

**Graduation and Career Planning** 

Fort Settlement Middle School
6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
Course Selection Information

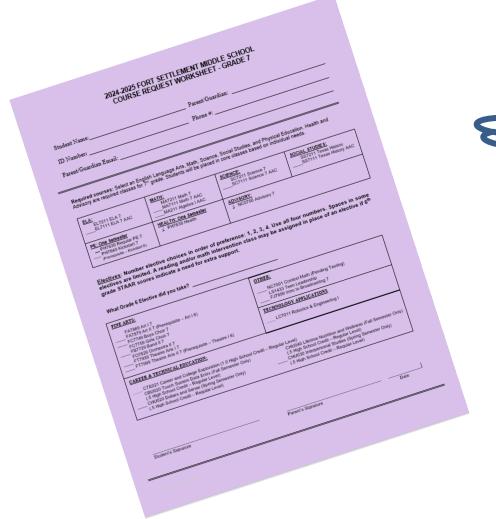
FORT BEND
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Spring 2024





#### **Course Selection Timeline**



**Skyward Course Entry** 

January 22, 2024 – February 9, 2024



Student Name:



## **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.

#### 2024-2025 FORT SETTLEMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE REQUEST WORKSHEET - GRADE 7

Parent/Guardian:

ID Number:	P	hone #:			
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: EL7211 ELA 7 EL7111 ELA 7 AAC	MATH: MA7211 Math 7 MA7111 Math 7 AAC MA211 Algebra I AAC	SCIENCE:SC7211 Science 7SC7111 Science 7 AAC	SOCIAL STUDIES: SS7211 Texas History SS7111 Texas History AAC		
PE: One Semester PH7639 Regular PE 7 PH7640 Kickstart 7 (Prerequisite – Kickstart 6)	HEALTH: One Semester  √ PH7638 Health	ADVISORY: √ NC0700 Advisory 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?
- \* Please Note: Gifted and Talented students are expected to enroll in AAC courses for the areas they are identified as GT. Students may be furloughed from GT or exited if they are not enrolled in AAC courses.





#### **Grade 7 Course Selection - Electives**

<u>Electives</u>: 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade STAAR scores indicate a need for extra support.

What Grade 6 Elective did you take? \_\_\_\_

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

Please number electives in order of preference. Please list four

FINE ARTS:	OTHER:
FA7869 Art I 7 — FA7879 Art II 7 (Prerequisite – Art I 6) — FC7749 Boys Choir 7 FC7759 Girls Choir 7	NC7001 Contest Math (Pending Testing) LS1433 Teen LeadershipFJ7899 Intro to Broadcasting 7
FB7729 Band II 7	TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS
FO7829 Orchestra II 7 FT7939 Theatre Arts I 7 FT7999 Theatre Arts II 7	LC7011 Robotics & Engineering I
FT7999 Theatre Arts II 7 (Prerequisite – Theatre I 6)	
CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION:	
CTE021 Career and College Exploration (1.0 High School Cre-	dit – Regular Level)
CBU020 Touch System Data Entry (Fall Semester Only)	CHU040 Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness (Fall Semester Only)
(.5 High School Credit – Regular Level)	(.5 High School Credit – Regular Level)
CHU020 Dollars and Sense (Spring Semester Only)	CHU030 Interpersonal Studies (Spring Semester Only)
(.5 High School Credit – Regular Level)	(.5 High School Credit – Regular Level)





## **Course Selection Sheets**

Both student and parent signatures are required on the sheets.

Student's Signature	Parent's Signature	Date

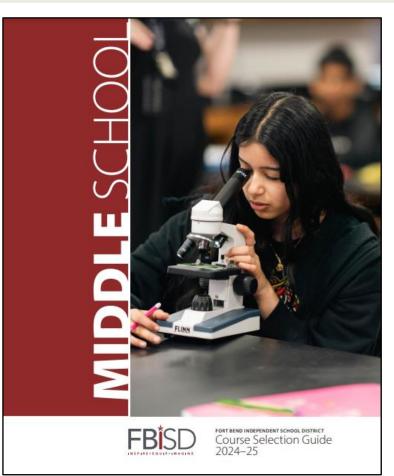




#### Middle School Course Selection Guide

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

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#### **Grade 7 Fine Arts Electives**

These are the Fine Arts
Courses that are available for 7<sup>th</sup> grade next year.

# 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 (Prerequisite – Theatre I 6)





#### **CTE Electives Overview**

## Career and College Exploration (1.0 high school credit)

- 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

#### 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.







#### **CTE Electives Overview**



#### Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness (.5 high school credit, Fall only)

- Learn to stay healthy the rest of your life
- Analyze current lifestyle habits that increase health risks
- Learn important food buying strategies
- Investigate careers in nutrition
- Concentrates on nutrition, food choices, and food management skills
- Hands-on experience with fundamentals of food preparation and nutrition.



#### Interpersonal Studies (.5 high school credit, Spring only)

- Examines how relationships between individuals and among family members affect the quality of life
- Learn principles of personal development, decision-making, family life cycle, and stress management through hands-on projects
- Investigate roles and influence of technology on relationships
- Consumer roles, decision-making, rights & responsibilities and personal hygiene





## 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







### **Specialized Electives Overview**



#### **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



#### **Introduction to Broadcasting**

- Basic graphic design
- Video and audio production techniques
- Creating, editing, and directing videos for school-wide communications







# High School Credit Courses offered at FSMS

Algebra I AAC

**Geometry AAC** 

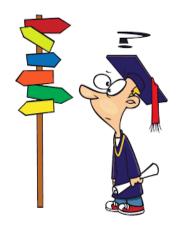
**Biology AAC** 

**Touch System Data Entry** 

**Dollars and Sense** 

Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness

**Interpersonal Studies** 



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.







## Schedule Corrections/Changes



- 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.
- Therefore, after the Master Schedule has been created, there are very few slots available to accommodate late request for changes.

- In order to maintain balance of classroom numbers and minimize disruptions, schedule changes will be made for the following reasons.
  - 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).

A student requiring a schedule correction must complete a Schedule Change Request Form and submit it to their counselor. The deadline for all schedule corrections 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.



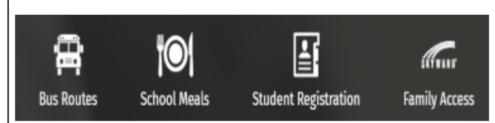


Students will complete course requests, endorsements, and career plans for the next school year online through Family Access.

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.



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Login to Family Access



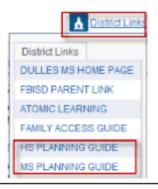
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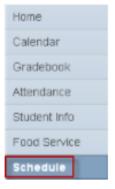
When students log into Student Access, helpful district links are located on the top right. The High School and Middle School planning guides are available online if you have a question about a course.



#### 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.

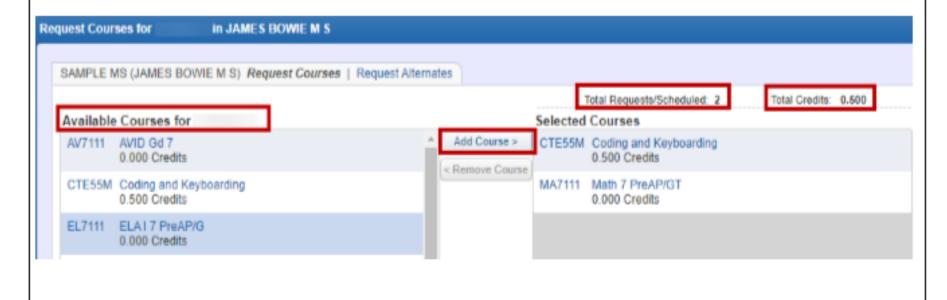








The **Available Courses** list is in alphabetical order on the left. Scroll down the list and highlight a course to request. After highlighting the course, click **Add Course**. The requested course then moves to the Selected Course column on the right side. Middle School students transitioning into 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.







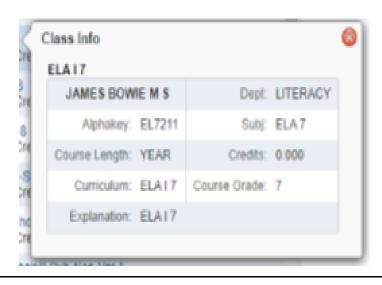
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## **Skyward Family Access Course Input**

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.





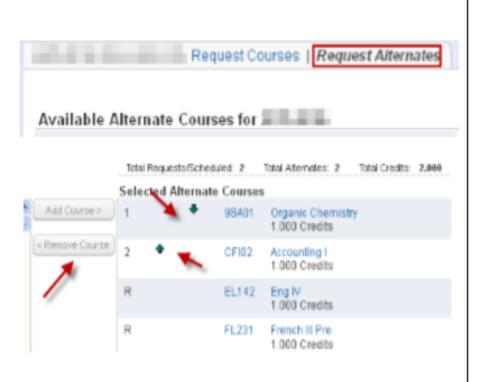


#### ALTERNATE COURSE REQUEST

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).

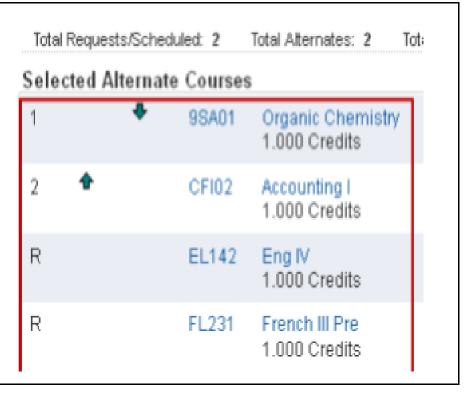
Note: Click on the arrows and move it up and/ or down in priority or remove it.







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

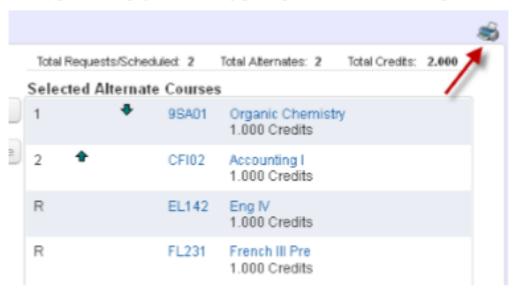






When the selection process is completed, you may print a copy of your selections by

clicking on the Printer Icon.
(Be sure to be on the Request
Alternate Courses Screen to see
requests and alternate requests.)



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





### **Important Dates**

- January 17, 2024
  - Course Selection talk during Advisory
  - Course Selection Sheets sent home



- January 22, 2024
  - Skyward Family Access window opens for Course Requests
- January 24, 2024
  - Current 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection Parent Night
- February 9, 2024
  - Last day for courses to be entered in Skyward
  - Turn in Course Selection Sheet to Counselor
    (It's okay to turn it in early if you have entered your courses into Skyward Family Access)
- March 1, 2024 March 8, 2024 Course Verification Window is open.

(Log in to verify course requests. If you need to make changes print the courses, make the adjustment on the hard copy and turn it in to your counselor. She will update your classes.

Please make sure all courses and alternates are entered into Skyward Family Access under the student's login by February 9th.





# FSMS Counselor Contacts

2024-2025

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## **Quick Links**

Fort Settlement Webpage <a href="https://www.fortbendisd.com/fsms">https://www.fortbendisd.com/fsms</a>

Fort Settlement Counselors' Webpage <a href="https://www.fortbendisd.com/Domain/2976">https://www.fortbendisd.com/Domain/2976</a>

Credit By Exam <a href="https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/296">https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/296</a>

Off Campus PE https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/96272

**Middle School Course Guide** 

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

Current 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor Stefanie.Armatta@fortbendisd.com