

Fort Settlement Middle School

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

hello **sixth**
GRADE



FORT BEND
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPRING 2023

MEET THE STAFF

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Course Selection 2023

Course Selection Timeline

Skyward Course Entry
(incoming 6th graders)

January 23, 2023 – February 5, 2023

Please follow the instructions from your elementary school!

2023-2024 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: English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education & Advisory. All students will be placed in core classes based on individual needs. Most students will take the core plus Falcon Discovery class. An alternate core plus class may be assigned based on 5th grade STAAR scores.

ELA:	MATH:	SCIENCE:	SOCIAL STUDIES:
___ EL6211 ELA 6 ___ EL6111 ELA 6 AAC	___ MA6211 Math 6 ___ MA6111 Math 6 AAC	___ SC6211 Science 6 ___ SC6111 Science 6 AAC	___ SS6211 Social Studies 6 ___ SS6111 Social Studies 6 AAC
PE:	ADVISORY:	CORE PLUS:	CORE PLUS:
___ PH6639 PE 6 ___ PH6640 PE 6 Kickstart	___ NC0800 Advisory	___ LC8000 Falcon Discovery	___ NC8001 Math Contest 6 (Pending Testing)

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: All electives are for a full year and may not be changed during the year.

___ FA6689 Art 6 ___ FC6759 Beginning Girls Choir I ___ FB6799 Band I
___ FT6959 Theatre I 6 ___ FC6749 Beginning Boys Choir I ___ FO6809 Beg Orchestra I

- Arrangements must be made for band/orchestra instruments prior to **May 15th**. Failure to do so may result in band/orchestra being replaced by another elective based upon availability.

I have read the information on the back of this page regarding AAC courses, Guidelines for Exiting AAC courses, and MS AAC Math Entry Points & Course Sequencing.

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

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 6th 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 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.

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 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.

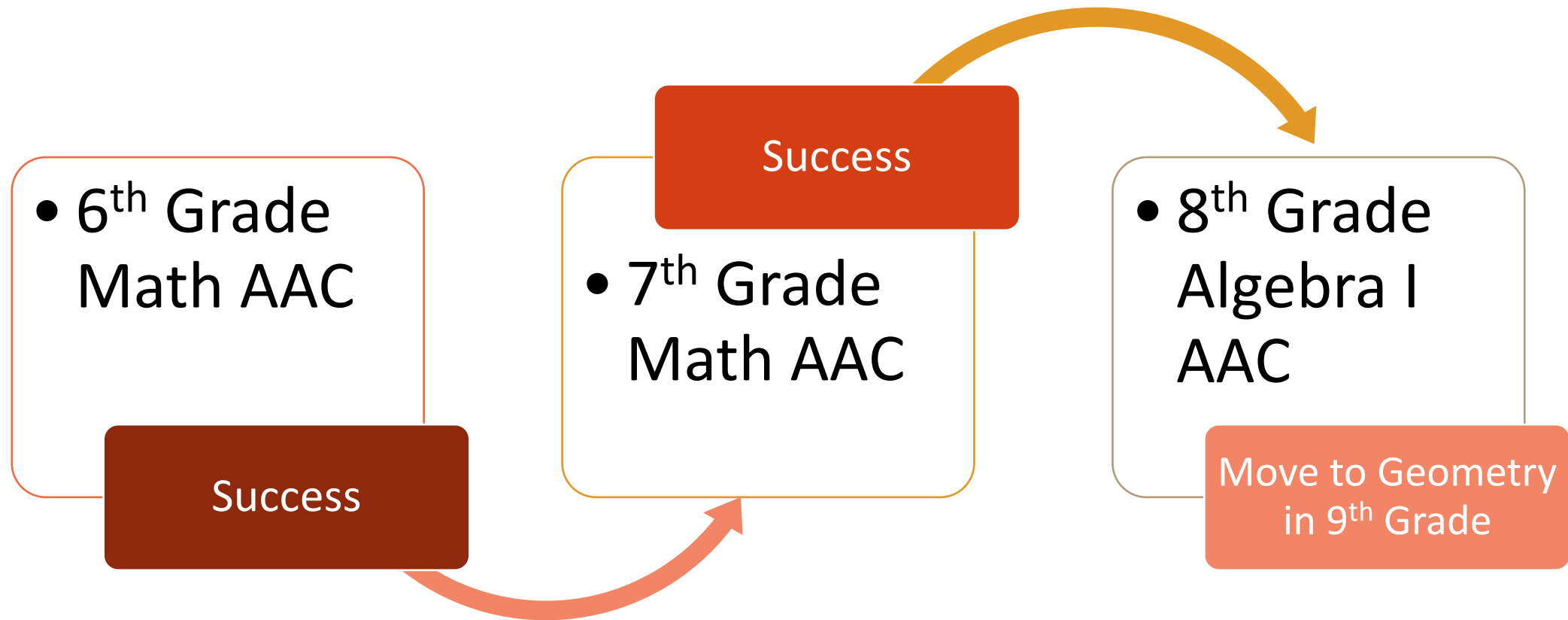
1. Students are expected to seek support when needed to be successful in a AAC course. Actions taken should include tutorials and conferencing with the teacher.
2. Students must submit a formal request to be exited from a Pre AP course. This request will be reviewed by the teacher and campus designee(s) 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 AAC 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?

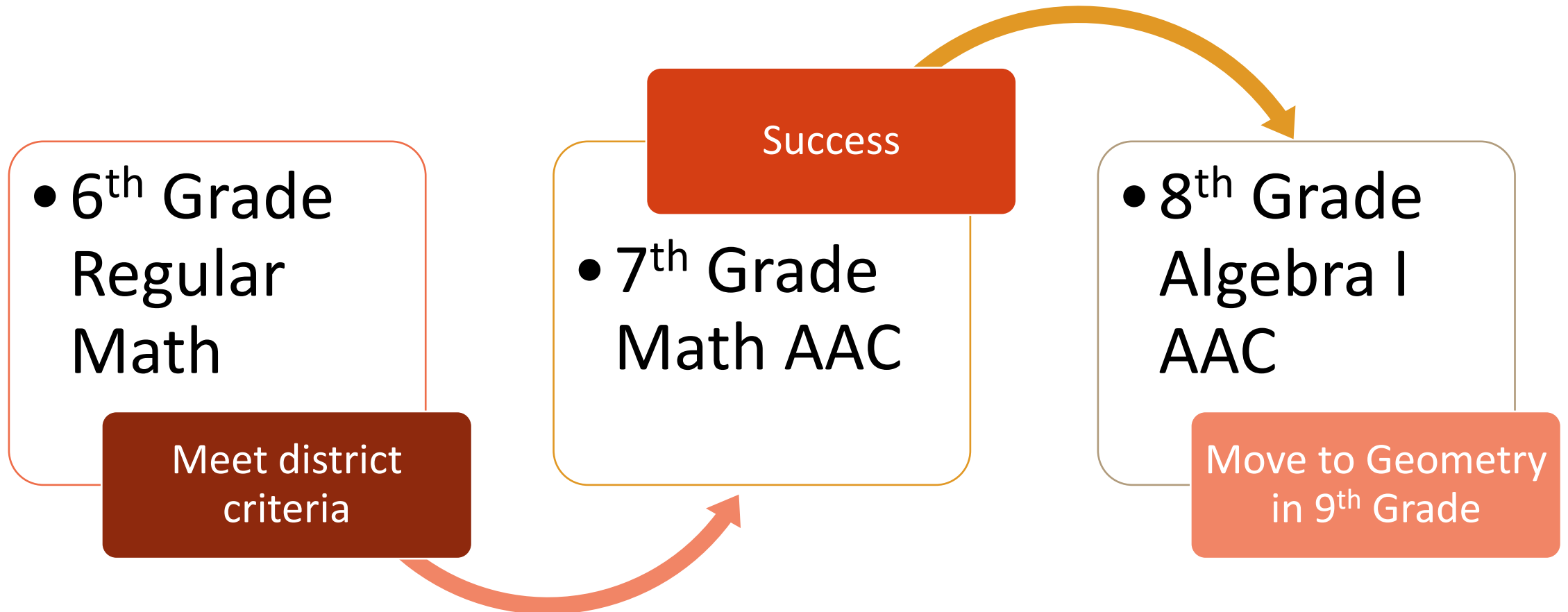


- Do they ENJOY a particular subject and are they motivated to learn more about it?
- Are they willing to do extra reading or homework in this subject?
- Do they need a challenge in this subject because the content is easily understood?
- Do they understand the purpose of AAC coursework versus regular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

AAC Sequence (entering at 6th Grade)				
5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th grade	9th grade
5 th Grade Math	6 th Grade AAC	7 th Grade AAC	Algebra 1 AAC	Geometry AAC

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

If a student completes 7th 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

Entering Math AAC at 7th or 8th Grade					
	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th grade	9th grade
Entering at 7th gr.	5 th Grade Math	6 th Grade*	7 th Grade AAC	Algebra 1 AAC	Geometry AAC
Entering at 8th gr.	5 th Grade Math	6 th Grade	7 th 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

Grade 6 Course Selection Sheet

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Please complete all
Demographic
information.

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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

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.

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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.

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.

Fine Arts Electives Fair

Please view the attached flyer for more information about each of our fine arts programs which includes links to our websites and demonstration videos.

[Click Here for a Link to Fine Arts Websites](#)

The FSMS Fine Arts Department

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Kirsten Jordon – Choir

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Angela Peugnet – Orchestra

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Jason Duga – Theatre

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— FORT SETTLEMENT MS —

5TH GRADE

FINE ARTS FEATURE

23 JAN

Hello, 5th graders! Come explore the FSMS Fine Arts choices. At our Fine Arts Feature you can sing, act, see our artists' work, and try out band and orchestra instruments! We look forward to meeting you!

No experience necessary.
Bring your parents!
6:00PM – 7:30PM

FORT SETTLEMENT MS
5440 Elkins Road

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>

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 6th, 7th and 8th 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 6th 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. Afterall, 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

**COMPUTER CODING
.....CLUB.....**

▼ **Jr. Thespian
Society** ▲

**Dungeons and Dragons
Club**

Board Games Club

***girls who code**

Card Club

Harry Potter Club

K-Pop Club

Mars+Rover+Club

Darts Club

**National Junior
Honor Society**

:Science Bowl:

SCIENCE Olympiad

Anime Club

**Comic Book
Club**

**RUBIKS
CUBE CLUB**

Spanish Club

**Matchbook
Club**

**FSMS Speech
and Debate**

Fairies Galore Book Club

AVID Club

Robotics Club

Model UN

Meditation Club

FCA

**6th Grade Girls
Who Ball**

**6th Grade Boys
Athletic Club**

Girl Power Club

Student Council

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>

Middle School Course Guide

https://www.fortbendisd.com/cms/lib/TX01917858/Centricity/domain/74/course%20s%20election%20guides/MIDDLE%20SCHOOL%2023_24_3.pdf

Thank you
for
attending!



Any Questions?



FORT SETTLEMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL

FORT BEND
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**COURSE SELECTION
SPRING 2023**