

# 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 2022

# MEET THE STAFF

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**Course Selection 2022**

# Course Selection Timeline

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

March 21 – March 27

Please follow the instructions from your elementary school!

2022-2023 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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:
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PE:	ADVISORY:	CORE PLUS:	CORE PLUS:
<input type="checkbox"/> PH6639 PE <input type="checkbox"/> PH6640 PE 6 Kickstart	<input type="checkbox"/> NC0600 Advisory	<input type="checkbox"/> LC6000 Falcon Discovery	<input type="checkbox"/> NC6001 Math Contest 6 (Pending Testing)

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 FT6959 Theatre I 6       FC6749 Beginning Boys Choir I       FO6809 Beg Orchestra I

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# Grade 6 Courses - 7 Total

## 4 REQUIRED CORE CLASSES

(Can be On-Level or AAC)

English Language Arts (ELA)

Math

Science

Social Studies

## 1 FINE ART ELECTIVE

Art

Band

Choir

Orchestra

Theatre

## 1 CORE PLUS CLASS

Falcon Discovery (most students)

Math Counts (test required)

Literacy (if needed)

Math Lab (if needed)

## 1 PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS

PE

KickStart (Karate)

# Grade 6 “Core Plus” Electives

## Falcon Discovery

An orientation course designed to help 6<sup>th</sup> grade students develop skills needed for greater success in middle school. Such as study skills, organization, time management, goal setting, character development, effective habits and academic & social communication.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade is considered for enrollment.

## Math Lab

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

# Advisory

Our Advisory class is called ***Falcon Time!***

This class meets 2 times a week.

Student activities during Advisory may include but is not limited to:

- Social Emotional Learning lessons
- Character Education lessons,
- Multicultural activities
- Tutorials

# Advanced Academic Courses

## 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 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.

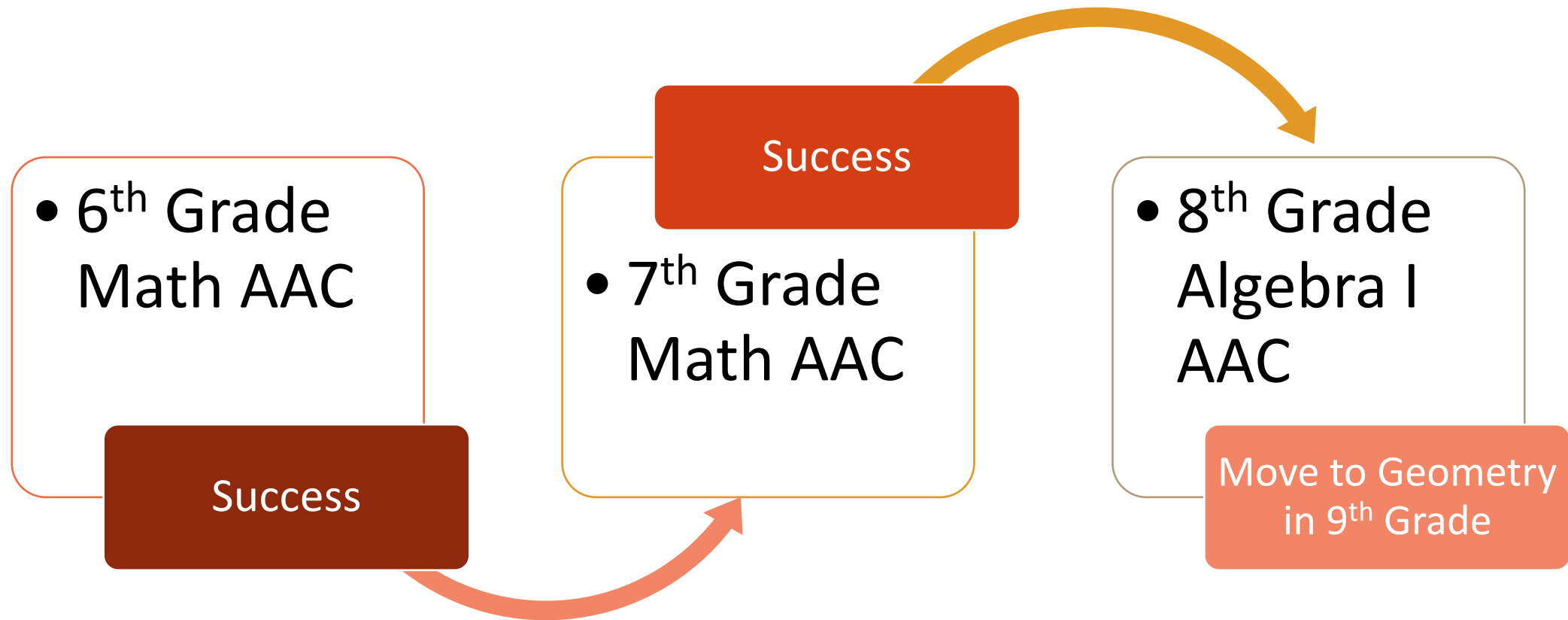


# Should Your Child Enroll in Advanced Academic Courses?

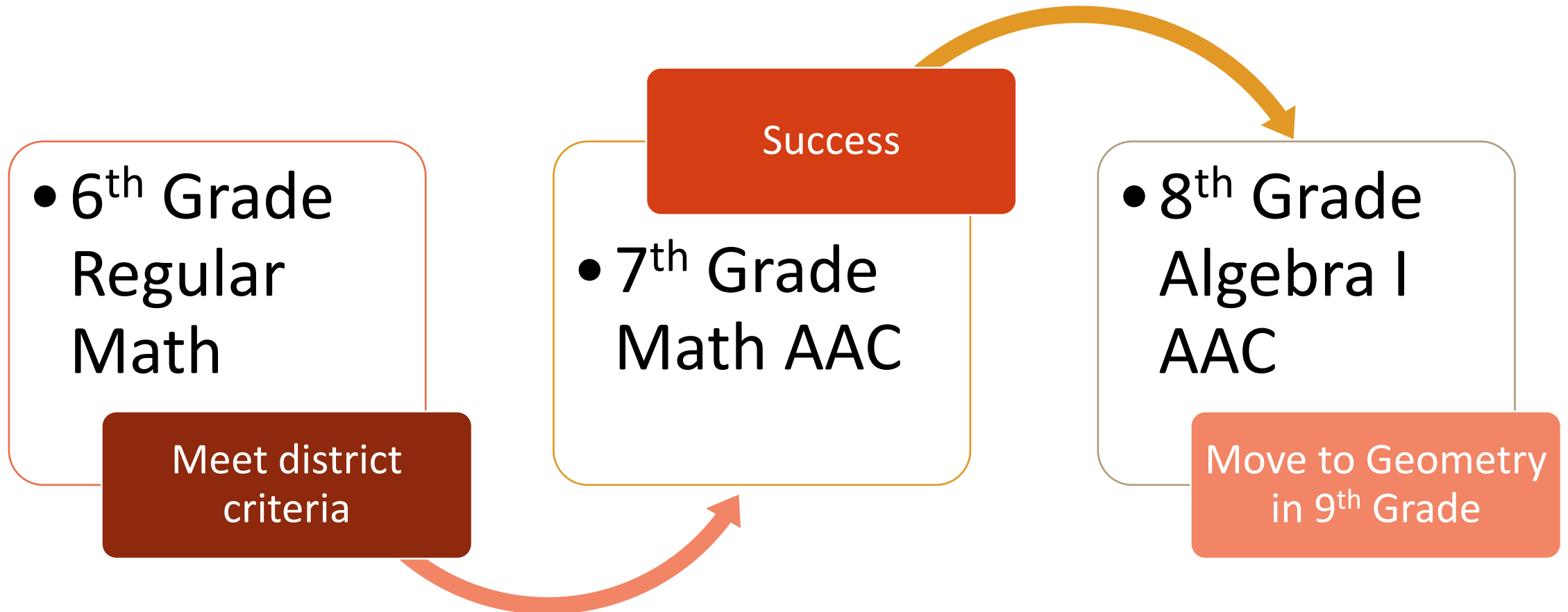


- Do they ENJOY a particular subject and are they motivated to learn more about it?
- Are they willing to do extra reading or homework in this subject?
- Do they need a challenge in this subject because the content is easily understood?
- Do they understand the purpose of AAC coursework versus regular level?
- Please note Gifted and Talented Students are expected to enroll in AAC courses for the subjects they are identified as GT

# Advanced Math Sequencing



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# Middle School AAC Math Entry Points and Course Sequencing

<b>AAC Sequence (entering at 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)</b>				
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> grade</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade AAC	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade AAC	Algebra 1 AAC	Geometry AAC

NOTE: If a student is successful in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade AAC they will move on to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade AAC.

If a student completes 7<sup>th</sup> Grade AAC Math with a grade of 75% or greater they will move on to Algebra I AAC

No criteria will be used in these two cases.

**In order to move from 6th Grade AAC to Algebra I AAC, students will need to make an 80% or higher on both the 7th Grade CBE and the 8th Grade CBE**

# Middle School AAC Math Entry Points and Course Sequencing

<b>Entering Math AAC at 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>					
	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> grade</b>
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<b>Entering at 8<sup>th</sup> gr.</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade*	Algebra 1 AAC	Geometry AAC

\* An evaluation is initiated at request of parent/student to enter AAC Math courses at the 7th or 8th grade. The evaluation includes measures of the student's previous academic performance in math

# 6TH GRADE ELECTIVES

## ORCHESTRA

Video Link

Website Link

## BAND

Video Link

Website Link

## CHOIR

Video Link

Website Link

**FSMS**  
FINE ARTS

## THEATRE

Video Link

Website Link

## ART

Website Link

Counselors  
Webpage Link

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.

# FINE ART ELECTIVES

## Art:

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

## Band:

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

Video Links: <https://www.wevideo.com/view/2076441200>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmpJVvuZeEs>

## Choir:

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

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

## Orchestra:

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

Video Link: <https://www.wevideo.com/view/2557218092>

## Theatre:

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

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

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Demographic  
information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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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  
Circle one

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent E-Mail address

# 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.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

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.



# Middle School Course Selection Guide

You should use the Middle School Course Selection Guide to read about all the Middle School programs and courses FBISD has to offer.

Remember the courses listed are for the entire school district 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. The only courses your student will be allowed to take will be listed on the FSMS Course Selection Worksheet.



## Middle School Course Selection Guide

### Frequently asked questions

- Off Campus PE – Page 3
- AAC Courses – Pages 5-6
- Credit By Exam – Page 7

# Course Selection Process for Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Current FBISD students will input courses in Skyward Family Access during the online window.  
Please follow the instructions from your elementary school.  
Middle Schools will have access to their course requests for scheduling.

## 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.

# Success In Middle School – For Parents!

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

# Additional Information

- **No backpacks on wheels.**
- **School supply lists will be in the summer newsletter. Specific supplies will be announced during the first week of school.**
- **Friends – Not all students will be in classes with their friends. We will not make adjustments to schedules for friend issues. The computer actually does the scheduling.**
- **This is a two-story building. Students will have classes upstairs and downstairs.**
- **Students may be excited and a little nervous. There is much to learn the first few weeks but everyone survives!**

# FSMS CLUBS

<b>COMPUTER CODING .....CLUB.....</b>
<b>▼ Jr. Thespian Society ▲</b>
<b>Dungeons and Dragons Club</b>
Board Games Club
<b>*girls who code</b>
<b>Card Club</b>
Harry Potter Club
<b>K-Pop Club</b>

<b>Mars+Rover+Club</b>
<i>Darts Club</i>
<b>National Junior Honor Society</b>
<b>:Science Bowl:</b>
<b>SCIENCE Olympiad</b>
<b>Anime Club</b>
<b>Comic Book Club</b>

<b>RUBIKS CUBE CLUB</b>
<i>Spanish Club</i>
<b>Matchbook Club</b>
<b>FSMS Speech and Debate</b>
Fairies Galore Book Club
<b>AVID Club</b>
<b>Robotics Club</b>

<b>Model UN</b>
<i>Meditation Club</i>
<b>FCA</b>
<b>6th Grade Girls Who Ball</b>
<b>6th Grade Boys Athletic Club</b>
<i>Girl Power Club</i>
<b><u>Student Council</u></b>

# Counselor 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>

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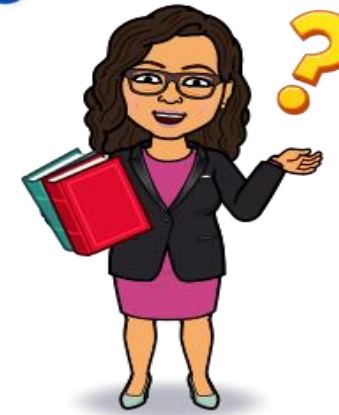
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Thank you  
for  
attending!



Any questions?



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