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FORT BEND
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fort Settlement Middle School
Grade 6 and 7 Parent Night
Course Selection Information

Spring 2023

Course Selection Timeline

Skyward Course Entry

January 23, 2023 – February 5, 2023

Course Selection

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.

Students may select PE or Kickstart for their Physical Education class. 8th Grade has an option for Dance as the PE class.

2023-2024 FORT SETTLEMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL
COURSE REQUEST WORKSHEET - GRADE 7

Student Name: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____

ID Number: _____ Phone #: _____

Advisory Teacher: _____ Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Required courses: Select an English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Physical Education. Health and Advisory are required classes for 7th grade. Students will be placed in core classes based on individual needs.

ELA:	MATH:	SCIENCE:	SOCIAL STUDIES:
____EL7211 ELA 7	____MA7211 Math 7	____SC7211 Science 7	____SS7211 Texas History
____EL7111 ELA 7 AAC	____MA7111 Math 7 AAC	____SC7111 Science 7 AAC	____SS7111 Texas History AAC
	____MA211 Algebra I AAC		

PE: One Semester	HEALTH: One Semester	ADVISORY:
____PH7639 Regular PE 7	√ PH7638 Health	√ NC0700 Advisory 7
____PH7640 Kickstart 7		
(Prerequisite – Kickstart 6)		

2023-2024 FORT SETTLEMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL
COURSE REQUEST WORKSHEET - GRADE 8

Student Name: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____

ID Number: _____ Phone #: _____

Advisory Teacher: _____ Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Required courses: Select an English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Physical Education. Advisory is a required class for 8th grade. Students will be placed in core classes based on individual needs.

ELA:	MATH:	SCIENCE:	SOCIAL STUDIES:
____EL8211 ELA 8	____MA8211 Math 8	____SC8211 Science 8	____SS8211 US History
____EL8011 ELA 8 AAC	____MA211 Algebra I AAC	____SC8111 Science 8 AAC	____SS8111 US History AAC
	____MA221 Geometry AAC		

PE:	ADVISORY:
____PH8669 Regular PE	√ NC0800 Advisory 8
____PH8671 Intro to Dance	
____PH8670 Kickstart (Prerequisites – Kickstart 6 and 7)	

Advanced Academics (AAC)

Consider the following before signing up for advanced courses:

- Do I want to devote more time and energy to this course?
- Am I really motivated by the subject?
- What are my long-term goals? (future AP courses)
- Do I know what to do if I fall behind in my work because the pacing is faster?
- Would my current teacher of this subject recommend this for me?

Grade 7 Course Selection - Electives

Electives: Number elective choices in order of preference: 1, 2, 3, 4. Use all four numbers. Spaces in some electives are limited. A reading and/or math intervention class may be assigned in place of an elective if 6th grade STAAR scores indicate a need for extra support.

What Grade 6 Elective did you take? _____

The only electives offered at FSMS for 7th grade are listed on this sheet.

Please number electives in order of preference. Please list four

FINE ARTS:

____ FA7869 Art I 7
____ FA7879 Art II 7 (Prerequisite – Art I 6)
____ FC7749 Boys Choir 7
____ FC7759 Girls Choir 7
____ FB7729 Band II 7
____ FO7829 Orchestra II 7
____ FT7939 Theatre Arts I 7
____ FT7999 Theatre Arts II 7 (Prerequisite – Theatre I 6)

OTHER:

____ NC7001 Contest Math (Pending Testing)
____ LS1433 Teen Leadership
____ FJ7899 Intro to Broadcasting 7
____ AV7111 AVID (Application and Interview required)

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION:

____ CTE020 Investigating Careers
____ CBU020 Touch System Data Entry (Fall Semester Only)
    (.5 High School Credit – Regular Level)
____ CHU020 Dollars and Sense (Spring Semester Only)
    (.5 High School Credit – Regular Level)

TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS

____ LC7011 Robotics & Engineering I

Grade 8 Course Selection - Electives

Electives: Number elective choices in order of preference: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Use all five numbers. Spaces in some electives are limited. A reading and/or math intervention class may be assigned in place of an elective if 7th grade STAAR scores indicate a need for extra support.

What Grade 6 Elective did you take? _____ What Grade 7 Elective(s) did you take? _____

The only electives offered at FSMS for 8th grade are listed on this sheet.

Please number electives in order of preference. Please list five.

FINE ARTS:
____ FA7869 Art 8
____ FA7879 Art II 8 (Prerequisite – Art I)
____ FA8679 Art III 8 (Prerequisites – Art I & II)
____ FC8749 Boys Choir 8
____ FC8779 Girls Choir 8
____ FB8739 Band III 8
____ FO8839 Orchestra III 8
____ FT7939 Theatre Arts I 8
____ FT7999 Theatre Arts II 8 (Prerequisite – Theatre I)
____ FT8809 Theatre Arts III 8 (Prerequisites – Theatre I & II)

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION:
____ CTE020 Investigating Careers
____ CBU020 Touch System Data Entry (Fall Semester Only)
    (.5 High School Credit – Regular Level)
____ CHU020 Dollars and Sense (Spring Semester Only)
    (.5 High School Credit – Regular Level)
____ CST280 Fundamentals of Computer Science
    (1 High School Credit – Regular Level)

TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS
____ LC7011 Robotics & Engineering I
____ LC8012 Robotics & Engineering II
    (Prerequisite: Robotics & Engineering I)

WORLD LANGUAGE:
____ FL112 Spanish I *
    (1 High School Credit – Regular Level)

SPECIALIZED MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS:
____ LS1433 Teen Leadership
____ NC8979 PALS - Peer Assistance and Leadership
        (Application and Interview required)
____ NC8969 Office Work (Pending Approval)
____ NC8004 Contest Math (Pending Testing)
____ AV8111 AVID 8 (Prerequisite AVID 7)
____ FJ8899 Intro to Broadcasting 8
____ FJ8877 Journalism

Course Selection Sheets

Both student and parent signatures are required on the sheets.

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.

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

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FORT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Course Selection Guide
2023–24

Middle School Course Selection Guide

Frequently asked questions
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- High School Graduation Requirements – Pg. 30

Grade 7 Fine Arts Electives

These are the Fine Arts Courses that are available for 7th grade next year.

FINE ARTS:

_____FA7869 Art I 7
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Grade 8 Fine Arts Electives

These are the Fine Arts Courses that are available for 8th grade next year.

FINE ARTS:

_____FA7869 Art 8

_____FA7879 Art II 8 (Prerequisite – Art I)

_____FA8679 Art III 8 (Prerequisites – Art I & II)

_____FC8749 Boys Choir 8

_____FC8779 Girls Choir 8

_____FB8739 Band III 8

_____FO8839 Orchestra III 8

_____FT7939 Theatre Arts I 8

_____FT7999 Theatre Arts II 8 (Prerequisite – Theatre I)

_____FT8809 Theatre Arts III 8 (Prerequisites – Theatre I & II)

CTE Electives Overview

Investigating Careers

- Study of different career clusters
- explore college and career planning within specific career clusters

Touch System Data Entry (.5 high school credit, Fall only)

- develop keyboarding skills and techniques
- develop and format basic business documents
- Must be taken with Dollars and Sense.

Dollars and Sense (.5 high school credit, Spring only)

- consumer practices, money-management, decision-making
- Demonstrate management of finances, food, clothing, shelter, health care, recreation, transportation, time, and human capital
- Must be taken with Touch System Data Entry.

Fundamentals of Computer Science (8th Grade Only)

- 1 full high school credit/part of STEM Endorsement
- HTML, Scratch, Python, or JavaScript programming languages

Technology Applications
Electives Overview
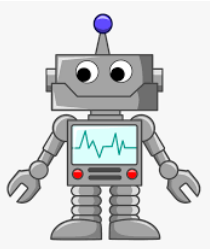
Robotics and Engineering I
- Problem-based, hands-on; utilize the Engineering Design Process
- Computational thinking, machines, force and motion, basic circuitry, electricity, energy transformations, and rocketry

Robotics and Engineering II (must have taken Rob I)
- Unit studies may include: robotics careers, advanced robotics, sensors and circuits, gaming peripherals, turbine design, physics concepts, space exploration, advanced coding, mechanical and electrical engineering, and human flight
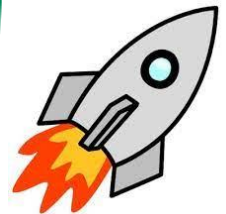
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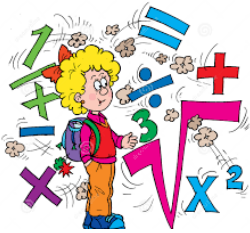
Contest Math
- Testing required to enroll
- Prepare and participate in Math Counts, UIL Number Sense, and Texas Mathematics League

Teen Leadership
- Leadership skills
- Conflict resolution
- Tolerance
- Communication skills

TeenLeadership
Developing Tomorrow's Leaders Today

Introduction to Broadcasting 7
- Basic graphic design
- Video and audio production techniques
- Creating, editing, and directing videos for school-wide communications
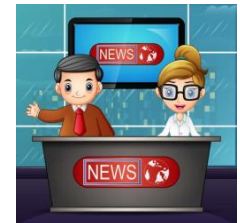
Specialized Electives Overview

Introduction to Broadcasting 8

- Basic graphic design
- Video and audio production techniques
- Creating, editing, and directing videos for school-wide communications
- Responsible for FSMS Daily school announcements
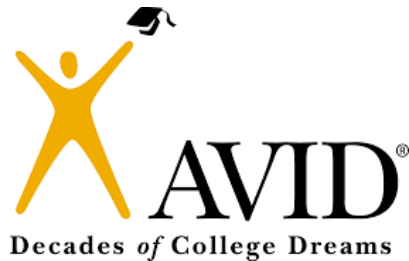
AVID

- Application and interview required
- Choose the class in Skyward. The application link will be emailed to the student.
- Year of preparation for high school
- Refine previous goals
- Increased focus on writing process, technology, test taking

AVID®
Decades of College Dreams

Specialized Electives Overview

Peer Assistance & Leadership (PALS)

- Perform service and leadership projects at school and around the community.
- Requirements for consideration:
  - Submit an Application, 2 teacher recommendations, and an interview video.
- **Sign up in Schoology using this Code** ➡️ **CFD7-ZZ8P-VNGRF**
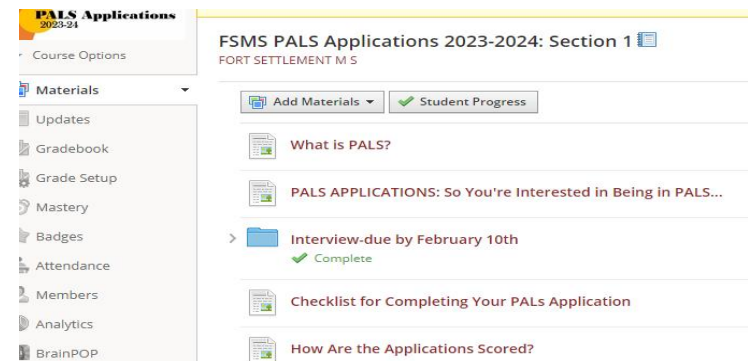
Pals Checklist

- **Fill out this entire form-PALS Application (by February 5th)**

- **Send this Teacher Recommendation Form to a current 7th grade teacher: Teacher Rec 1 (by February 5th)**

- **Send this Teacher Recommendation Form to a current 7th grade teacher: Teacher Rec 2 (by February 5th)**

- **(Optional) Send this Teacher Recommendation Form to a current 7th grade teacher: Teacher Rec 3 (optional)**

- **Enter PALS as one of your top 2 elective choices in your Course Selection. (by February 5th)**
- **Submit your Video Interview into the Media Album in this Schoology Course. (by February 10th)**

Specialized Electives Overview
8th Grade only

Office Work
- Pending Approval (best behavior, no discipline writeups, good grades, great attitude)
- Will be assigned to an office area or the library to do tasks as needed

Journalism
- Prerequisites: Teacher recommendation required
- journalistic writing, editing, illustration, layout
- school yearbook is produced by students in this class

World Language
8th Grade Only

WORLD LANGUAGE:

____FL112 Spanish I *
(1 High School Credit – Regular Level)

If you take Spanish I in 8th grade, you should plan to **take Spanish II during your 9th grade year**.

You must earn TWO full credits in the same world language to meet your high school graduation requirements.

So, if you don't take Spanish in 8th grade it's okay. You have time in high school.

Tips to consider for Spanish:
• The student should have a good understanding and grasp of the English language, including grammar and vocabulary.
• The student should have strong reading and writing skills and be able to memorize and master concepts of the language, not just colors, numbers, etc.
• The student needs to be prepared to work hard, both in the classroom and at home. Learning a foreign language requires consistent studying at home on a daily basis
• The student should expect to have homework often, perhaps every day, and lots of quizzes and tests, both written and oral.
• The student should have good organizational skills in order to keep up with assignments and the pace of the course.
• The student should understand that this is a high school academic course that will be recorded on their high school transcript for grade points.

High School Credit Courses offered at FSMS

Spanish I (8th Grade Only)

Algebra I AAC

Geometry AAC

Fundamentals of Computer Science
(8th Grade Only)

Touch System Data Entry/ Dollars and Sense

All HS credit courses, whether it is a core class or an elective, AND whether you pass it or fail it, **will be recorded on your high school transcript**.

If you are not motivated or prepared to do high school level work, do not take it. It will affect your Grade Point Average.
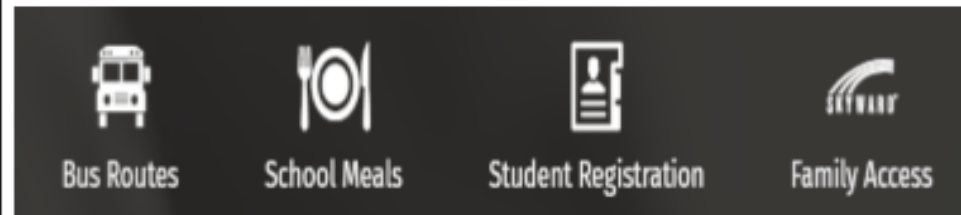
Skyward Family Access Course Input

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.*

Bus Routes   School Meals   Student Registration   Family Access

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Login to Family Access

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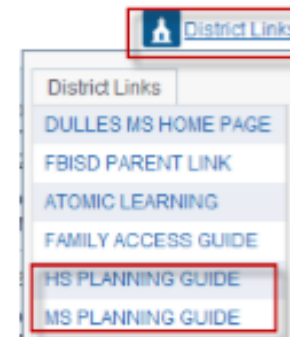FORT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Sign In

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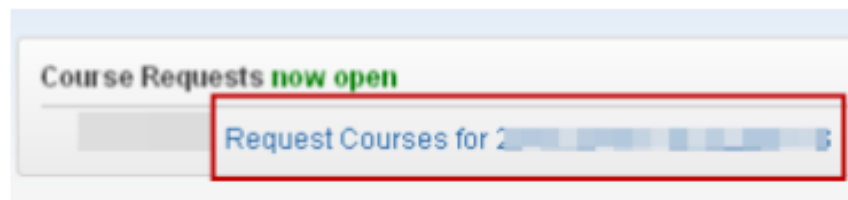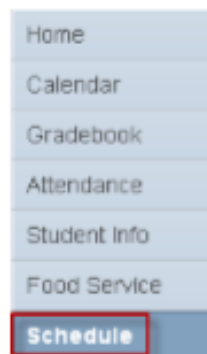
Skyward Family Access Course Input

When students log into Student Access, helpful district links are located on the top right. The High School and Middle School planning guides are available online if you have a question about a course.

District Links

DULLES MS HOME PAGE
FBISD PARENT LINK
ATOMIC LEARNING
FAMILY ACCESS GUIDE
HS PLANNING GUIDE
MS PLANNING GUIDE

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.

Home
Calendar
Gradebook
Attendance
Student Info
Food Service
Schedule

Course Requests **now open**

Request Courses for 2

Skyward Family Access Course Input

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.

Skyward Family Access Course Input

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.

To view particulars of a course, click once on course name and a detail box will display.

Skyward Family Access Course Input

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.

Skyward Family Access Course Input

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

Total Requests/Scheduled: 2   Total Alternates: 2   Tot
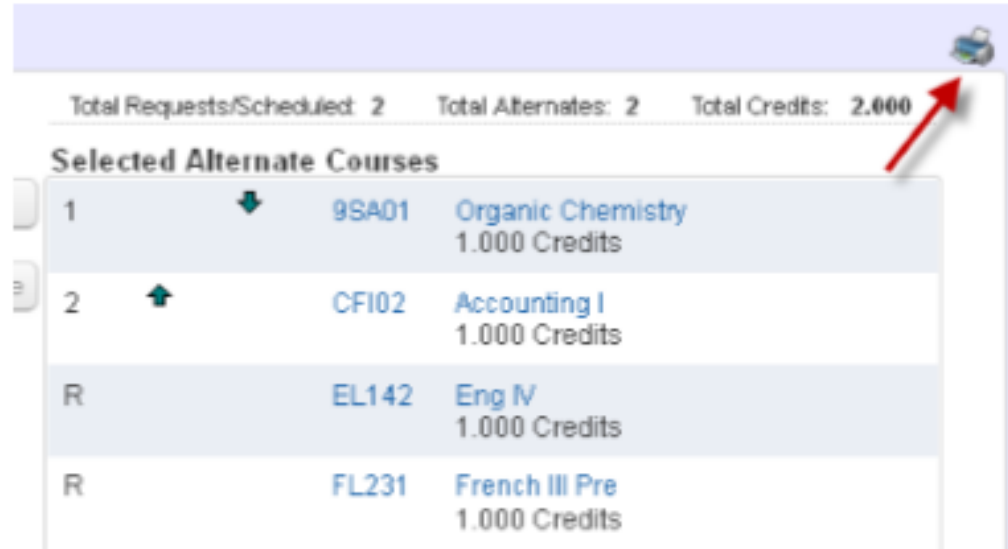
Selected Alternate Courses

1	⬇	9SA01	Organic Chemistry 1.000 Credits
2	⬆	CFI02	Accounting I 1.000 Credits
R		EL142	Eng IV 1.000 Credits
R		FL231	French III Pre 1.000 Credits

Skyward Family Access Course Input

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 Requests/Scheduled: 2		Total Alternates: 2	Total Credits: 2.000

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R		FL231	French III Pre 1.000 Credits

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

<u>Important Dates</u>

➢ January 17, 2023

   ➢ Course Selection Sheets sent home

➢ January 18, 2023

   ➢ Course Selection Talk during Advisory

   ➢ Parent Night for current 6th and 7th grade

➢ January 23, 2023

   ➢ Skyward Family Access window opens for Course Requests

➢ February 5, 2023 – Last day for courses to be entered in Skyward

➢ February 6, 2023 – Turn in Course Selection Sheet to Counselor

Please make sure all courses and alternates are entered into Skyward Family Access under the student's login by this date!

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

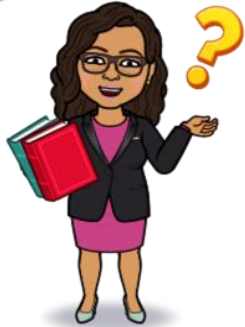Credit By Exam https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/296

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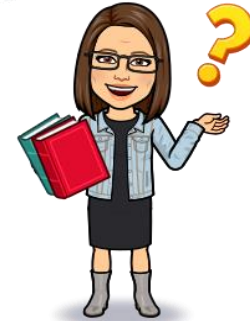
Please email the appropriate grade level counselor with any questions once the Skyward online window opens.

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