

SUMMIT MIDDLE SCHOOL
8TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION SHEET
2023-2024

Student Name: _____
(Please Print) (Last Name) (First Name)

Male _____ Female _____

Parents' Names: _____

Phone: _____

_____ My parents would like to be contacted about the potential for me to be enrolled in eSACS Virtual School for the 2023-2024 school year.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS CAN BE FOUND IN THE 8TH GRADE CURRICULUM GUIDE UNDER THE SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT TAB ON SUMMIT MIDDLE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE (summit.sacs.k12.in.us)

The following courses are **REQUIRED** for all 8TH grade students:

(1) Language Arts 8

(2) Mathematics

(3) Science 8

(4) Social Studies 8

(5) Team Time & Team Tech/PLTW

(6) P.E. 8 & Prep for College & Careers*

*STUDENTS MAY EARN HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT FOR PCC

STEP 1: 8TH GRADE SEMESTER EXPLORATORY COURSES (EVERY STUDENT MUST COMPLETE STEP 1)

Rank your Semester Exploratory courses 1-12 (1=first choice) based on interest; rank all 12. Students will be scheduled into Semester Exploratory courses based on availability, class sizes, and student ranking. Students may or may not be scheduled into their highest ranked courses.

- _____ Advanced PE: Fitness & Team Games
- _____ Art 8
- _____ Computer Assistant (Tech Room)
- _____ Current Issues
- _____ Engineering Technology 8
- _____ Journalism
- _____ Media Assistant (Media Center)
- _____ Music Keyboarding 8
- _____ Peer Tutor
- _____ Personalized Learning Block (PLB)
- _____ Science: In-Depth Study
- _____ Speech & Drama

**PLEASE BE SURE TO REVIEW
IMPORTANT INFORMATION,
INCLUDING HONORS PLACEMENT, ON
THE BACK OF THIS SHEET.**

STEP 2: 8TH GRADE MUSIC COURSES (OPTIONAL BASED ON STUDENT INTEREST)

Only select a Music course if you are interested; only students in Band 7 may select Band 8.

- _____ Band 8 (Prerequisite: Band 7)
- _____ Choir 8
- _____ Jazz Band (Prerequisite: Band 7; must also select Band 8)
- _____ Orchestra

STEP 3: 8TH GRADE WORLD LANGUAGE COURSES (OPTIONAL BASED ON STUDENT INTEREST)

Only students currently in a 7th grade W.L. course may select an 8th grade W.L. course.

- _____ French 8 (Prerequisite: French 7)
- _____ Latin 8 (Prerequisite: Latin 7)
- _____ Spanish 8 (Prerequisite: Spanish 7)

COMPLETE & RETURN TO YOUR ADVISORY TEACHER NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

8TH GRADE MATH PLACEMENT

Math placement (Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II) is based on a philosophy of mastery and continuous progress. Students are typically enrolled in the next sequential math course.

8TH GRADE HONORS PLACEMENT

All academic courses are preparatory courses designed to prepare students for the next grade level and beyond. Honors courses provide the same curriculum but are offered at a depth appropriate to the student's ability and achievement. Summit Middle School offers Honors courses in Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. Students who have previously qualified for self-contained ALPHA services OR who earn an NWEA score at or above the 96th percentile in Language Usage or Reading during 7th grade OR who have demonstrated high achievement in 7th grade Honors courses will automatically qualify for Honors placement in 8th grade.

Students who do not meet the automatic qualifying criteria and have a **strong interest** in taking Honors courses may apply for placement by scheduling an appointment with Summit Middle School's Main Office (#431-2501) to complete an essay. Students must schedule an appointment between the following dates: April 10, 2023—May 5, 2023. Essays must be completed during the scheduled appointment, must demonstrate the student's best work, and must answer the question, "Why do I want to be enrolled in an Honors course next school year?"

A Strategies for Student Success (SSS) team will evaluate all essays and—in conjunction with ILEARN scores, NWEA scores, grade-level Math placement, and historical grades—make a final decision on appropriate placement for the 2023-2024 academic school year.

8TH GRADE PREP FOR COLLEGE & CAREERS

Prep for College & Careers (PCC) will provide middle school students the opportunity to earn high school credit while also meeting the financial responsibility requirement mandated for high school graduation.

8TH GRADE EXPLORATORY COURSES

Please realize that middle school provides the opportunity to explore a variety of courses—each helping to strengthen core academic skills in communication, critical reasoning, reading, and writing. Although every effort is made to provide students with their top Semester Exploratory course choices, sometimes the master schedule does not allow it. Therefore, it is important you rank your Semester Exploratory courses (1-12 with 1 being your top choice). Students will be scheduled into Semester Exploratory courses based on availability, class sizes, and student ranking. Students may or may not be scheduled into their highest ranked courses.

8TH GRADE MUSIC

Students may select Band 8 if they were a band student in 7th grade. Any student may select Choir 8 or Orchestra (Choir 8 & Orchestra does not require participation during 7th grade). Students selecting Band 8 may also select Jazz Band if interested.

8TH GRADE WORLD LANGUAGE PLACEMENT

All middle school World Language courses are a two-year commitment (beginning in 7th grade and lasting through 8th grade). Students should select a World Language (French, Latin, or Spanish) if they completed that World Language course in 7th grade. Please understand that a student who does not take a World Language in middle school may start this experience in high school.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF NOTE

Changes in Semester Exploratory courses will not be considered after the course has begun. It will be the student's responsibility to complete the course(s) he/she has started.

If a student cannot participate in Physical Education for medical reasons, a doctor's excuse must be on file at Summit Middle School.

If a student completes a course for high school credit at an accredited institution other than SACS, it is the student's responsibility to provide Summit Middle School with a transcript or other proof of credit.