

Fort Settlement Middle School

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



FORT BEND
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPRING 2024

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Course Selection 2024

Course Selection Timeline

Skyward Course Entry
(incoming 6th graders)

January 22, 2024 – February 9, 2024

Please follow the instructions from your elementary school!

2024-2025 FORT SETTLEMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL
COURSE REQUEST WORKSHEET - GRADE 6

Current Elementary School: _____
Student Name: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____
ID Number: _____ Phone #: _____
Parent/Guardian Email: _____

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: ____ EL6211 ELA 6 ____ EL6111 ELA 6 AAC	MATH: ____ MA6211 Math 6 ____ MA6111 Math 6 AAC	SCIENCE: ____ SC6211 Science 6 ____ SC6111 Science 6 AAC	SOCIAL STUDIES: ____ SS6211 Social Studies 6 ____ SS6111 Social Studies 6 AAC
PE: ____ PH6639 PE 6 ____ PH6640 PE 6 Kickstart	ADVISORY: ____ NC0600 Advisory	CORE PLUS: ____ AV6111 AVID	CORE PLUS: ____ NC6001 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

Students choosing Band/Orchestra must make arrangements for instruments with the assistance of the Directors.

Student's Signature Parent's Signature Date

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

AVID (most students)

Math Contest (test required)

Literacy (if needed)

Math Lab (if needed)

1 PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS

PE

KickStart (Karate)

Grade 6 “Core Plus” Electives

AVID

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!*** (2X a week)

Social Emotional Learning lessons

Character Education lessons

Multicultural activities

Tutorials

Advanced Academic Courses (AAC)

- Formerly labeled 'Pre-AP'
- **HIGHER LEVEL THINKING**
- **MORE TIME REQUIRED** (reading and writing assignments, as well as projects and regular homework, should be expected)
- Students will need to **BALANCE** their work with extracurricular pursuits to avoid stress
- **FAST PACING** – 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.

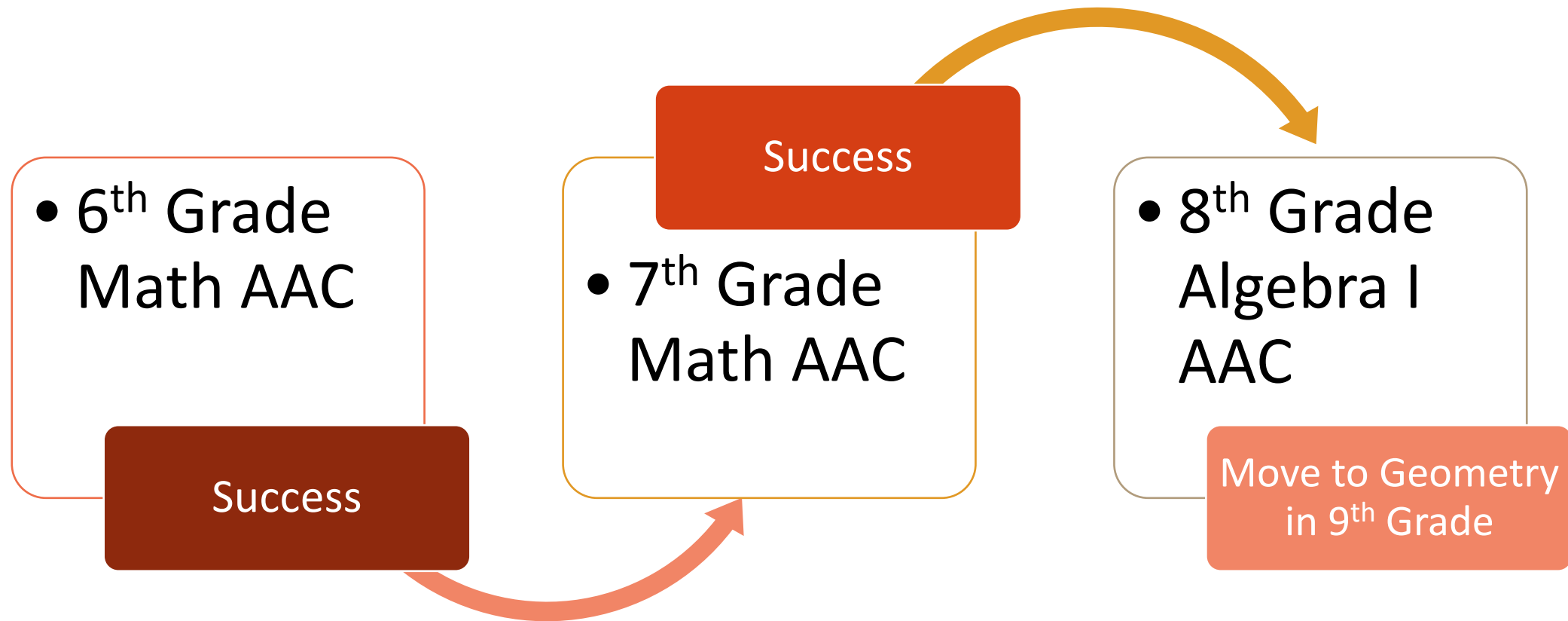
1. Students are expected to attend tutorials and communicate with teachers.
2. **Students must submit a formal request to be exited from an AAC course.** This request will be reviewed by the teacher and campus designee(s) to consider student performance, availability of space in other courses, grading 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 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?

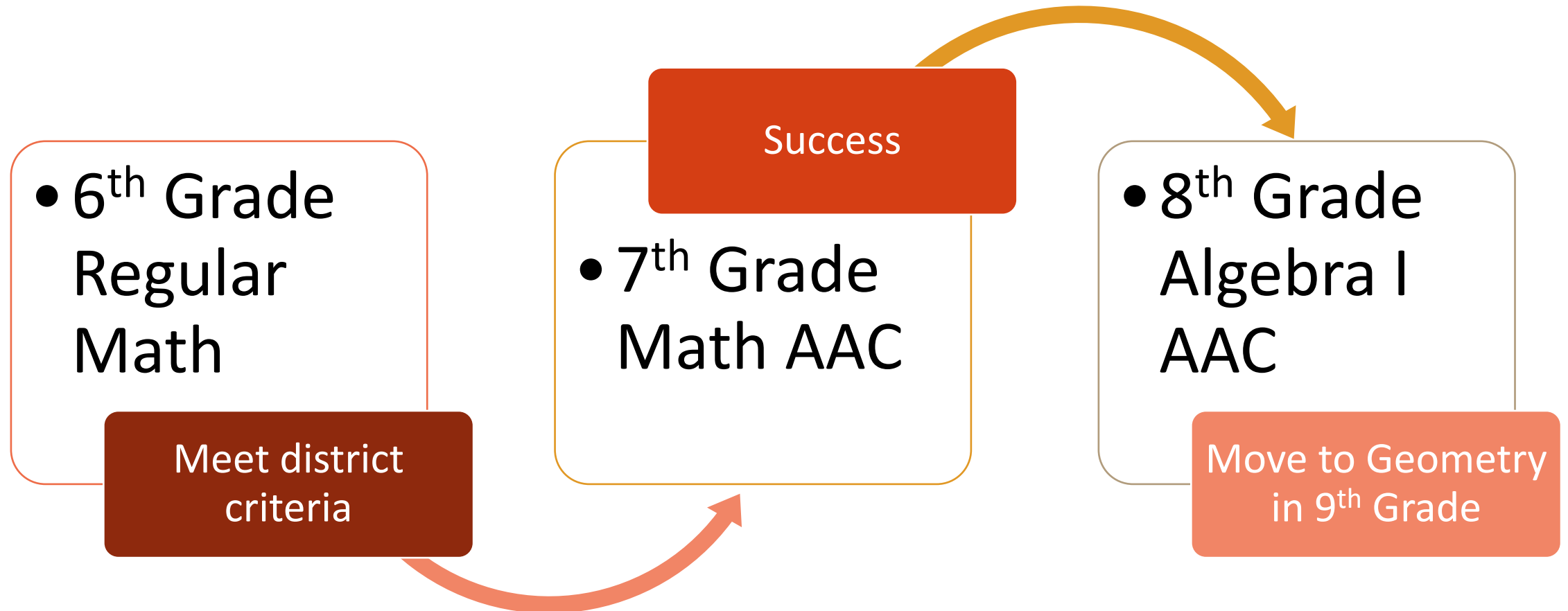


- Do they ENJOY a particular subject and are they motivated to learn more about it?
- Are they willing to do extra reading or homework in this subject?
- Do they need a challenge in this subject because the content is easily understood?
- Do they understand the purpose of AAC coursework versus regular level?
- Please note Gifted and Talented Students are expected to enroll in AAC courses for the subjects they are identified as GT. Students may be furloughed or exited if they are not enrolled in AAC courses.

Advanced Math Sequencing



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Middle School AAC Math Entry Points and Course Sequencing

Entering Math AAC at 7 th or 8 th Grade					
	5 th Grade	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th grade	9 th grade
Entering at 7 th gr.	5 th Grade Math	6 th Grade*	7 th Grade AAC	Algebra I AAC	Geometry AAC
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* Data will be evaluated at the request of parent/student to enter AAC Math courses at the 7th grade level. The data may include REN360 scores, math grades, and teacher recommendations.

****Students wanting to move from Math 7 to Algebra I AAC will be required to pass the Math 8 CBE with a score of 80% or higher.**

Grade 6 Course Selection Sheet

Please complete all
Demographic
information.

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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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Grade 6 Course Selection Sheet

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.



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Parent's Signature

Date

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[Click here for help on how to input courses into Skyward Family Access](#)

6TH GRADE ELECTIVES

ORCHESTRA



Video
Link



Website
Link

CHOIR



Video
Link



Website
Link

ART



Website
Link

BAND

Video
Link



Website
Link



THEATRE

Video
Link



Website
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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.

FINE ART ELECTIVES

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/2557218092>

Theatre:

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

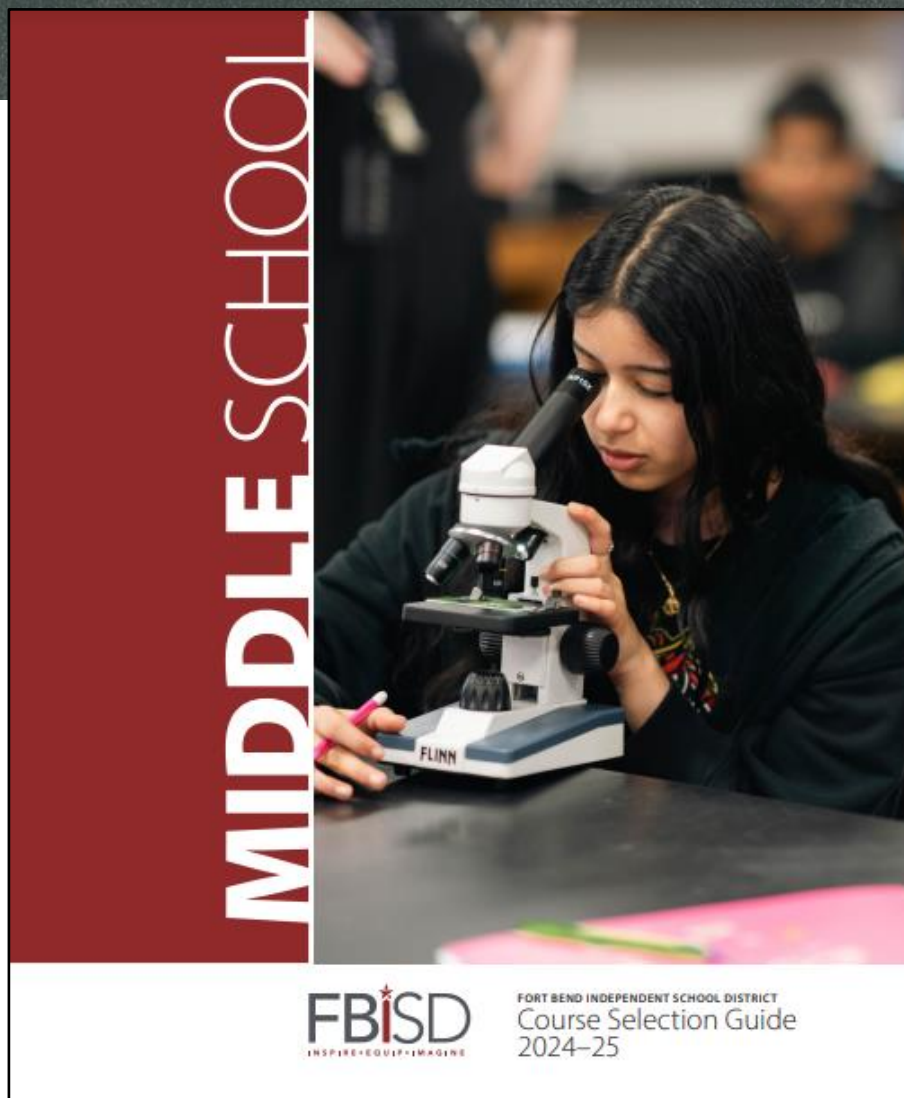
Video Link: <https://www.wevideo.com/view/2081565895>

Students choosing Band or Orchestra will be contacted around March 1st to schedule an interview for instrument selections.

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
- Schedule Corrections – Page 4
- AAC Courses – Pages 5-6
- Credit By Exam – Page 7
- Course Descriptions starting on Page 9

SCHEDULE CORRECTIONS

Schedule changes will be made for the following reasons by using the Schedule Change Request Form.

- A student has already taken a class in which they are currently scheduled.
- A male has been scheduled into a female PE/Athletics, or vice versa.
- A student is in a class for which they do not have the appropriate prerequisite (i.e., enrolled in • Spanish II and has not taken Spanish I).

In general, **elective change requests will not be honored**. However, if a student is trying to move from a regular elective into an extracurricular program (i.e., band, choir, and athletics) the request for the change will be considered but must be initiated by the coach/program director.

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. They will not fit in the lockers.
- School supply lists will be posted 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!

SOME CURRENT FSMS CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

BACKGAMMON

CARD

CODING

DARTS

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

SPEECH AND DEBATE

HARRY POTTER

BE THE CHANGE KINDNESS/CULTURE

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (NJHS) –
invitation only in 7th grade

PLANT CLUB

POKEDAX

ROBOTICS TEAM

RUBIK'S CUBE

SCIENCE BOWL

SCIENCE FAIR/MARS ROVER/YOU BE THE CHEMIST

SPANISH

STUDENT COUNCIL – Must be voted in

Counselor CONTACTS

2024-2025

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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>

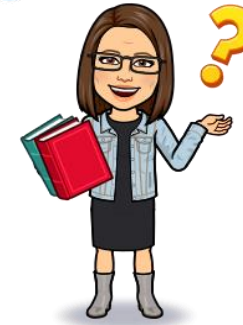
Middle School Course Guide

https://www.fortbendisd.com/cms/lib/TX01917858/Centricity/domain/74/course%20selection%20guides/MIDDLE%20SCHOOL%2024_25.pdf

Thank you
for
attending!



Any Questions?



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