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Course Selection 2025

Course Selection Timeline

Skyward Course Entry

(incoming 6th graders)

January 27 – February 14

Please follow the instructions from your elementary school!

Middle School Universal Course Selection Course List 25-26

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Student Name:	Parent Name :		
Student ID #:	Parent Daytime Phone:		
	Parent 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.			
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Social Studies	SS6211 Soc Stdy 6		
	SS6111 Soc Stdy 6 AAC		
	PH6639 PE 6		
PE/Kickstart	PH6640 PE 6 Kickstart		
	Pre-Athletics		
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	FB6799 Band I		
	FC6749 Beg Boys Choir I		
	FC6759 Beg Girls Choir I		
	FO6809 Beg Orch I		
	FT6959 Theatre I 6		
	FM511 Mariachi		
	LC7011 Robotics & Engineering (May be substituted for AVID)		
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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

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)

Contest Math (test required)

Literacy (if needed)

Math Lab (if needed)

1 PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS

PE

Pre-Athletics PE

KickStart (Karate)

ELECTIVES



All 6th Graders will have one Fine Arts Elective.









Grade 6 "Core Plus" Electives

AVID 6

The sixth-grade AVID Elective course is an introduction to the AVID philosophy. Students will develop awareness of academic goals and success. The course will focus on building self-confidence and communication skills. Students will be exposed to reading strategies that will assist in vocabulary building and understanding a variety of texts, and will also focus on prewriting techniques, summary writing and structural components of note-taking. The students will increase college and career awareness.

Contest Math

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 AAC

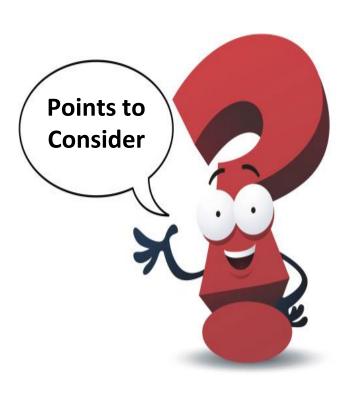
- Formerly labeled 'Pre-AP'
- HIGHER LEVEL THINKING
- MORE TIME REQUIRED (reading and writing assignments, as well as projects and regular homework, should be expected)
- Students will need to BALANCE their work with extracurricular pursuits to avoid stress
- FAST PACED particularly in math. The 6th Grade Math AAC class will cover 6th grade and the first half of 7th grade all in one year. This course will move very quickly in order to complete the required curriculum. If your child generally needs more time in order to learn new material, an on-level course may be more appropriate for them.
- If a student starts out in an AAC course but needs to drop to on-level due to it being too difficult, the student's schedule will change. Please do not ask for your child's schedule to remain the same or request that certain classes not be moved. There is no guarantee how the schedule will change. Changes will depend on space and availability in the on-level course.

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.

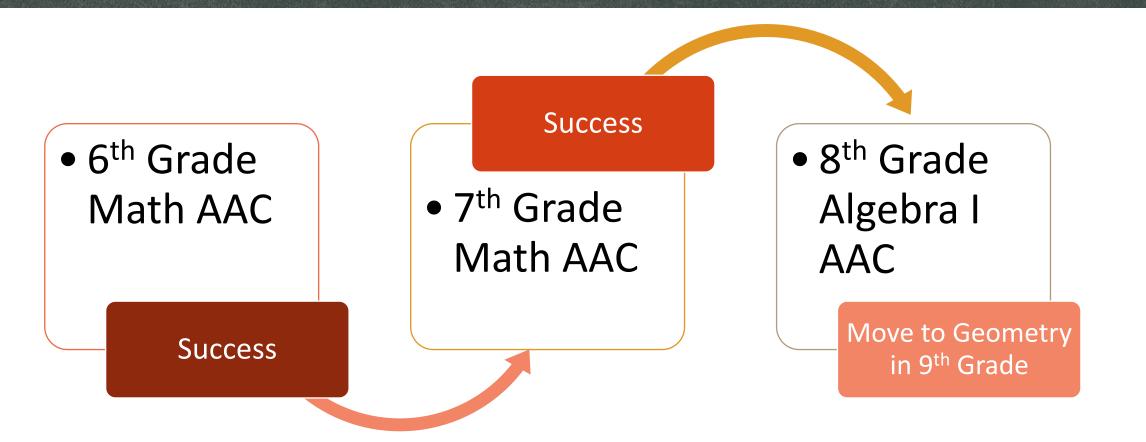
- 1. Students are expected to seek support when needed to be successful in a AAC course. Actions taken should include tutorials and conferencing with the teacher.
- 2. Students/Parents must submit a formal request to be exited from a Pre AP course. This request will be reviewed by the teacher and campus 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/75 or better) should remain in the class for the semester.
- 3. Students who earn an F in an 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



The AAC Math courses are designed for the student to cover all three years of middle school math in a 2-year period. Success in 6th and 7th AAC Math will allow the student to take High School Algebra I in 8th Grade.

Advanced Math Sequencing

6th Grade
 Regular
 Math

Complete
Edgenuity Modules
over summer

Success

7th Grade
 Math AAC

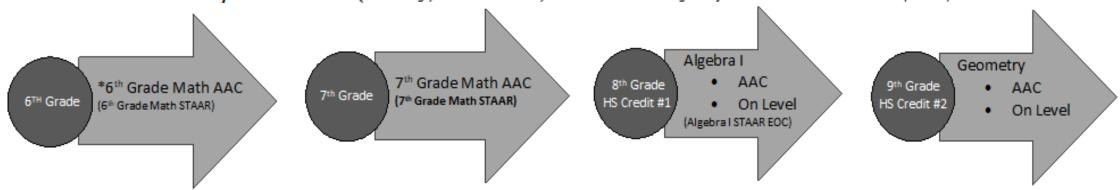
8th Grade
 Algebra I
 AAC

Move to Geometry in 9th Grade

Middle School AAC Math Entry Points and Course Sequencing

Three Recommended Entry Points for Students to take Algebra I in Middle School

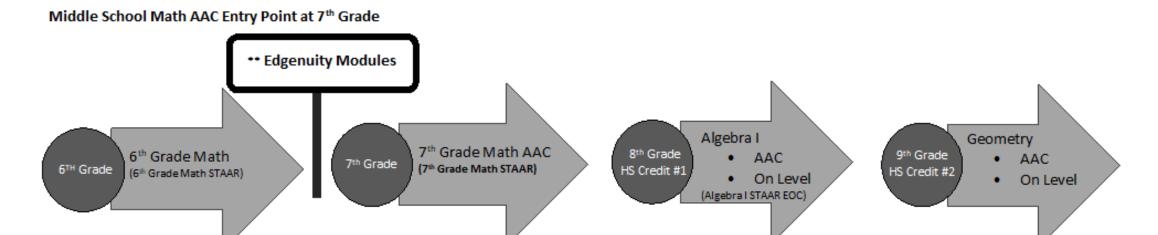
Middle School Math AAC Entry Point at 6th Grade (We strongly recommend entry into AAC Math in 6th grade for a seamless math course sequence.)



6th Grade AAC Math is open enrollment for all students entering middle school.

*Senate Bill 2124 requires students who score in the top 40% of testers on 5th grade Mathematics STAAR to be automatically enrolled in 6th grade AAC Math.

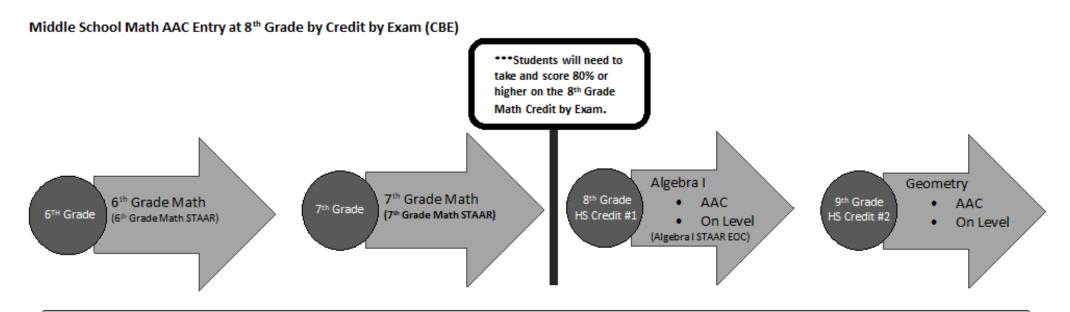
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Note:

- Campus leaders will use various data points such as universal screeners (MAP) and STAAR interim to determine the student's readiness for 8th grade TEKS in 7th grade.
- ** Students are highly encouraged to complete assigned Edgenuity modules outside of class, that cover 7th grade TEKS addressed in the 6th grade AAC course.

Middle School AAC Math Entry Points and Course Sequencing



Note:

- ***According to the Algebra 1 TEKS (Texas Education Code §111.39) the required pre-requisite for any student to take Algebra 1 is Grade 8 math or its equivalent.

 Therefore, to enter Algebra 1 at the 8th grade level without prior instruction on 8th grade TEKS, students will need to score 80% or higher on Grade 8 math Credit by Exam (CBE).
- All students taking the 8th grade math CBE must follow the timelines and schedule listed on the <u>FBISD Credit by Exam</u> site.

^{*}We do not offer Algebra II at FSMS. Therefore, when students advance to High School Algebra II, parents must provide transportation to the students zoned high school campus to take Algebra II and provide transportation back to FSMS.

Grade 6 Course Selection Sheet

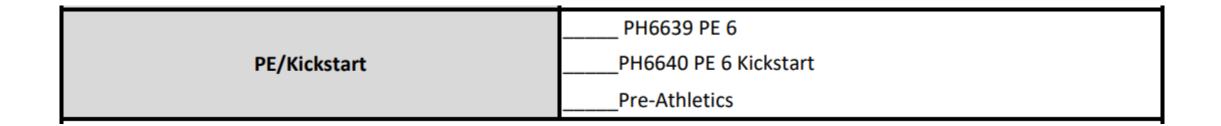
Please complete all Demographic information. Students should select their level of choice for core courses.

Please make selections carefully.

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

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Grade 6 Course Selection Sheet



Students may select PE, Pre-Athletics or Kickstart for their Physical Education class. There is limited space in Pre-Athletic and Kickstart. All students who make the request may not receive these classes.

Grade 6 Course Selection Sheet

Please number electives in order of preference.

Arrangements must be made for band and orchestra instruments prior to May 31st.

- Contest Math Place a check mark.
 Testing required to enroll. Prepare and participate in Math Counts, UIL Number Sense, and Texas
 Mathematics League. Only the top students will be admitted to this class. This is a very competitive course.
- Robotics & Engineering will only be offered if there is space in the Master Schedule and it does not fill up with 7/8 graders.

These courses may take the place of the Core Plus AVID class.

ELECTIVES: Number elective choices in order of preference: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Please use all five numbers. Students may not get their first choice or second choice due to availability. Space in some electives is limited. One year of Fine Arts is required in middle school per TEA. Electives are for a FULL YEAR and are not changed during the school year. Most students will take the core plus AVID class. An alternate core plus class may be assigned/determined per student need. ✓ AV6111 AVID Gr 6 NC6001 Contest Math (May be substituted for AVID. Testing required.) FA6689 Art I 6 FB6799 Band I **ELECTIVES** FC6749 Beg Boys Choir I FC6759 Beg Girls Choir I FO6809 Beg Orch I FT6959 Theatre I 6 FM511 Mariachi LC7011 Robotics & Engineering | (May be substituted for AVID) Student's Signature Parent's Signature Date All course requests and alternates must be entered into Skyward Family Access using the student's login.

Course Selection Worksheet

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

Students and Parents should sign and date the bottom of the form.

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

6TH GRADE ELECTIVES



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.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

SCHEDULE CORRECTIONS

In the early spring of each school year, students are given the opportunity to choose courses after having met with their counselor for an informational session. In March, students are given an opportunity to verify their course request in Skyward Family Access. After that time the Master Schedule is developed.

The student course requests are used to make decisions about the number of sections of each course. For example, if 60 students request a particular class, two sections will be offered; if only 30 students request the class, only one section will be offered. Therefore, after the Master Schedule has been created, there are very few slots available to accommodate late request for changes.

To maintain balance of classroom numbers and to minimize disruptions to the academic process, schedule changes will be made for the following reasons by using the Schedule Change Request Form.

- A student has already received credit for the 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 Art II and has not taken Art I).

A student requiring a schedule correction must pick up a *Schedule Change Request Form* and submit to their counselor. The deadline for all schedule correction(s) is 9 days after the start of each semester.

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.

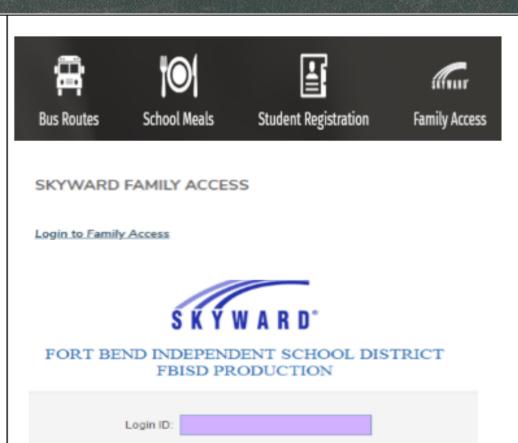
Password:

Students will complete course requests, endorsements, and career plans for the next school year online through Family Access.

Begin by clicking Skyward - Family Access, located at the bottom of your screen.

Then click on Login to Family Access

When the login screen opens, the students will type in their login and password, and click on the Sign In. You will use your student network login and password that you use at school.



Sign In

Forgot your Login/Password?

COURSE REQUEST

To access the Course Request link for the next school year:

Click Schedules

Click on the link Request Courses for xxxx-xxxx (future school year) in your next year school

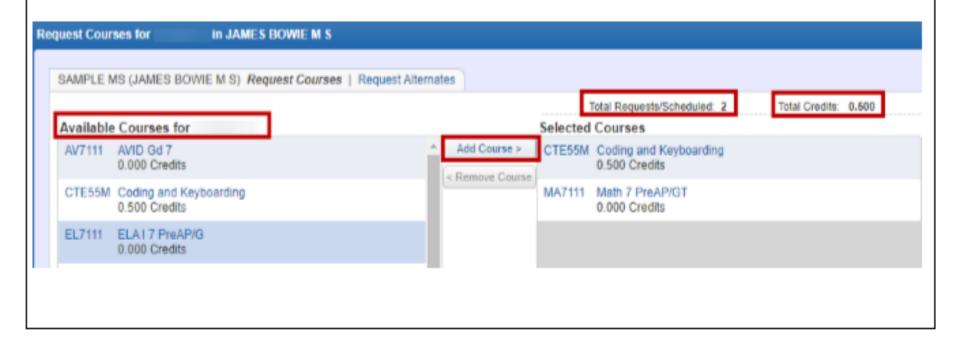
to start the process.

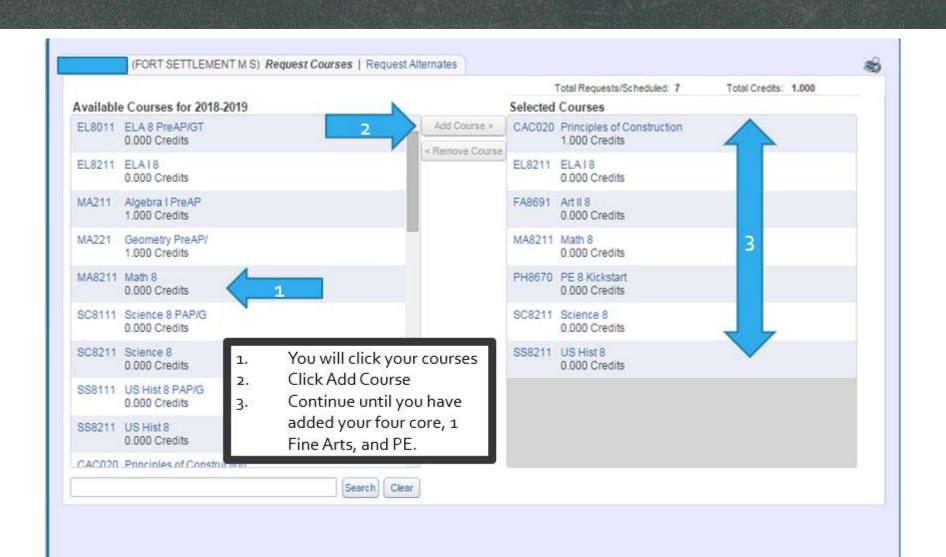




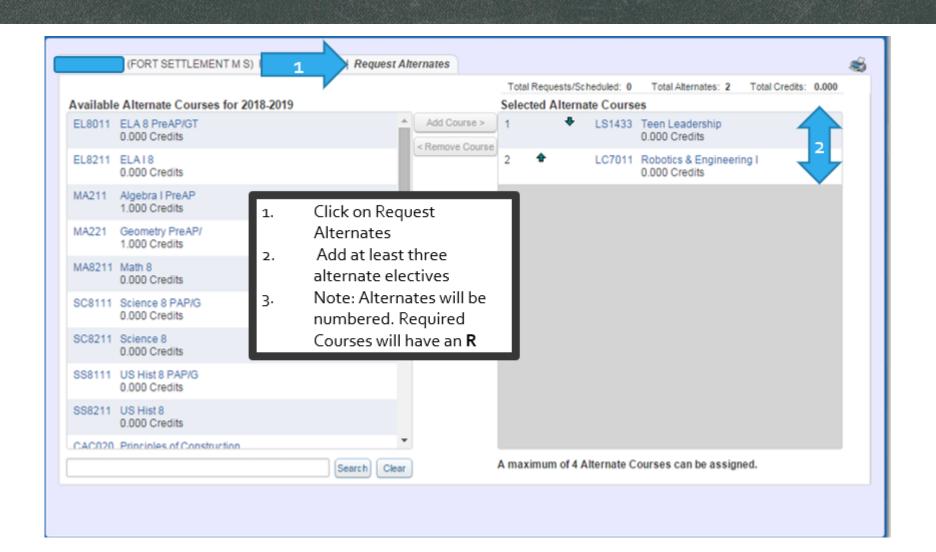


The **Available Courses** list is in alphabetical order on the left. Scroll down the list and highlight a course to request. After highlighting the course, click **Add Course**. The requested course then moves to the Selected Course column on the right side. Middle School students transitioning into high school for the next school year will need to review the **Total Credits** field to determine the number of courses selected. Your school will give you the appropriate number of courses to select.





If you are having difficulty locating a course from the list, there is a search filter at the bottom left of the screen. To locate a course, you can enter a portion or all of the course description. Click the Search button. You do need to clear the field after use to display the entire list of courses again. Class Info To view particulars of a course, click once on ELA17 course name and a detail box will display. JAMES BOWIE M S Dept: LITERACY Alphakey: EL7211 Subi: ELA7 Course Length: YEAR Curriculum: ELA17 | Course Grade: 7 Explanation: ELA17

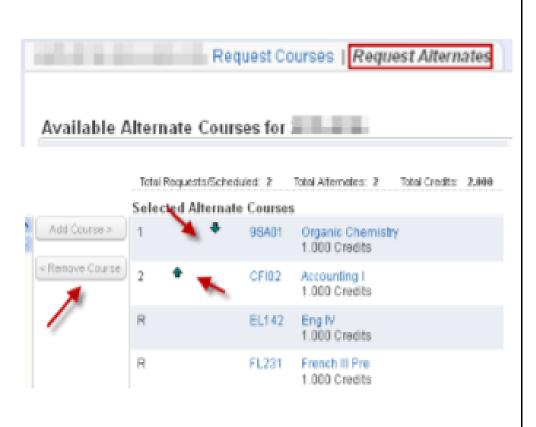


ALTERNATE COURSE REQUEST

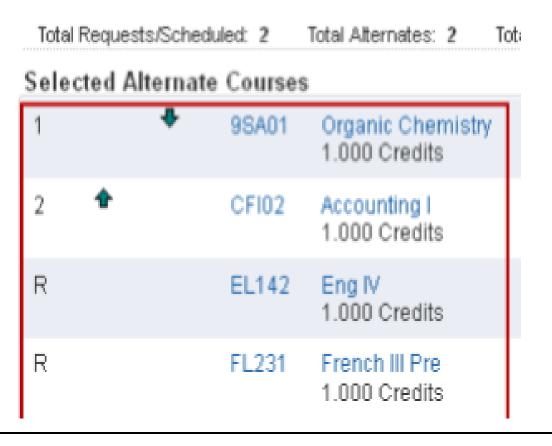
To add Alternate Course Requests:

- Click on Request Alternates at the top left of the screen.
- Select alternates as directed by your school.
- List them in the order of your preference by setting the priority (#1 being the highest).

Note: Click on the arrows and move it up and/ or down in priority or remove it.



Verify your selected course requests (R) and the alternate course requests (numbers in the priority column).



When the selection process is completed, you may print a copy of your selections by

clicking on the **Printer Icon**. (Be sure to be on the **Request Alternate Courses Screen to see**

requests and alternate requests.)

Total Credits: 2,000 Total Requests/Scheduled: 2 Total Alternates: 2 Selected Alternate Courses 9SA01 Organic Chemistry 1.000 Credits CF102 Accounting I 1,000 Credits EL142 Eng IV 1.000 Credits R FI 231 French III Pre 1.000 Credits

Click the X and then the **Logout** button when finished.

Course Selection Process for Rising 6th Grade

<u>Current FBISD students</u> 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 the first year of 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 time to decompress before their evening activities.
 - Encourage your child's participation in school activities.
 It develops a sense of belonging and friendships.

Additional Information

- No backpacks on wheels. These will not fit in the lockers.
- 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 situations. The computer 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 ✓

CHESS CLUB

Be the Change Club

WIFFLE BALL

RESEARCH OLYMPIAD

Mars+Rover+Club

Darts Club

Mational Junior Honor Society

:Science Bowl:

SCIENCE Olympiad

Book Club

CHEMISTRY CLUB

RUBIKS CUBE CLUB

Spanish Club

JAPANESE/CULTURE CLUB

FSMS Speech and Debate

CROCHET CLUB

Robotics Club

KICKSTART DEMO TEAM

FCA

MEDICAL CLUB

Student Council

ESL CLUB

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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

Course Guide https://app.schoolinks.com/course-catalog/fort-bend-isd/course-offerings

