

# Welcome to Middle School!

Pine Island Academy

Middle School Parent Informational Night



# Agenda

Current Administrative Staff



Overview of Course Progressions & Elective Options



Important Dates & Timelines



Q&A

## Administrative Staff

Principal

Ms. Amanda Riedl

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Dr. Haley Vogel

Assistant Principal

Ms. Ruth Cortés

Assistant Principal

Ms. Kim Lippo

Assistant Principal

Dr. Michelle Jackson

Counselor (K-2)

Ms. Julie LeBlanc

Counselor(3, 7-8)

Ms. Shayla Stoughton

Counselor (4-6)

Ms. Jennifer Landorf

Dean of Students

Mr. Brian Mulligan



# Course Requirements

## Core Subjects:

*(Standard OR Advanced)*

- ▶ Language Arts, Math, Science, and World History

## Required Non-Core

- ▶ M/J 6<sup>th</sup> grade Digital Discoveries - full year
- ▶ Physical Education - full year

# 7<sup>th</sup> grade

## Course Requirements

### Core Subjects:

*(Standard OR Advanced)*

- ▶ Language Arts, Math, Science, and U.S. History

### Required Non-Core

- ▶ M/J 7<sup>th</sup> grade Digital Discoveries - full year
- ▶ Physical Education - full year

# 8<sup>th</sup> grade

## Course Requirements

### Core Subjects:

*(Standard OR Advanced)*

- ▶ Language Arts, Math, Science, and Civics

### Required Non-Core

- ▶ Physical Education - full year

# What are the advanced/acceleration placement options for my child?



**PIA offers a variety of options for middle grades students depending on their individualized learning path:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Standard/Advanced
- 7<sup>th</sup> Standard/Advanced/ Algebra 1 Honors
- 8<sup>th</sup> Standard/Advanced, Algebra 1 Honors/Geometry Honors, Physical Science Honors

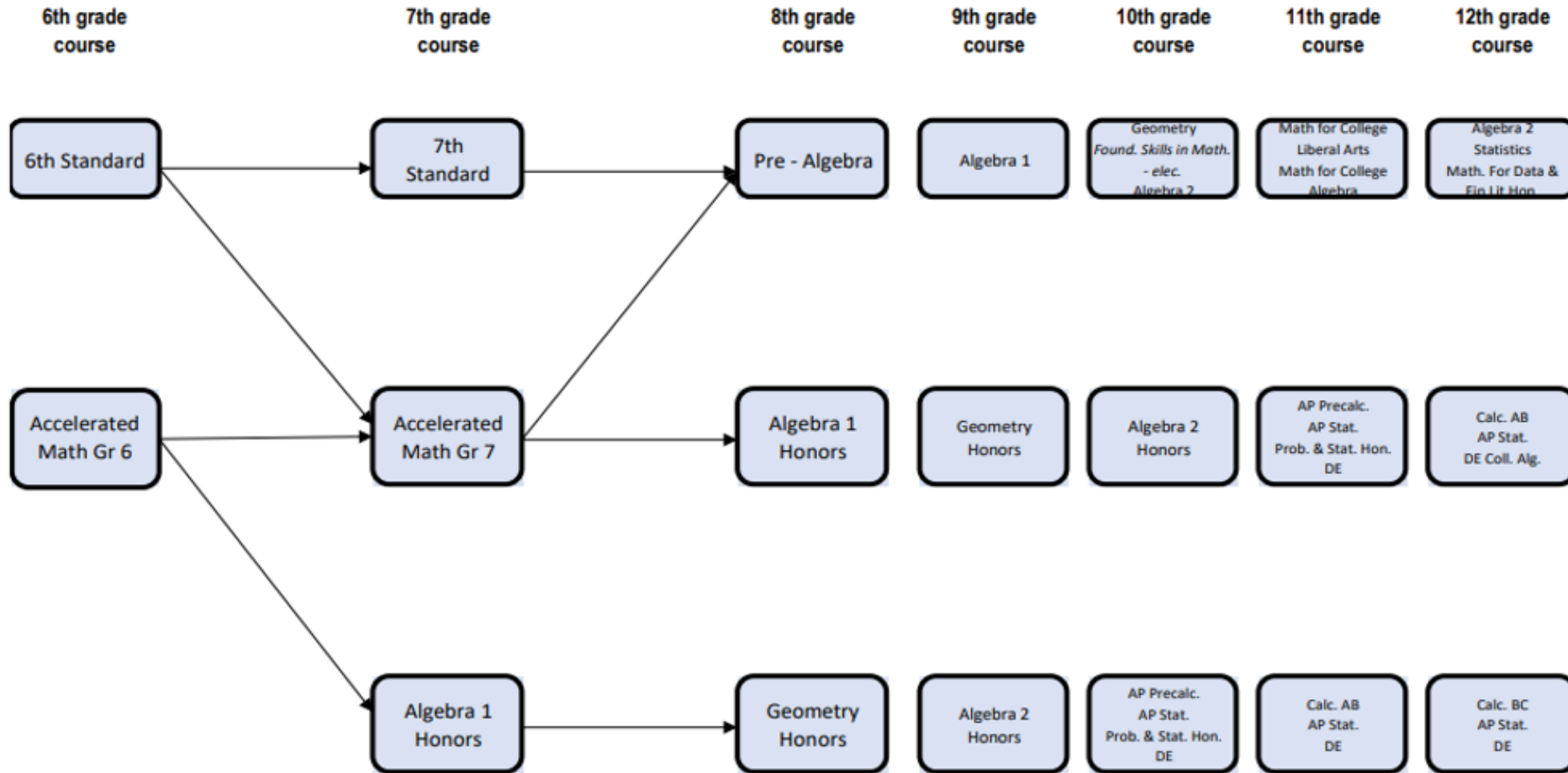


**All High School Courses have a state developed EOC which is 30% of their final grade.**



**All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be placed in 6<sup>th</sup> grade standard or 6<sup>th</sup> accelerated math based on teacher recommendation and 5<sup>th</sup> grade FAST scores.**

# SJCSD Middle School Math Progression



Multiple data points to include assessment scores and course grades are used in determining placement.

Course offerings listed after Geometry is not an exhaustive list and are site dependent.



# STANDARD MATH PROGRESSION

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Math 1	Math 2	Math 3	Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2 Math for College Liberal Arts (MCLA)	Mathematics for Data & Financial Literacy Hon. DE Math Math for College Algebra AP Statistics Probability/Statistics

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
	Math 1 Advanced	Math 2 Advanced	Algebra 1 Honors*	Geometry Honors	Algebra 2 Honors	AP Pre-Calculus  AP Statistics  DE College Algebra  Probability/ Statistics Honors	Math for College Algebra  AP Statistics  DE College Algebra  Probability/ Statistics  AP Calculus AB
		Algebra 1 Honors	Geometry Honors	Algebra 2 Honors	AP Pre- Calculus  AP Statistics  DE College Algebra  Probability/ Statistics	AP Calculus AB  AP Statistics  DE College Algebra  Probability/ Statistics  Math for College Algebra	AP Calculus BC  AP Statistics  DE College Algebra  DE Upper-Level Math

# ACCELERATED MATH PROGRESSION

# MATHEMATICS

- ▶ **Algebra 1 and Geometry** students must take and pass the state End of Course exam, (EOC). The EOC is 30% of the student's final grade.
- ▶ **Algebra 1** students must pass the EOC to receive credit for Algebra 1.
- ▶ **Both Algebra 1 and Geometry** are high school graduation requirements.
- ▶ A total of **4 high school** math credits are required to satisfy graduation requirements. However, college entrance ready students must take a math course each year.

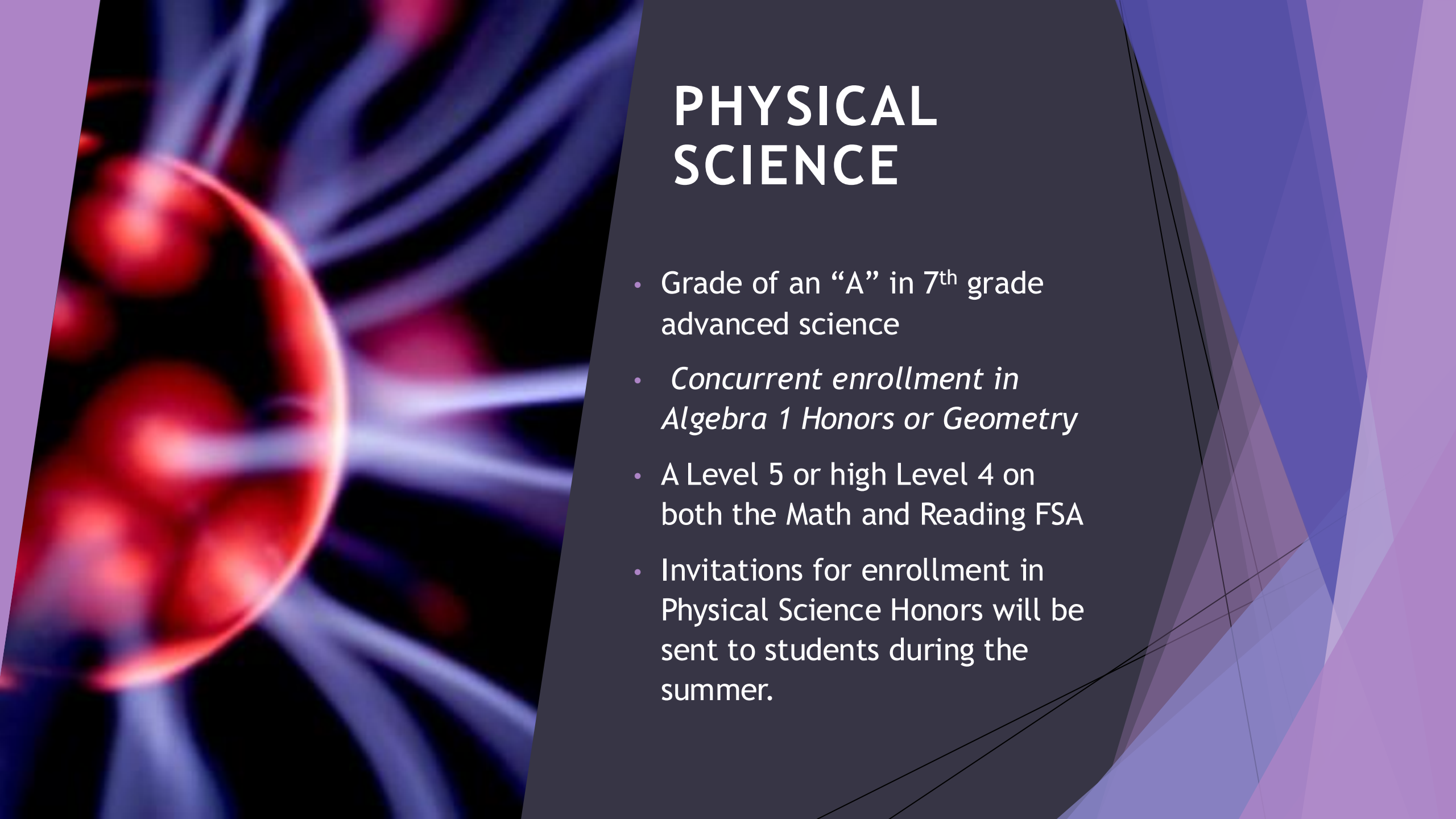


# STANDARD SCIENCE PROGRESSION

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Standard	Science 1	Science 2	Science 3	Environmental Science	Biology	Chemistry Earth Space Physics Marine Science	Chemistry Earth Space Physics Marine Science Anatomy

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Advanced	Science 1 Adv	Science 2 Adv	Science 3 Adv	Physical Science Honors  Biology Honors	Biology Honors  Chemistry Honors	Chemistry Honors Physics Honors Marine Honors Anatomy Honors AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science	Anatomy Honors Chemistry Honors Marine Honors Physics Honors AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2 AP Physics C
Highly Advanced			Physical Science Honors	Biology Honors	Chemistry Honors	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2 AP Physics C

# ADVANCED SCIENCE PROGRESSION

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# PHYSICAL SCIENCE

- Grade of an “A” in 7<sup>th</sup> grade advanced science
- *Concurrent enrollment in Algebra 1 Honors or Geometry*
- A Level 5 or high Level 4 on both the Math and Reading FSA
- Invitations for enrollment in Physical Science Honors will be sent to students during the summer.

# LANGUAGE ARTS PROGRESSION

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Standard	Language Arts 1	Language Arts 2	Language Arts 3	English 1	English 2	English 3	English 4 Florida College Prep
Advanced/ Highly Advanced	Language Arts 1 Advanced	Language Arts Advanced	Language Arts 3 Advanced	English 1 Honors	English 2 Honors	English 3 Honors  AP English Language and Composition  DE Compositions 1	English 4 Honors  AP English Literature and Language Arts  DE Composition 2

# SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRESSION

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Standard	World History	US History	Civics	World Cultural Geography	World History	US History	Government Economics
Advanced	World History Advanced	US History Advanced	Civics Advanced	World Cultural Geography	World History Honors	US History Honors	Government Honors  Economics Honors
Highly Advanced	World History Advanced	US History Advanced	Civics Advanced	AP Human Geography	AP World History	AP US History	AP US Government and Politics AP Microeconomics AP Macroeconomics





# SOCIAL STUDIES

- ▶ Middle school Civics students and high school US History students must take the state EOC. The EOC will count as 30% of the student's final grade.
- ▶ A total of 3 high school social studies credits are required to satisfy graduation requirements. However, college entrance ready students will take a social studies course each year.

# DAILY SCHEDULE



7 Period Day - 3 min passing period between classes



Class Length - 45 min periods - M, T, TH, F



Wednesday Schedule - 40 min periods



Lunch - 30 min daily

- Students will choose their own seating during lunch time
- Middle School lunch will be combined 6 - 8 grade students.



Students report to homeroom each day by 8:00 am for important morning announcements (Warning bell rings - 7:55am.)



# Core Course Recommendations & Change Requests

- ▶ **February 28th** your student will bring home a form that has their 2025-2026 **Middle School Core Course Placements**.
- ▶ These placements will be based on the culmination of team developed formative and summative assessments, previous FAST scores, and student performance in the classroom throughout this school year.

## Schedule Change Considerations:

- ▶ If you would like to submit a change in Core Course placement request, **please follow the instructions on your student's course placement form** and submit the **request in writing** with the given protocols to your student's homeroom teacher.
- ▶ Requests made in conferences, emails, or phone calls cannot be honored at this time.
- ▶ ***Please note:*** requests do not guarantee a change in Core Course placement. Administration will review all requests over the summer.

# Middle School Electives

- Elective choice letter will be released **through email from Ms. Riedl on February 24<sup>th</sup>.**
- Elective choices will be completed via Home Access Center(HAC) this year.
- Enrollment in electives are not guaranteed, but by using this process, we will be able to open sections based upon demand and teacher certification.
- All students are required to take the following:
  - Physical Education
  - Computers (M/J 6<sup>th</sup> Digital Discoveries/M/J 7<sup>th</sup> Digital Discoveries)
  - Elective of Choice
- Exceptions are made on a per student basis (i.e.: band auditions, acceleration, etc.).

## ELECTIVE (NON-CORE) COURSES

Each student will receive three non-core courses.

1. **Physical Education** — **REQUIRED** for all students, **6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade**. This is a year-long course.
2. M/J 6<sup>th</sup> Digital Discoveries (**6<sup>th</sup> grade**) & M/J 7 Digital Discoveries (**7<sup>th</sup> grade**) are required for all students. These are both a year-long course.
3. **6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ONLY** - Choose **ONE** of the following electives (all electives below are a year-long course)
4. **8<sup>th</sup> grade ONLY** – Choose **TWO** of the following electives. (all electives below are a year-long course)

6 <sup>th</sup> (Choose 1)	7 <sup>th</sup> (Choose 1)	8 <sup>th</sup> grade(Choose 2)
M/J 2-Dimensional Studio Art 1	M/J 2-Dimensional Studio Art 2	Visual Art 1 & Visual Art 2
M/J Band 1	M/J Band 1	M/J Band 1
M/J STEM (Research 1)	M/J Band 2	M/J Band 2
	M/J Spanish Beginning	M/J Band 3
	M/J STEM (Research 2)	M/J Spanish Intermediate
	Productions Class(School Newspaper/News Crew) (Application – see below)	M/J 8 <sup>th</sup> Digital Discoveries
		M/J STEM (Critical Thinking)
		Productions Class(School Newspaper/News Crew) (Application – see below)
		Internship (Application – see below)

**Production Class**- Chosen by application only.

Applications must be completed using the forms document link by **Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Internship & Career Research**- Chosen by application only

Applications must be completed using the forms document link or turned into Ms. Stoughton by **Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Limited to 50 students.*

# Elective Options

# Application process: Internship or Production Crew (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

8th grade students interested in applying for an Internship  
OR 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade students applying for Production Crew, must complete the application process using the Microsoft FORMS document



FORMS will be found on our website under the Parent information tab on the “Middle School Transition Information” page.



If students DO NOT have access to a computer, they must see Ms. Stoughton to get a hard copy.



All applications MUST be completed (all required docs submitted) by March 7.

# Elective Course Placement

In June families will be notified that elective courses are available to view in HAC.

At that time, students should view HAC and will be given direction on how to request any change considerations.

# Important Dates to Remember

- **Monday, February 24**
  - Elective letter emailed by Mrs. Riedl. Copy **NOT** sent home.
- **Friday, February 28**
  - **Course Recommendation hard copy** will be sent home with students in their 7<sup>th</sup> period
  - All recommendation forms **MUST** be signed and returned to 1<sup>st</sup> period teacher
- **Friday, March 7**
  - Elective options due by 3pm
- **Mid-May**
  - Watch for information for a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade summer transition camp







Q & A

*DISCOVERING STRENGTHS  
&  
PURSUING DREAMS*