

WELCOME TO 8TH GRADE!



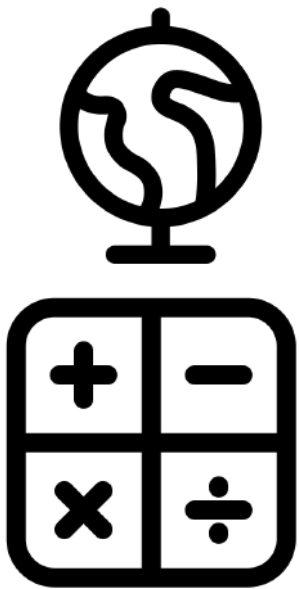
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Today we will...



- Review 8th grade classes
 - Required
 - Exploratory
 - Elective
- Review your elective options
- Review your course request contract - DUE to Mrs. Hyer BY February 21st

REQUIRED COURSES



The following courses will be requested for you. Every 8th grade student is **required to take...**

- Language
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

EXPLORATORY COURSES

Every 8th grade student will be scheduled into the following **required Exploratory Courses**.

- Physical Education
 - Full Year, Every other day
- Health
 - Full year, Every other day
- Industrial Education
 - Full Semester
- STEAM 8
 - Full Semester



ELECTIVE COURSES

Elective courses are courses that students **request or elect** to take at JMS.

It is important to remember these electives are requests and are not guaranteed.

This is why we always choose “alternates” in the event that a course is unable to fit in your schedule for any reason.

Why is the word REQUEST important?

It is important to remember that these electives are requests and are not guaranteed.

An elective may not work in your schedule for several reasons, the biggest one being that you may qualify for an academic support course that has to be in place of your electives.

What if I need a support class?

If you are a student who meets the criteria for an academic support course, these may be scheduled during your elective hour. This will mean you may not have an elective class.

We still need you to make your elective request so that it is on file depending on where you are scheduled.

Support courses include any reading, math, or IEP goal support!

COURSE REQUEST OPTIONS

- Band A (Semester 1)
- Band B (Semester 2)
- Choir A (Semester 1)
- Choir B (Semester 2)
- Robotics & Coding
- Intro To Woods
- Forensics (JMS CSI)
- Drama
- Creative Repurposing
- Fitness & Recreation
- Food Science 8 (Foods)
- Drawing & Painting
- Ceramics & Sculpture
- Study Hall
 - One or Both Semesters
- Spanish 1 A & B
 - Pre Requisites
 - Taking Spanish 1 in 8th grade means you are choosing not to take any other elective other than band or choir

BEFORE WE MOVE ON



WHY/WHY NOT 8TH GRADE SPANISH

- **Foreign Language**

- NOT a requirement to graduate High School
- Sometimes required to get into college

- **High School credit**

- The grade you receive will be reflected on your high school transcript
- You *can* choose to wait to take Spanish until high school!
- A difficult, high school level class with pre-requisites to be in the class

- **College Credits at JHS**

- If you take Spanish in 8th grade it opens up opportunities to gain free college credits at JHS by continuing with Spanish
- By taking in middle school it opens elective options later in High School

- **Lose elective opportunities at JMS**

- Choir or Band is still available during WIN time
- No other electives - this is an everyday class

POP QUIZ!!!!

True or False: You need to take a foreign language to graduate from Jordan High School.

A: FALSE. FALSE. FALSE.
You do not need to take a foreign language EVER to graduate at JHS.

There *are* some colleges that require 2 years of a foreign language.

True or False: The HS Spanish class is taught with high school rigor and has high school maturity level expectations.

A: TRUE TRUE TRUE
Reflect on your work habits and abilities in reading/language class before making this decision!

POP QUIZ!!!!

True or False: If you continue to take Spanish at JHS, you could gain FREE college credits!

A: TRUE!

Spanish 4 and 5 have free college credits tied to them!

True or False: I won't be able to take any other electives if I choose to take Spanish.

A: Both True AND False
You will be able to take BAND and/or CHOIR during your WIN time. But, other electives are no longer an option as Spanish happens every day during your elective hour.

POP QUIZ!!!!

All of my friends are telling me I should take Spanish in 8th grade!!! But I'm worried about how I'll do. Should I take Spanish in 8th grade just because my friends tell me to?

**A: NO!!!
ONLY choose to take Spanish if it works and is right for you! Talk to your grown up at home about this decision and share the information with them.**

Spanish Trip

- Need to complete Spanish 1 and Spanish 2 in order to qualify for the spanish trip
- If you take Spanish 1 in 8th grade and Spanish 2 in 9th grade you can go to the trip summer 2025
- If you take Spanish 1 in 9th grade and Spanish 2 in the 10th grade you can take the trip summer 2027



GRADE 8

COURSE REQUEST CONTRACT

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

THESE COURSES ARE AUTOMATICALLY REGISTERED FOR YOU

Core Courses

Language
Math
Science
Social Studies

Exploratory Courses

Physical Education
Health
Industrial Education
STEAM 8

I WOULD LIKE TO BE IN CHOIR

☐

I WOULD LIKE TO BE IN BAND

☐

Please note that you will not be in a WIN class if you choose band and/or choir. You MAY choose both!

ELECTIVE REQUESTS

Please write in your elective choice followed by the course #

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

If you are choosing Spanish, you must cross out your bottom 2 options.

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Student Name _____ (Last Name First Name Middle Initial)

**Due Date: WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 21ST**

Alternate Elective Choices

Students must choose 3 alternate electives in the event that an elective is not offered or does not work in their schedule.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

In signing this contract, both students and guardians agree to remain enrolled in the courses requested for the duration of the course.

Student Signature _____

Guardian Signature _____

HOW TO REQUEST A CLASS

- Fill out your course request contract BY Wednesday, February 21st
- You will return this form to MRS. HYER
 - We will submit your responses to Campus Portal on Thursday, February 22nd during SCIENCE!
- If you have questions - please contact Mrs. Meyer



BY FEBRUARY 21st YOU MUST HAVE...

- Your course request contract FULLY FILLED OUT!
 - First & Last name filled out LEGIBLY
 - All 4 elective requests WITH course #'s
 - All 3 alternate request WITH course #'s
 - YOUR signature
 - Your guardian's signature
- The ability to log in to YOUR campus portal account

MRS. MEYER'S CONTACT INFORMATION

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