

Fowler Middle School

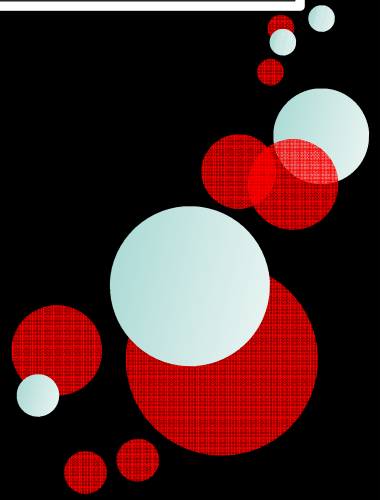
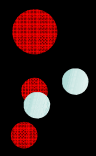
8th Grade Course Information





Registration Card & Course Guide

During the counselor visit with all 7th grade science classes on February 20th, all students received:

- **8th Grade Course Descriptions Packet**
 - **Course Request Card (Yellow)**
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Student Information

- Please fill in the **Student ID #**. Your child will know this number.
- Please **PRINT** the **STUDENT NAME** and **GENDER**.
- Then, please fill in the **PARENT NAME, PARENT E-MAIL**, and **PHONE NUMBERS**.

Fowler Middle School 8th Grade Registration 2019-2020

Student Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Gender: _____
FISD Student ID#: _____
Parent Name(s): _____
E-mail: _____
Phone #: _____



Required Classes

All 8th grade students are required to take the following classes:

- **U.S. History**
- **Science or Pre-AP Science** (Pre-AP requires participation in the district science fair)
- **ILA (Integrated Language Arts) or Pre-AP ILA***
- **Math 8, Pre-AP Math 8, Pre-AP Algebra I, or Pre-AP Geometry***

* Please review Pre-AP Expectations on the back of the course request card before enrolling for any of these classes.

* Students choosing to take an Exam for Acceleration must submit the required application to their current counselor by April 27th. The application will be available on the Fowler Middle School website after Spring Break.

REQUIRED COURSES

Choose 1 from each of the following required areas:

Social Studies

☒ U.S. History

Integrated Language Arts

☐ ILA 8
☐ Pre-AP ILA 8 (Review Pre-AP Expectations)

Science

☐ Science 8
☐ Pre-AP Science 8 (Review Pre-AP Expectations)

Mathematics

☐ Math 8
☐ Pre-AP Math 8 (Review Pre-AP Expectations)
☐ Pre-AP Algebra I (Prerequisite: Successful completion of Pre-AP Math 7 or Pre-AP Math 8; 1 High School credit upon successful completion; Grade earned will be calculated into High School G.P.A.)




Core Class Instructional Coach Contact Information

If you have any questions about core classes, please e-mail the instructional coach for that subject area:

- Integrated Language Arts – Ms. Dyan Mughal mughald@friscoisd.org
 - Math – Mrs. Beth Murray murrayel@friscoisd.org
 - Science – Mrs. Ann Fry frya@friscoisd.org
 - Social Studies - Mrs. LeBlanc leblancp@friscoisd.org
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Middle School Math Offerings

- 6th grade on-level or 6th grade Pre-AP
 - 7th grade on-level or 7th grade Pre-AP
 - 8th grade on-level or 8th grade Pre-AP
 - **Pre-AP Algebra I** (Open to students who have successfully completed Pre-AP Math 7 or Math 8)
 - Students receive high school credit, averaged in high school G.P.A.
 - **Pre-AP Geometry** (Open to students who have successfully completed Algebra I)
 - Students receive high school credit, averaged in high school G.P.A.
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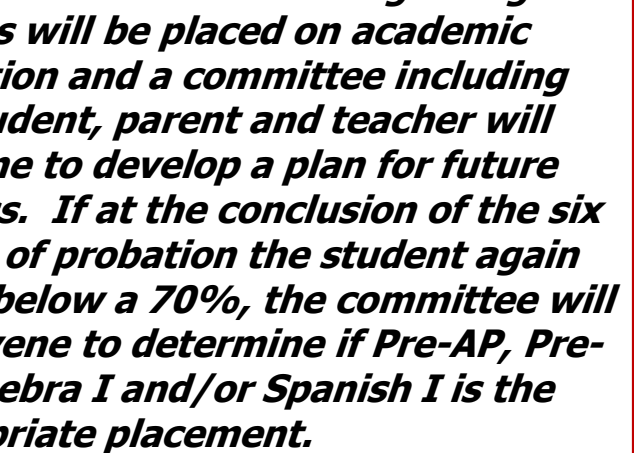
Recommended Pre-AP and Spanish Entrance Criteria and Maintenance Expectations

Students who meet the criteria below are encouraged to register for Pre-AP classes:

- 90% on the previous year's STAAR test.
- Cumulative classroom average of 90 or higher in the current class
- Students who exhibit a willingness to work hard, complete all assignments on time, and are conscientious students.

Pre-AP and Spanish Expectations (for all grade levels):

A student who earns below a 70% in two consecutive six weeks grading periods will be placed on academic probation and a committee including the student, parent and teacher will convene to develop a plan for future success. If at the conclusion of the six weeks of probation the student again earns below a 70%, the committee will reconvene to determine if Pre-AP, Pre-AP Algebra I and/or Spanish I is the appropriate placement.





Electives

8th graders have **3 Elective courses** of their choice. They will also need to choose **2 alternative Elective choices**.

ELECTIVE COURSES

All electives are full year courses. Students must take both semesters of the combination classes.

Rank your first 5 choices from the following: (Your schedule will reflect 3 elective courses.) Please number 1 through 5 with 1 being your top choice.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 1 (1 High School Credit upon completion; Grade is calculated in High School G.P.A.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Multimedia I/Video Production I |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to Spanish | <input type="checkbox"/> Multimedia II/Video Production II (Prerequisite: MMI/VPI) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art I | <input type="checkbox"/> Robotics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art II (Prerequisite Art I) | <input type="checkbox"/> Robotics 2 (Prerequisite: Robotics) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art III (Prerequisite Art II) | <input type="checkbox"/> Broadcast (By application approval only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theater Arts I | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook (By application approval only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theater Arts II (Prerequisite Th. Arts I) | <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Graphics and Animation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theater Arts III (Prerequisite Th. Arts II) | <input type="checkbox"/> Band (Band Level pending approval) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning Technical Theater | <input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra (Orch. Level pending approval) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (Prerequisite Th. Arts I) | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Study Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Education/Lead Worthy (½ High School Health credit upon School Health credit upon completion; Grade is calculated in High School G.P.A.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career Investigations | <input type="checkbox"/> PE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skills for Independent Living | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Tennis (Coach's approval required) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Athletics (Football and/or Basketball)** | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Athletics (Volleyball and/or Basketball)** | |
- **If you are only participating in Soccer or Cross Country/Track, you should not choose Athletics.**
- ☐ Student Aide (By application approval only) Circle one: Library Office Band

Elective Class Contact Information


If you have any questions about elective classes, please e-mail the teacher for that course:

- Art & Yearbook – Ms. Jennifer Marie mariej@friscoisd.org
- Boys Athletics/PE – Coach Klay London londonk@friscoisd.org
- Career Investigations & Skills for Independent Living–Ms. Jessica Clark clarkje@friscoisd.org
- Girls Athletics/PE – Coach Misty Stevens stevensm@friscoisd.org
- Band and Band Aide – Mr. David Dunham dunhamd@friscoisd.org
- Choir – Ms. Vanessa Guzman guzmang@friscoisd.org
- Digital Graphics and Animation and Multimedia – Mrs. Terri Silver silvert@friscoisd.org
- Health – Mrs. Erica Anderson andersoe@friscoisd.org
- Introduction to Spanish - Mrs. Karina Zarate zaratek@friscoisd.org
- Library Aide – Mrs. Mandy Laferriere laferri@friscoisd.org
- Office Aide – Ms. Simone Alperin alperins@friscoisd.org
- Orchestra - Mrs. Karina Lindsey lindseyk@friscoisd.org
- Robotics - Mrs. Laurie Stewart stewartla@friscoisd.org
- Spanish – Mrs. Jennifer Sanogo sanogoj@friscoisd.org
- Study Skills - Mrs. Monica Mikel mikelm@friscoisd.org
- Lead Worthy - Mrs. Kim Smolka smolkak@friscoisd.org
- Tennis – Coach Erica Dopson dopsone@friscoisd.org
- Theater - Mrs. Alissia Cortez corteza@friscoisd.org
- Video Production & Broadcast – Ms. Emily Novak novake@friscoisd.org





Lab Courses

Students identified as needing additional math and/or reading instruction will be placed into a math and/or reading lab class. This class will take the place of an elective class. Texas Administrative Code requires remediation for any student who fails to demonstrate satisfactory performance on any section of the State assessments of academic skills. In addition, students who narrowly met State assessment passing standards may be included in remediation during and before or after the regular school day.





Schedule Change Request Guidelines

- Schedule changes are subject to availability in the class requested, student need, and master scheduling issues.
 - Students need to choose classes carefully as **schedule change requests will only be accepted during the first week of school for changes between on-level and Pre-AP courses.**
 - **Students will not be allowed to request schedule changes for elective classes.**
 - A schedule change request does not guarantee that a schedule change will occur. All schedule changes must be approved by the principal or principal's designee.
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Parent & Student Information

Parents & students, please sign the **front** of the card **and** the **back** of the card before turning it in.

Student Signature: _____

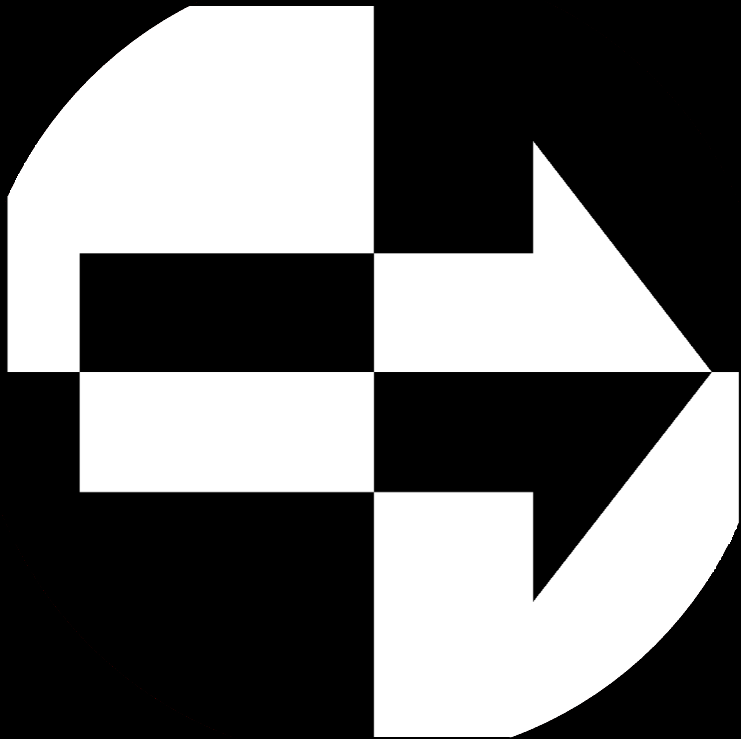
Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please read and sign the Addendum on the back of this card.





Turn in your WHITE card



- All registration cards are due to your **SCIENCE TEACHER** no later than **Friday, March 1st**.





Any changes to course selections need to be made no later than **May 1st**.



Coming Soon...

Schedule Pick-up

Schedule Pick-up for incoming 8th graders will be held on **Monday, August 12th**, so mark your calendars.





Questions?

If you have any questions, please see a teacher following the presentation or e-mail:

- Ms. Williams (Counselor) at williaan@friscoisd.org

**We are excited about the upcoming
2019-2019 school yea20**

