

RONALD THORNTON
MIDDLE SCHOOL

INCOMING 6TH GRADE
PARENT NIGHT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020



WELCOME

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Learning Intentions:

- **Key Staff**
- **Who is Ronald Thornton?**
- **Fundamental Beliefs of RTMS**
- **Deadlines**
- **Courses**
- **Pre-Ap vs. GT**

RTMS 6th Grade Leaders

Mrs. Guerra-Canchola, Assistant Principal

Ms. Jefferson, Lead Counselor

RONALD THORNTON



WILLOWRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

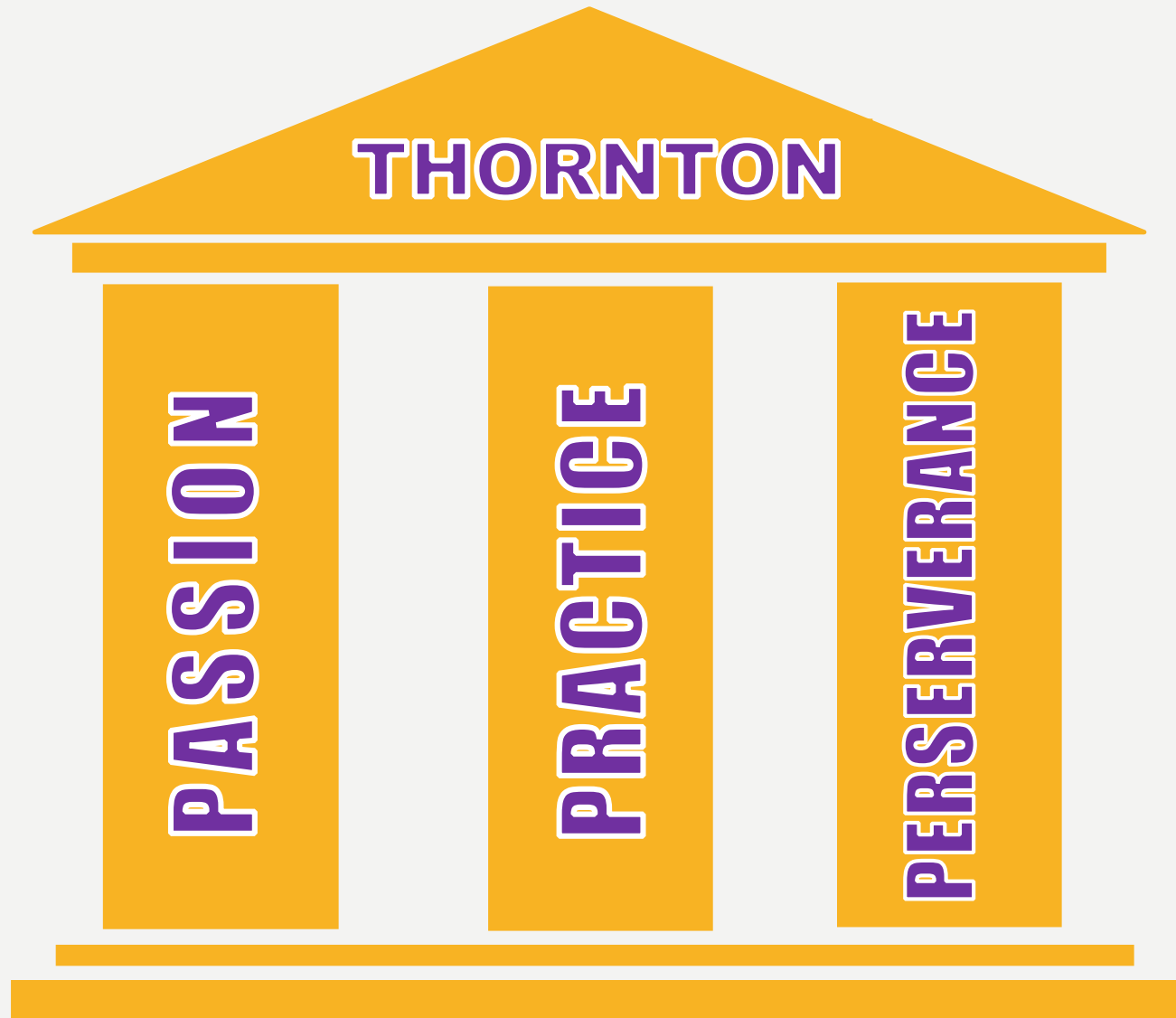


Willowridge
High School



1988-2009

RTMS Pillars of Success



RTMS

Vision, Mission

Core Beliefs and Commitments

RONALD THORNTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Home of Thundercat PRIDE

VISION

The RTMS community aims to inspire and empower all students to take pride and ownership in their academic, social and emotional learning.

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MISSION

RTMS will provide meaningful learning experiences in a safe, collaborative community where everyone grows through passion, practice and perseverance.

Core Beliefs & Commitments

- P** - People and relationships matter.
- R** - Respect in all we do.
- I** - Inclusion is a priority.
- D** - Diversity is our strength.
- E** - Effort fuels our growth.

Motto

Thunder PRIDE never dies!



- Start Time: 8:55am
doors open at 8:15am
- End Time: 4:10pm

Course Selection

DUE DATES

Elementary Counselor will share

FBISD SKYWARD WINDOW

February 24th - March 20th

Course Selection Sheets

RTMS Required Courses:

1. English Language Arts
2. Social Studies
3. Math
4. Science
5. Physical Education
6. Discovery
7. One Elective

Course Selection Sheets

Fort Bend ISD offers a variety of courses aligned to the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) program. The Pre AP/AP program is designed to develop college readiness. Beginning in the 6th grade, highly motivated students may select and participate in Pre AP courses. These courses are academically challenging, fast-paced and require more independent learning than on-level courses.

Note: Please see FBISD's MS program guide for Guidelines for exiting Pre/AP Courses.

PreAP/GT courses are taught at a higher level of rigor than on level courses. Students will utilize higher order thinking skills and real world applications of skills and concepts more often than a regular grade level course. Thus, successful PreAP/GT students will have a strong command of the subject area, be organized and highly motivated.

Please Note: Success in a Pre-AP course is defined as having a grade of 75 or above.

Prior to requesting a change in level, the student and parent must meet with the teacher and put a plan in place for success. Requests to level down will be considered **after** the first 3 weeks of school and only if space is available in the new class.

Content in Middle School PreAP Math courses

Middle School PreAP Math courses are accelerated courses in that they cover Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) from not only the current grade level, but the next grade level as well.

6th grade PreAP Math covers 100% of the 6th grade TEKS and 26 % of the 7th grade TEKS.

5th to 6th Course Selection Options

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| ____ EL6211 ELA 6 ____ EL6111 ELA 6 PreAP/GT All Students will take Discovery Class | ____ MA6211 Math 6 ____ MA6111 Math 6 PAP/GT** ** Placement test may be required | ____ PH 6639 PE 6 ____ PH 6640 Kickstart 6 |
| ____ SS6211 Social Studies 6 ____ SS6111 Social Studies 6 PAP/GT* *Participation in NHD project required | ____ SC6211 Science 6 ____ SC6111 Science 6 PAP/GT | |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ____ FA6689 Art I | ____ FC6759 Beg. Girls' Choir I | ____ FC6749 Beg. Boys' Choir I |
| ____ FB6799 Band I | ____ FO6809 Beg. Orchestra I | ____ FT6959 Theater I 6 |

5th to 6th Course Selection Sheets

2020-2021 RONALD THORNTON MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE REQUEST WORKSHEET - Future GRADE 6

Student's Name:

Student's I.D. Number:

Current Elementary:

Parent Name:

Birthdate:

Gender:

Parent Phone:

Required courses include English Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science, Physical Education, Discovery and One Elective.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GT/PRE-AP COURSES

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Choose ONE option for each of the five courses listed below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> EL6211 ELA 6 <input type="checkbox"/> EL6111 ELA 6 PreAP/GT All Students will take Discovery Class | <input type="checkbox"/> MA6211 Math 6 <input type="checkbox"/> MA6111 Math 6 PAP/GT** ** Placement test may be required | <input type="checkbox"/> PH 6639 PE 6 <input type="checkbox"/> PH 6640 Kickstart 6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SS6211 Social Studies 6 <input type="checkbox"/> SS6111 Social Studies 6 PAP/GT* *Participation in NHD project required | <input type="checkbox"/> SC6211 Science 6 <input type="checkbox"/> SC6111 Science 6 PAP/GT | |

ELECTIVES: Number elective choices in order of preference: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Students may not get their first choice due to availability. All sixth grade students will have one elective.

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Arrangements must be made for band/orchestra instruments prior to May 31. Failure to do so may result in band/orchestra being replaced by another elective based upon availability.

NOTE: Electives are for a full year and may not be changed during the year.