

2019-20 Course Selection

Key Information for rising 7th Grade Students

Course Selection Timeline

Teachers complete Recommendations Online

Friday, February 1 through Tuesday, February 12

Students view Recommendations and Choose Electives - Online

February 13 - February 20

First Course Change Window

February 25 - March 1

6th Grade course change requests are to be submitted to Ms. DMAC

Second/Final Course Change Window

March 11 - March 22

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Course Change Deadline - Friday, March 29

Course Recommendations

- ▶ Placement of students into appropriate courses is an important factor that contributes to student success. To make appropriate decisions, middle school principals will consider multiple data points in the decision-making process. These data points will include student performance on PSSA assessments, PVAAS, student performance in class as evidenced by their report card grades, and their current teacher's recommendation. In addition, additional assessment data may be considered should any be available for individual students.
- ▶ In most cases, you will be recommended to continue in the same course level.

English

- ▶ 6th Grade Teachers will complete online recommendations
- ▶ Course Options
 - ▶ 7009 Accelerated English
 - ▶ 7001 English Level 1
 - ▶ 7002 English Level 2

Mathematics

- ▶ 6th Grade Teachers will complete online recommendations
- ▶ Course Options
 - ▶ 7023 Algebra 1 (students will take Keystone Algebra Exam)
 - ▶ 7021 Mathematics 7 Level 1
 - ▶ 7022 Mathematics 7 Level 2

Science and Social Studies

- ▶ 7th Grade Science and Social Studies are not levelled
- ▶ 7030 American History to 1787
- ▶ 7040 Science 7

World Languages

- ▶ Reading Teachers will recommend students for a Reading class or World Language
- ▶ Students recommended for World Language will be given a handout to select French 1 or Spanish 1 at a later date
- ▶ Students recommended for World Language may *choose* to take Reading

Music Options

- ▶ Chorus, Band, Orchestra, and Classroom Music
 - ▶ Students will perform individually, in small groups, and in an ensemble at two concerts during the school year
 - ▶ Students receive a grade
 - ▶ Students have an interest in improving their singing or playing an instrument



What do I need to do in Parent Portal?

- ▶ Click the [Course Registration](#) Tab
- ▶ Review the Teacher Recommendations
- ▶ Choose one Music Class
 - ▶ Band, Chorus, Orchestra, or Classroom Music

Course Placement Waiver Agreement (Parent Override)

Parents **MAY** complete a waiver to change a course or courses. There are two opportunities to do this.

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March 11 - March 22

Course change requests are to be submitted to Ms. DMAC and **ALL** are subject to administrative approval.



COURSE PLACEMENT WAIVER AGREEMENT

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During the course selection process, teachers make recommendations for individual students carefully after considering a variety of data. If you have questions about the course and/or level that you feel would be most appropriate for your child, or would like more information on your child's current recommendation, it is strongly encouraged that you contact your child's recommending teacher or counselor. If, after consideration, you still wish to override the teacher recommendation, please complete the following section of this form:

Student's Name : _____ Current School: _____

School Counselor: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Recommended Course/level to be changed: _____ Parent/Student Selected Course/Level to be added: _____

Course Name/Level: _____ Course Name/Level: _____

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Course Name/Level: _____ Course Name/Level: _____

- I request that my child be placed in the courses I have selected and listed above. I have discussed the selections with my child's teacher and understand why my child did not meet the criteria for the particular courses. However, after careful consideration of these criteria, I still believe that the courses we have selected represent the appropriate placement for my child.
- I understand and accept full responsibility to provide my child with any support or remediation that may be needed to ensure his/her success in this course.
- I fully understand that a request to reverse this waiver and place my child in the class originally recommended by the teacher is not guaranteed. Placement in the original teacher recommended course after my request is approved is based upon availability, considering predetermined class sizes. If the original teacher recommended course has reached the maximum capacity, my child will remain in the course I requested.
- I fully understand that waiving into this course does not guarantee placement in this course.
- I understand that this agreement does not allow a student to skip prior coursework needed to fulfill a course prerequisite.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Approval Routing:

- Guidance Counselor
- Building Administrator
- District Supervisor

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