**FIRST COLONY MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE REQUEST WORKSHEET - GRADE 6

SKYWARD Course Selection Window: January 22 – February 9**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ID#:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**REQUIRED COURSES** include English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science, Social Studies, AVID, Physical Education (PE) and one Fine Art Elective.

**NOTE:** Select the academic course level for which the student will have success. If selecting an Advanced Academic Course (AAC), the student should have a strong command of the subject area, be highly motivated for more rigor and homework, and should be organized. Please note the AAC information on page 2 of this sheet.

**MATH:**

\_\_\_\_ MA6211 Math 6

\_\_\_\_ MA6111 Math 6 AAC
 *Covers 6th grade AAC math and
 51% of 7th grade AAC math.*

**ELA:**

\_\_\_\_ EL6211 ELA 6

\_\_\_\_ EL6111 ELA 6 AAC

**SCIENCE:**

\_\_\_\_ SC6211 Science 6

\_\_\_\_ SC6111 Science 6 AAC

**SOCIAL STUDIES:**

\_\_\_\_ SS6211 Social Studies 6

\_\_\_\_ SS6111 Social Studies 6 AAC

**PE:**

\_\_\_\_ PH6639 Regular PE 6

\_\_\_\_ PH6640 Kickstart 6 *(Limited
 availability. May be replaced with PE.)*

**CORE PLUS:**

\_\_\_\_ AV6000 AVID

 A*ssigned to all 6th graders.*

**Literacy** (Reading Support)

**Math Lab** (Math Support)

*Assigned by school if STAAR scores indicated a need for additional support.*

**ELECTIVE**

 Selections below

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\_\_\_\_\_ NC6001 - Contest Math - **entry test required**

 (If accepted, Contest Math class replaces AVID)

**ELECTIVES:** All sixth grade students will have oneFine Artselective. Number elective choices in order of preference: **1, 2, 3, 4**

(1 indicates top choice)**. Please be cognizant that students may not get their top choice due to availability.**

**Note:** Electives are year-long courses and cannot change during the year. Math Lab or Literacy class may be assigned in place of the Fine Art elective if 5th grade STAAR data indicates a need for additional support.

\_\_\_\_\_ FA6689 - Art I

\_\_\_\_\_ FB6799 - Band l

\_\_\_\_\_ FC6749 - Choir l - **BOYS**

\_\_\_\_\_ FC6759 - Choir I - **GIRLS**

\_\_\_\_\_ FO6809 - Orchestra I

\_\_\_\_\_ FT6959 - Theatre l

**IMPORTANT - Please follow the directions below:**

Students should have **6** course requests listed under the “**Request Courses**” tab in Skyward:

 ELA • Math • Science • Social Studies • PE • #1 Choice Elective

 \*\*The school will enter the AVID class for all students.

Students should have **3** alternate requests (in order of preference) listed in the “**Request Alternates**” tab:

 #2 Choice Elective • #3 Choice Elective • #4 Choice Elective

Parent signature:  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Date: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*This worksheet is to be used by families and the 5th grade counselor to review course options and plan course requests.* ***Students will be scheduled in the courses entered in Skyward. Please make sure courses are entered accurately in Skyward. The selections made in Skyward will be used by the 6th grade counselor to create the schedule.***

**AAC Courses (formerly Pre-AP)**

Fort Bend ISD offers a variety of courses aligned to the

College Board Advanced Placement (AP) program. The District encourages students to complete one or more AP courses before graduation to prepare for success in post-high school programs. AAC courses are designed to develop college readiness and work for success. Beginning in 6th grade, highly motivated students may take AAC courses. These courses are academically challenging, fast-paced and require more independent learning than on-level courses. In high

school students may take AP courses and the associated AP exams. Costs are associated with these exams. Scores of 3 or higher on the exam can provide college credit.

In middle school, AAC courses are offered in: English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies

Other factors to consider include the following:

• AAC courses are designed to prepare students for AP

coursework, but they are not a prerequisite for enrolling in most AP courses. Some AP courses do have specific prerequisites. Check each course description for any

prerequisites.

• AAC is not “all or nothing.” Students may enroll in as

many or as few AAC courses as they choose.

• It is possible to move from on-level to AAC sections

from one year to the next. In math, it is more challenging

due to the acceleration of the curriculum in 6th and 7th

grades. It is possible that additional support may be needed to support the transition to AAC math in middle school.

• Due to the challenging nature of AAC/AP coursework,

students may initially experience a drop in grades. Successful completion of coursework is generally defined as earning a C or higher as a semester average.

• Additional support and encouragement is important to

help sustain student participation in rigorous classes.

**Guidelines for Exiting an AAC Course**

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 or AP courses follow the student to the corresponding on-level course. These grades will be included in calculating the on-level course grade and may impact UIL eligibility.

**More information may be found in the Course Selection Guide.**

**High School Courses Taken in Middle School**

All high school courses will appear on the student’s high school transcript and are calculated in the high school GPA and class rank.

**Middle School AAC Math Entry Points**

**and Course Sequencing**

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| **AAC Sequence (entering at 6th Grade)** |
| **5th Grade**  | **6th Grade** | **7th Grade** | **8th grade** | **9th grade** |
| 5th Grade Math | 6th Grade AAC | 7th Grade AAC | Algebra 1 AAC | Geometry AAC |

**Note:** If a student is successful in 6th Grade AAC they will move on to 7th Grade AAC.

If a student completes 7th Grade AAC, they will move on to Algebra 1 AAC.

 No Screener will be given in these two cases.

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| **Entering AAC after 6th Grade through District Acceleration Assessment** |
| **5th Grade**  | **6th Grade** | **7th Grade** | **8th grade** | **9th grade** |
| 5th Grade Math | 6th Grade\* | 7th Grade AAC | Algebra 1 AAC | Geometry AAC |
| 5th Grade Math | 6th Grade | 7th Grade\*\* | Algebra 1 AAC | Geometry AAC |

\*In order to move from 6th Grade to 7th Grade AAC, students will need to meet the identified standard for

 mastery of curricular content on the District Acceleration Assessment – Grade 7.

\*\* In order to move from 7th Grade to Algebra 1 AAC, students will need to make 80% or higher on the 8th Grade Credit By Exam (CBE).

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| **Additional Math Acceleration through CBE Exams** |
| **5th Grade**  | **6th Grade** | **7th Grade** | **8th grade** | **9th grade** |
| 5th Grade Math\* | 7th Grade AAC | Algebra 1 AAC | Geometry AAC | Algebra 2 AAC |
| 5th Grade Math | 6th Grade AAC \*\* | Algebra 1 AAC | Geometry AAC | Algebra 2 AAC |

\*In order to move from 5th Grade to 7th Grade AAC, students will need to make an 80% or higher on the

6th Grade CBE.

\*\***In order to move from 6th Grade AAC to Algebra 1 , students will need to make an 80% or higher on BOTH the 7th Grade CBE and the 8th Grade CBE**

**Note**:

When students accelerate to **Geometry** or **Algebra II** in Middle School and the campus does not offer Geometry and Algebra II, parents have to provide transportation to the students’ zoned high school campus for the student to take Geometry and Algebra II.