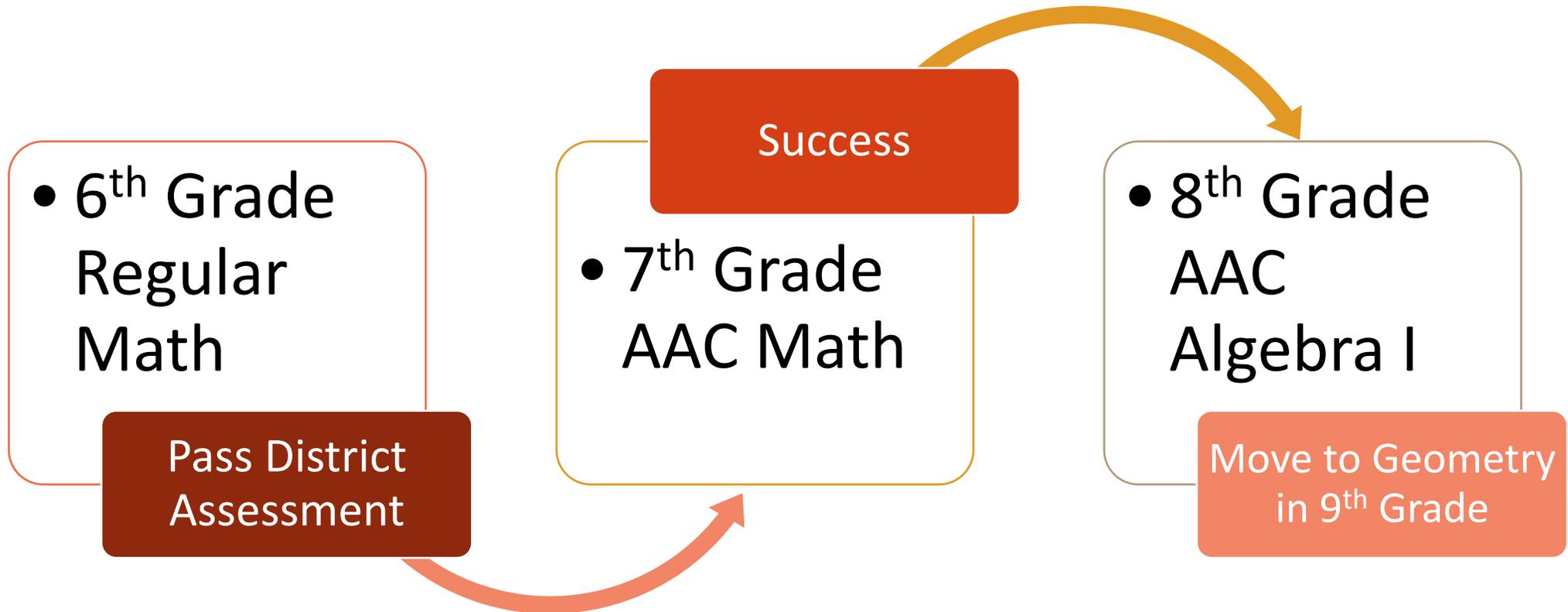
**Points to Consider**

- Does your student ENJOY a particular subject and is motivated to learn more about it?
- Is your student willing to do extra reading or homework in this subject?
- Does your student need a challenge in this subject because the content is easily understood?
- It does not have to be “all or none”. Students may take one or more AAC classes. Please note that Gifted and Talented students must enroll in an AAC class in the subject(s) of giftedness.

# Advanced Math Sequencing



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# FINE ART ELECTIVES

## 6TH GRADE ELECTIVES

### ORCHESTRA



Video Link



Website Link

### BAND

Video Link



Website Link



### CHOIR



Video Link



Website Link

### THEATRE

Video Link



Website Link



### ART



Website Link

Counselors  
Webpage Link

**FSMS**  
FINE ARTS

STUDENTS WILL  
RECEIVE ONE  
ELECTIVE  
COURSE

A FINE ARTS  
ELECTIVE  
COURSE IS  
REQUIRED

Select your Fine Arts preference as "Option 1" on your course selection sheet. Choose 3 alternate choices in the event the first choice is not received.

### Art:

Website link: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/domain/6043>

### Band:

Website Link: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/132737>

Video Links: <https://www.wevideo.com/view/2076441200>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmpJVvuZeEs>

### Choir:

Website Link: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/domain/6042>

Video Link: <https://www.wevideo.com/view/2082256058>

### Orchestra:

Website Link: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/81757>

Video Link: <https://www.wevideo.com/view/2080901393>

### Theatre:

Website Link: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/site/default.aspx?DomainID=6044>

Video Link: <https://www.wevideo.com/view/2081565895>

### 1 FINE ART ELECTIVE

- Art
- Band
- Orchestra
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# More About CORE PLUS

1 CORE PLUS  
CLASS

## FALCON DISCOVERY

- Orientation class
- Middle school skills

## LITERACY

- Strengthens reading skills
- By need only

## MATH COUNTS

Prepares students for math contests such as MathCounts, UIL Number Sense, and Texas Mathematics League

## MATH LAB

- Strengthens math skills
- By need only



# Core Classes

1. Choose on-level or AAC for each core subject.
  1. Gifted and Talented identified students must take the AAC class in each area of giftedness.
  2. Students may take one or more AAC courses.
  3. See back of course sheet for information on AAC.
2. Select PE class OR Kickstart Karate class.
3. Advisory and Falcon Discovery are already built in.
4. Math Contest is a course that requires a qualifying test and will replace Falcon Discovery.

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

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# Electives

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

Please number electives in order of preference, beginning with the student's top choice.

Both student and parent signatures are required on the sheets.

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Date

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# Middle School

Course Selection Guide  
2021-22

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## Middle School Course Selection Guide

click here 

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- AAC Courses – Pages 4-6
- Credit By Exam – Page 7

# Course Selection (Currently Enrolled)

Skyward Course Entry Window

March 25 – April 9

Elementary staff will assist students with  
this task!



# Course Selection for Students New to FBISD

Register online at <https://www.fortbendisd.com/newstudent>

Registrar will contact parent/guardian regarding registration and will request required documents.

At the end of the school year, parent provides final report card from current school. Course selection sheet and final enrollment paperwork will be provided at that time.

**FSMS  
Counseling  
Dept. Contacts**



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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/course%20selection%20guides/Middle%20School%20Catalog.pdf>

## Success In Middle School – For Parents!

...middle school is prime time for change and growth...expect success *and* mistakes!

Communicate with teachers, but expect your student to answer for their own progress and performance in school.

Encourage your child to take initiative.

Communicate with your child about school often.

Encourage your child's participation in school activities; it helps them feel like they are a part of the school culture. A sense of belonging is critical for students.

# FSMS Clubs



CLUB	DAY	TIME	SPONSOR
<b>COMPUTER CODING</b> .....CLUB.....	Every other Friday (see website for dates)	4:20 - 5:00	Langston
<b>▼ Drama Club ▲</b>	Every other Wednesday 9/9	4:30 - 5:30	Minor Morgan
<i>Environmental Club</i>	Thursday	4:20 - 5:00	Barnes
<i>GWC (girls who code)</i>	Wednesdays	4:00 - 5:00	Langston
<b>Harry Potter Club</b>	1st Monday of month	4:20 - 5:00	Liaw Coake
<b>K-Pop Club</b>	Every other Friday 9/18	8:00 - 8:30	Carrillo Chen
<b>Mars+Rover+Club</b>	Thursday 9/17	4:20 - 5:10	Staley
<i>Matchbook Club</i>	Every other Wednesday 9/16	4:20 - 5:10	Coake
<b>National Junior Honor Society</b>	2nd Thursday of month	8:00	Liaw Sheffield
<b>:Science Bowl:</b>	Tuesday 9/8	4:35 - 5:15	Staley
<b>SCIENCE Olympiad</b>	Monday 9/14	4:35 - 5:15	Staley
<b>Soccer Club...</b>	Friday 10/16	4:20 - 5:45	Naranjo
<b><u>Student Council</u></b>	Last Thursday of Month 9/24	8:00	Cook Nguyen

# Questions?

Complete the Google Form here: <https://forms.gle/DJQjFPzsr8TrsW98A>

Thank you  
for  
attending!

