Incoming
7th & 8th Grade
Registration Information

Clark Middle School
2017 - 2018
Clark Counselors

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All 6th Grade & 7th A-M

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Required Classes

- All 7th grade students are required to take the following classes:
  1. Texas History
  2. ILA 7 or Pre-AP ILA 7 *
  3. Science or Pre-AP Science 7 *
  4. Math 7 or Pre-AP Math 7 *

- All 8th grade students are required to take the following classes:
  1. U.S. History
  2. ILA or Pre-AP ILA 8 *
  3. Science 8 or Pre-AP Science 8 *
  4. Math choices:
     - Math 8
     - PAP Math 8
     - or PAP Algebra 1 *

*Please review Pre-AP Entrance Recommendations & Class Expectations on the back of the registration card before enrolling in a PAP class. GT ILA – currently identified students will need to add on schedule card. Required summer reading for Pre-AP and GT ILA
Required 7th Grade Courses:

Each 7th grader is required to have 2 years of physical education so they must choose one of the following for their 7th grade year.

Physical Education Courses

• Boys Athletics (Football and/or Basketball)
• Girls Athletics (Volleyball and/or Basketball)
• Strength and Conditioning
• PE
• Tennis (Beginning or Advanced pending coach’s approval)

**If you are only participating in Soccer or Cross Country/Track, you will need to sign up for PE, Strength and Conditioning, or Tennis not Athletics.
Middle School Math Courses

5th grade math

6th grade math

6th grade PAP math

7th grade math

7th grade PAP math

8th grade math

8th grade PAP math

PAP Algebra I
## Math On Level vs. PreAP

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<td>- On Level TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills)</td>
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Route to Pre-AP Algebra I

- Pre-AP Middle School Math students will have the opportunity to accelerate by one year and receive HS math credit for Pre-AP Alg. I while in 8th grade
  - Pre-AP Math 7 – all Grade 7 Math TEKS and approximately half of Grade 8 Math TEKS
  - Pre-AP Algebra I – remaining Grade 8 Math TEKS and all Algebra I TEKS
Algebra Readiness

Regardless of intelligence, Pre-AP Algebra I is not an appropriate placement for all middle school students

- Developmental Readiness – Algebraic thinking is VERY abstract. Children do not usually develop that ability until about age 14 on average.
  - IAAT (spring of 7th grade)
  - Teacher input

- Maturity – Grade will count for HS GPA
PAP Algebra I

- HS Credit and counts toward HS GPA

- 8th grade PAP Algebra I students should plan on taking a total of 5 years of math prior to HS graduation (5th year can either be AP Calculus or AP Statistics)
On Level Science vs Pre-Advanced Science

- **Pre-AP Science is designed to prepare students for the rigors** of Pre-AP an AP science courses in high school.
- **The same topics are taught in Pre-AP science as in on level science**
  - Pre-AP goes into more depth with each topic
- **Pre-AP students will be required to submit a science fair project (Both 7th & 8th grade)**
  - the majority of the project will be **completed at home**.

**Pre-AP Science Fair Project Requirements:**
- Maintain detailed logbook
- Propose multiple investigation topics.
- Research and write a paper.
- Write and develop a procedure to test hypothesis.
- Conduct experiment and record findings.
- Prepare conclusions for presentation.
- Explain experiment.
- Participate in Campus Science Fair
Middle School ILA (Integrated Language Arts)

**ILA:**
Students will improve their skills in oral and written communication in four basic areas: grammar, spelling, writing and literature. The writing process is stressed throughout the year. Critical thinking skills are developed as an integral part of all language arts activities.

**PAP ILA:**
→ The students’ are expected to read outside of class (all novels, essay, etc).

The middle school level Pre-AP Integrated Language Arts classes are designed to support and prepare students for high school AP English courses and the AP English Literature and Composition exams.

Please check with your student’s current English and Reading teacher if you have concerns regarding PAP or on level choices.
Middle School Social Studies

**Texas History, 7th grade requirement**

- Students will study the history of Texas from early times to the present.

**US History, 8th grade requirement**

- Students will study the history of the United States from early colonial period through Reconstruction.

**Future opportunities:**

- AP Human Geography (9th grade)
- AP World History (10 grade)
- AP US History (11th grade)
- AP/Dual Credit Government & Economics (12th grade)
Middle School Spanish

**Introduction Spanish**

- An introduction to Spanish course that begins with the development of the basic language skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking. Students may take this course prior to taking High School Spanish 1.
- Enrollment is open to 7th and 8th grade students.

**Spanish I (High School Credit):**

- Enrollment is open to 8th grade;
- High School credited course;
- High School credits and grade points are awarded by semester;
- Students should expect high standards, rigor and an additional time requirement.
- This course is designed to provide a solid foundation for success in Spanish II.
Recommended Criteria for: Pre-AP Classes and Spanish I Credit

90% on the previous year’s State Assessment test.

Cumulative average of 90 or higher in the current class.

Students who are task-oriented, self-starters, highly organized, and experience little to no difficulty meeting requirements of regular courses.

• Students who meet the criteria above are encouraged to register for Pre-AP classes.
• Please check with your student’s current teacher if you have concerns regarding PAP or on level choices.
**Electives – 7th Grade**

**ELECTIVE COURSES (2): All electives are full year choices.**
Select an elective course as your 1st Choice, 2nd Choice and 3rd Alternative.

**Rank your first 4 choices from the following: (Your schedule will reflect 2 elective courses.)**

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# Electives – 8th Grade

**ELECTIVE COURSES (3):** Select an elective course as your 1st Choice, 2nd Choice, 3rd Choice, and a 4th Alternative.

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*If selected for a class requiring an application, which elective will you drop? ____________________

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**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** All middle school students must complete 4 semesters of physical education before entering high school. If you have already fulfilled this requirement, but still would like to take a Physical Education class, it will count as an ELECTIVE. Soccer /Cross Country are before/after school and do not appear on your schedule.

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7th grade: Turn in your Blue card

ALL registration cards are due to their Advisory teacher or Mrs. Bennett no later than

February 24th.
8th grade: Turn in your Purple card

ALL registration cards are due to your Science Teacher or Mrs. Melton no later than February 24th.
Schedule Changes

- Please encourage your student to take his/her time when selecting classes.

- We will accept requests for schedule changes through the first week of school. A schedule change request does not guarantee that a schedule change will occur.
Questions...?

→ 7th & 8th grade:
Merydith Melton at meltonm@friscoisd.org;

→ 6th & 7th grade:
Janis Bennett at bennettj@friscoisd.org

Thank you for your time!
We are excited about the upcoming school year!