

Course Selection Parent Night



Introductions

Mr. Yelvington - Principal

Ms. Rutledge - Associate Principal

Dr. Mikel - 7th Grade Assistant Principal

Mrs. Winn - 7th Grade Counselor

Mr. Ivory – 8th Grade Assistant Principal

Mrs. Mitchell – 8th Grade Counselor/Lead

Mrs. Kocher- Math Department Head



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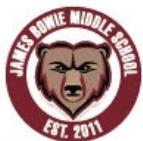


JBMS Website

- Has all you need to know about course selection
- Tab: Parents/Students
Select - Counseling

Left Hand Tab – Course Selection





JAMES BOWIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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OUR SCHOOL

ACADEMICS

STUDENTS & PARENTS

ATHLETICS

LIBRARY & MEDIA

CLUBS & ORGS

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Attendance

School Supply Lists

Student Passwords

Bring Your Own Device (B.Y.O.D.)
Support

Clinic

Extended Learning
(Before and After School Programs)

Gifted and Talented

Counseling

No Place for Hate ®

Homeless Children and Youth

Whole Child Health Initiative

JBMS PTO



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COUNSELING

Counseling Home

Counseling Calendar

Course Selection

SchooLinks

FBISD Programs and Resources

ABOUT COUNSELIN

Professional School Counselor
Comprehensive Development
areas of:

- Guidance Curriculum - life skills
- Responsive Services - Personal concerns
- Individual Planning - Planning for their personal, education, and post-secondary education
- System Support - Supporting educational, career, personal, and social needs

RevTrak Web
Store

Bus Routes



School Meals



Family Access



1Link



PeachJar

Whole Child
HealthWellness
ScreeenerHealth
Protocols &New Student
Registration

Scroll down, and you will find

7TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION (Rising 8th)

Middle School Course Catalog Information

Middle School Universal Course Selection Worksheet

Middle School Universal Course Selection List

Parent Course Selection Webinar Using SchooLinks

Middle School Math AAC Sequence

6TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION (Rising 7th)

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Where courses and descriptions can be found.



Where students will actually select their courses.

-7th Grade- Blue Paper

-8th Grade- Green Paper



Where you can find a list of courses offered at JBMS.

What is Career and Technical Education(CTE)?

Our students define CTE as a program that involves academic and hands-on skills to prepare students for a specific career that they want.

Career and Technical Education is a strategic educational plan for all students. It allows for academics, creativity and skills to merge therefore sparking career interest that will carry them from high school to college and career.



Why students should get active in CTE Early!

Foundation for Skill Development

CTE in middle school allows students to explore interests and develop essential skills early for future success.

Informed Academic Pathways

Early CTE exposure helps students make informed decisions about high school and post-secondary courses.

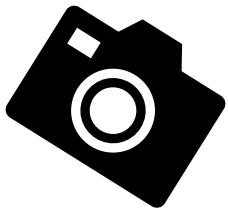
Increased Engagement and Motivation

Real-world learning applications in CTE increase student engagement and motivation in school.

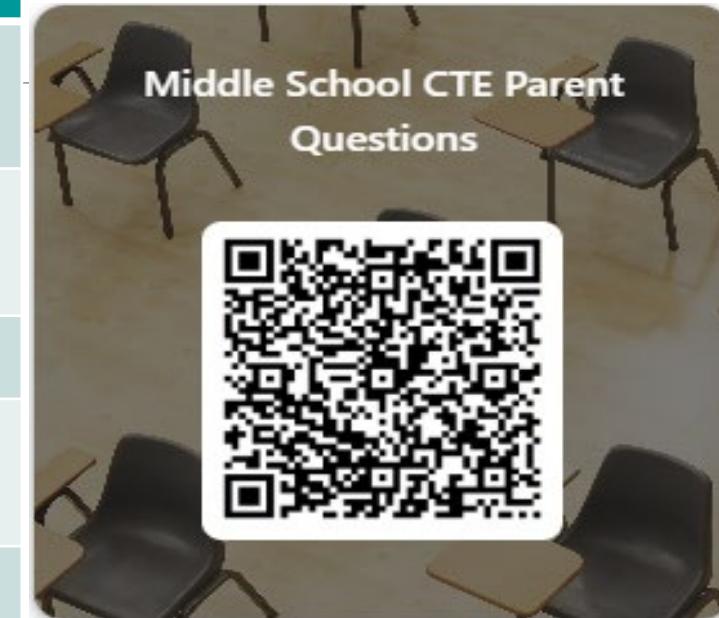
Family Benefits and Support

Families gain clarity and confidence in education planning, reducing stress and rushed decisions.

CTE Courses available for Middle School 26.27



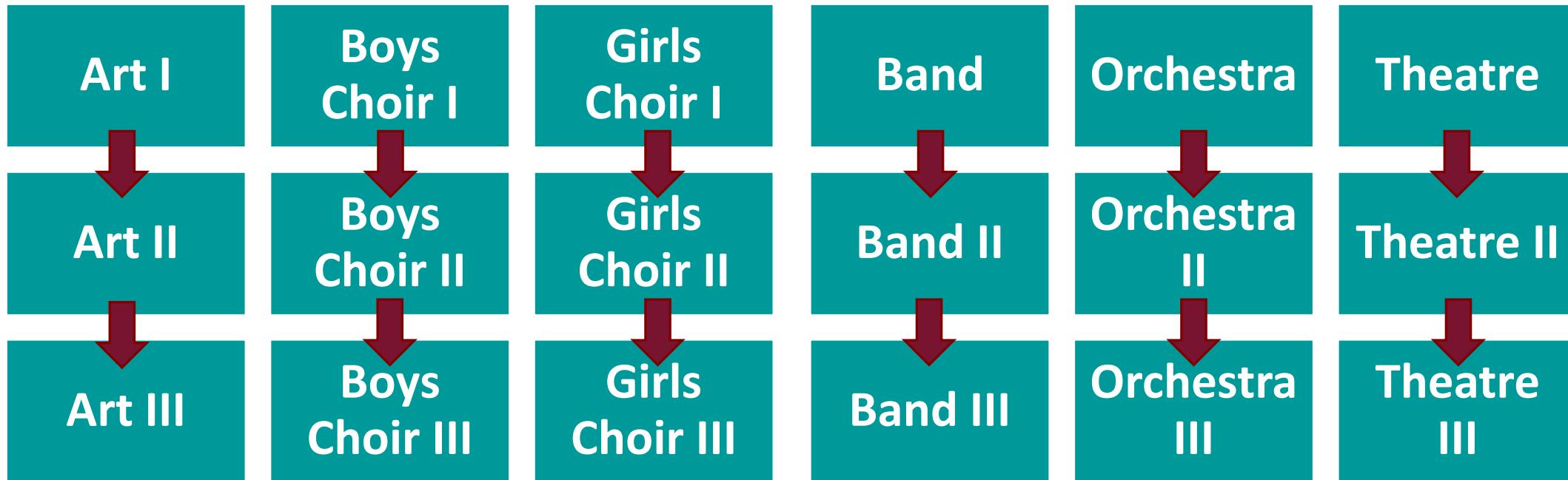
| 6 th Grade | 7 th Grade | 8 th Grade |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Technovation I | Touch System Data Entry/Dollars and Sense | Fundamentals of Computer Science |
| | Career and College Exploration | Principles of Human Services |
| | Technovation II | Technovation II |
| | | Touch System Data Entry/Dollars and Sense |
| | | Career and College Exploration |



To enroll your rising 7th or 8th in Technovation II, make sure to select the course during course selection, use one of your elective spaces to add the course.

7th and 8th Grade Electives

Fine Art Electives



- You must take Art and Theatre classes in order.
- After your first year of Choir, Band, and Orchestra, your teacher will determine your level (I, II, or III).
- Band and Orchestra require Instrument Rental/Purchase.

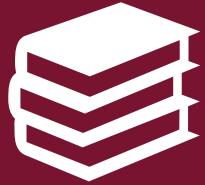
College and Career Exploration

This course is designed to help you learn about different jobs and careers.

Helps students figure out what they are interested in and what they are good at.

Explore information about different jobs and decide what courses you might need to take in high school and beyond to achieve your goals.





An introduction to basic graphic design elements for digital media, along with video and audio production techniques will be applied to various project-based learning. Students will be introduced to creating, editing, and directing videos for school-wide communications.



Development of morning announcements and videography

Introduction to Broadcasting



High School Courses

THE FOLLOWING COURSES ARE HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES.

THEY ARE WORTH 1.0 HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT.

THE GRADE EARNED IN THIS CLASS WILL APPEAR ON YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT, SO PLEASE ENROLL ONLY IF YOU ARE PREPARED TO WORK AT A HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL.

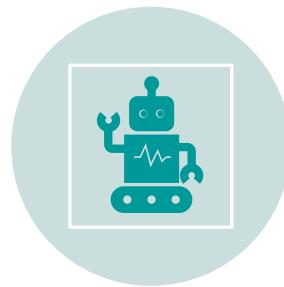
ATTENDANCE COUNTS!

- MORE THAN 9 ABSENCES CAN AFFECT THE CREDIT BEING AWARDED.

Technovation II



This course dives into more complex robotics applications and introduces students to aviation and advanced coding.



Student will apply their engineering skills to design robots for real-world scenarios and explore the core principles of flight and elementary drone design.

This class replaced Robotics. If you are currently in Robotics, there will not be Robotics II. You will take this class.

Touch System Data Entry

Dollars and Sense

**Proper Keyboard techniques
with speed and accuracy**

**Composing and formatting
business correspondence**

**Focus on consumer practices
and responsibilities**

Money management practices

Decision-Making Skills

Impact of Technology

Each one of these courses is a semester course(0.5 credit). They are paired together.

AVID

(Advancement Via
Individual
Determination)

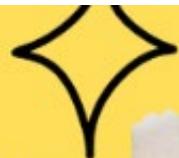
Focuses on refining goals, working on intrapersonal and interpersonal skills, as well as formal and informal speech.

Emphasizes the writing process, the use of technology, test preparation, and test taking, and reading strategies

Exposes students to guest speakers and field trips to increase knowledge of college and career options.

***This elective is application only, and the deadline to apply has already passed.**

8th Grade Electives

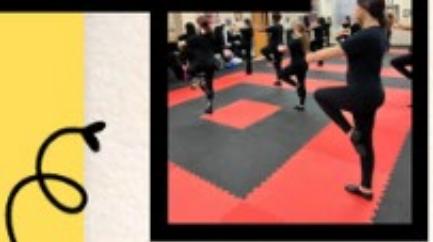


8TH GRADE DANCE CLASS



ABOUT:

- 1ST PERIOD CLASS
- EARN YOUR P.E. CREDIT
- POM. JAZZ. LYRICAL. MUSICAL THEATER.
CHOREOGRAPHY. BALLET. HIP-HOP. KICK



PREPARE FOR THE TRAVIS BELLES DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS

Prepares you to
tryout and join
the Travis High
School Belles
Dance Team!

Dance

BOWIE BEARS DANCE CLUB

ABOUT

- CLUB MEETINGS ONCE A WEEK
- ALL LEVELS WELCOME

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

- THS WINTER DANCE CONCERT
- JBMS STUDENT SHOWCASE
- THS BELLES SPRING SHOW



OPEN TO 6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS



Spanish I

Students in this course will develop proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing on topics dealing with people, places, and events they are likely to encounter in everyday life.

***This is a High School credit class**

Fundamentals of Computer Science



Students get to be super creative and think of cool ideas to solve real-life puzzles.



Students team up with classmates to use computer science to find, understand, and solve problems.



Students get to work with awesome computer languages like HTML, Scratch, Python, and JavaScript!



Get ready for a fun and hands-on adventure in the world of computers!

Electives for 8th Graders: Application Only

To apply, you will submit a video to Mrs. Gates. Ask her about it!



Advanced Broadcast

This course teaches graphic design elements for digital media, along with video and audio production techniques in various project-based learning. This course will produce an in-school video/audio communication program.

***Must currently be in Introduction to Broadcasting.**



Journalism

This course provides students the opportunity to learn skills necessary for the school yearbook production, journalistic writing, editing, illustration, layout, distribution, and sales. A school yearbook is produced by students in the class.

Applications are available now in Mrs. Gates room or the Counselors' Suite. They are due on 2/12/2026.

Office Work

Assist various areas of the school with day-to-day operations.

- Library
- Band
- Orchestra
- Counseling Office
- Front Office
- Clinic
- PE

*Applications are now available in the Counselors' Suite. They are due 2/12/2026.





Students learn leadership skills in goal-setting, communication, peer listening, group dynamics, project planning, and implementation.



Students also investigate techniques and skills needed to provide programs to their peers that increase motivation, self-esteem and student involvement.



Mandatory meeting the week of 2/16/2026

***Applications will be given at the meeting**



Deadline to apply is 3/4/2026

PALS

AAC Math Changes

Middle School Math AAC Sequence

AAC is strongly encouraged and open to ALL learners who welcome the challenge and are committed to strengthening academic performance.



6th Grade Math AAC

- 100% 6th Grade Content
- 50% of 7th Grade Content
- 6th Grade STAAR Test

7th Grade Math AAC

- 50% of 7th Grade Content
- 100% 8th Grade Content

Students will take the
8th Grade STAAR Test

8th Grade

Algebra I

- High School Credit
- Algebra I STAAR EOC Test

If a student completes the Math AAC Pathway

8th Grade Algebra I is the **ONLY** Option

AAC Algebra I

- Weighted GPA Points ↑



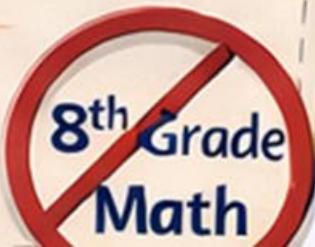
On-Level Algebra I

- Standard GPA Points

Both are on the High School Transcript

Once you are in Algebra I, there is no option
to level down to 8th Grade Math

- Already Completed 8th Grade Content
- Student took 8th Grade STAAR Test



Going from On –Level to AAC Math

Rising 7th Graders-

- If you are currently in 6th grade on level math and want to take 7th grade AAC
 - You will need to complete a course in Edgenuity (an online platform), so you will not be lost or behind when school starts.
 - If you do not complete the course, you will be dropped from the AAC course.

Rising 8th Graders-

- If you are currently in 7th grade on level math and want to take Algebra or Algebra AAC
 - You will need to speak to your counselor to sign up for the Credit By Exam (CBE) for 8th Grade Math.
 - You must make an 80 or higher on the test to receive credit and move on to Algebra or Algebra AAC for 8th grade.

*Please speak to your current Math teacher to see if AAC would be right for you

ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT
MATH PLACEMENT FOR
YOUR CHILD NEXT YEAR:

EMAIL:

SUSAN.KOCHER@FORTBENDISD.GOV

Course Selection Worksheets

AAC Classes

- You have the option of selecting (On-Level) or Advanced Academic Course (AAC).
- If you are identified as Gifted & Talented, select AAC courses in the areas identified.
- Remember AAC courses move at a faster pace and more information is covered.
- Once you are in AAC courses, you must follow the district policy and dates for dropping a course.
- Students will remain in any AAC course for the first 3 weeks of school before a level down change is considered. A grade of 75 is considered passing and a level-down will not be granted.
- If you are approved to level-down, the grade you have earned will go with you to your next course.

2026-2027 MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE SELECTION WORKSHEET – GRADE 7

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

All 7th grade students are enrolled in English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education or Kickstart, two electives and Advisory.

STEP I: Academic Course Selections:

Select one option for each core subject.

| English Language Arts | Science | Social Studies |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EL7211 ELA 7 On-Level | <input type="checkbox"/> SC7211 Science 7 On-Level | <input type="checkbox"/> SS7211 TX History 7 On-Level |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EL7111 ELA 7 AAC | <input type="checkbox"/> SC7111 Science 7 AAC | <input type="checkbox"/> SS7111 TX History 7 AAC |
| | | |
| Math | Physical Education | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MA7211 Math 7 On-Level | <input type="checkbox"/> PH7639 Physical Education | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MA7111 Math 7 AAC | <input type="checkbox"/> PH7640 PE 7 Kickstart (returning Kickstart students only) | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PH7638 Health (All 7 th graders take a semester of Health) | |

AAC courses are encouraged for students who are highly motivated, enjoy academic challenges, and are committed to improving their academic performance. These courses are optional, fast-paced, and include higher expectations for independent learning.

STEP II: Elective Selections:

Students will have two elective courses for the full academic year. Students will select **2** electives and **3** alternate choices. All electives are year-long and placement is based on availability and academic needs.

DO NOT LIST AVID HERE.

Fine Arts

- FA7869 Art I 7-8
- FA7879 Art II
- FB6779 Band I (*instrument rental/purchase required*)
- FB7739 Band II (*instrument rental/purchase required*)
- FC7780 Beg Boys Choir 7-8
- FC8749 Beg Boys Choir II
- FC7781 Beg Girls Choir 7-8
- FC7779 Beg Girls Choir II
- FO6809 Beg Orch I (*instrument rental/purchase required*)
- FO7849 Orch II (*instrument rental/purchase required*)
- FT7939 Theatre I 7-8
- FT7999 Theatre II

*Indicates high school credit and counts toward GPA.

Career & Technical Education

- CBU020 Touch Systems Data Entry*CHU020 Dollars and Sense (Spring)*
- CTE022 Career and College Exploration
- CTE112 Innovation II*

Other

- FJ7899 Introduction to Broadcasting 7-8

| Elective 1 |
|--------------------|
| |
| Elective 2 |
| |
| Alternate choice 1 |
| |
| Alternate choice 2 |
| |
| Alternate choice 3 |
| |

Important Reminders:

- Elective placements are not guaranteed.
- Schedule changes are limited and may only be made for clerical errors.
- Contact your grade-level counselor with questions regarding placement.

AVID is **application only**. Check the box if you are applying for AVID:

AVID

***Do not** enter this course in SchooLinks. If approved, your counselor will add this course to the student's schedule.

Student Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Course descriptions are available at: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/courseselection>

7th Grade

- All 7th Graders take Health, so it is already selected for you.
- You can only take Kickstart if you are currently in the class.
- Do not list AVID for Elective 1, 2, or any of the Alternates.
- Check the box if you applied for AVID.

8th Grade

- You can only take Kickstart if you are currently in the class.
- Do not list AVID, PALS, Office Work, Journalism, or Advanced Broadcasting for Elective 1, 2, or any of the Alternates.
 - Check the box for the electives you are applying for.

2026-2027 MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE SELECTION WORKSHEET – GRADE 8

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

All 8th grade students are enrolled in English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education or Kickstart, two electives and Advisory.

STEP I: Academic Course Selections:
Select one option for each core subject.

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| English Language Arts <input type="checkbox"/> EL8211 ELA I 8 On-Level <input type="checkbox"/> EL8111 ELA I/II 8 AAC | Science <input type="checkbox"/> SC8211 Science 8 On-Level <input type="checkbox"/> SC8111 Science 8 AAC | Social Studies <input type="checkbox"/> SS8211 US History 8 On-Level <input type="checkbox"/> SS8111 US History 8 AAC |
| Math <input type="checkbox"/> MA8211 Math 8 <input type="checkbox"/> MA212 Algebra I* <input type="checkbox"/> MA211 Algebra I AAC* | Physical Education <input type="checkbox"/> PH8669 Physical Education <input type="checkbox"/> PH8670 PE 8 Kickstart (returning Kickstart students only) <input type="checkbox"/> PH8671 Intro to Dance | |

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| Fine Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none">FA7869 Art I 7-8FA7879 Art IIFA8679 Art IIIFB6779 Band I (instrument rental/purchase required)FB7739 Band II (instrument rental/purchase required)FB8738 Band III (instrument rental/purchase required)FC7780 Beg Boys Choir 7-8FC8749 Beg Boys Choir IIFC8789 Beg Boys Choir IIIFC8799 Beg Girls Choir 7-8 | Career & Technical Education <ul style="list-style-type: none">CBU020 Touch Systems Data Entry*/CHU020 Dollars and Sense (Spring)*CHU010 Principles of Human Services*CST280 Fundamentals of Computer Science*CTE022 Career and College ExplorationCTE112 Technovation II* |
| World Language <ul style="list-style-type: none">FL112 Spanish I* | Other <ul style="list-style-type: none">FJ7899 Introduction to Broadcasting 7-8 |

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 AVID PALS Office Work Journalism Advanced Broadcasting

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Student Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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