

## 7th Grade Choice Sheet Information:

- **Courses:** All students will take English Language Arts, Math, Science, Texas History, at least one semester of a Physical Education option, and at least one Fine Arts course in middle school.
- **Class levels:** Core courses have two options: Regular and Pre-AP. The Pre-AP courses are designed to challenge students and teach them strong study skills and learning strategies. These courses are intended to prepare students for success in Advanced Placement courses available in high school. Grade level courses focus on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade TEKS and fully prepare students for the next grade. If you are unsure about which level to select, we recommend consulting with your child's current teacher(s) and counselor.
- **Academic Booster course:** Students who are identified as needing extra support in any academic area may be placed in a one or two period academic booster course in place of a chosen elective(s).
- **Physical Education:** Middle school students are required to take a total of 4 semesters of PE courses by the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Information about PE waivers is available at [www.austinisd.org/academics/curriculum/subjects/pe](http://www.austinisd.org/academics/curriculum/subjects/pe).
- **Athletics:** Students are required to have a current physical in order to participate in Athletics. Seventh grade students will have practice before school during the season of their sport. Information about athletics and the physical forms can be found on the AISD website.
- **Fine Arts:** No prior experience is required for Fine Arts participation. Students who sign up for Band, Orchestra, Mariachi, Year-long Jazz/Stage Band, Theatre Production, Year-long Choir and Art will be expected to complete their full year commitment. Fine Arts teachers will audition students for best course placement in fine arts courses. Students who sign up for Jazz/Stage band must be concurrently enrolled in a band or orchestra class.
- **Languages other than English (LOTE):** The Recommended Plan for high school graduation requires 2 credits of LOTE. Students have the option to make a 2 year commitment to take a language in 7<sup>th</sup> grade (1A) and 8<sup>th</sup> grade (1B) of the same language to earn a total of one high school credit. Students will continue in the same language in high school.
- **Other electives:** Please see the Secondary School Information Guide for course descriptions.
- **Keyboarding:** Keyboarding is a middle school requirement for all students and must be taken once in either 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. It's offered for high school credit or without credit. Either course (8401R or 8400R) fulfills the requirement; students do not need to take both.
- **Schedule Changes:** Please choose courses very carefully. Courses are offered based on the selections from the choice sheet. Students will receive a copy of the courses they have selected and will have an opportunity to make changes before the beginning of the school year. **Schedule change requests will not be accepted once school begins except to address any errors.** If a different level of a course needs to be considered during the school year (ex. Grade level to Pre-AP), please contact the counselor.

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Transition Camp: Recommended for all new students. Camp will be held on August 10-12<sup>th</sup> at O. Henry. Registration forms will be available from elementary counselors and in the O. Henry main office.