# Incoming 6<sup>TH</sup> Grade Course Selection

2023-2024 School Year



#### DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH

- Students have 7 separate classes with different teachers.
- All classes meet every day.
- An Advisory or Extended Learning Time (ELT) period is built in to allow students time to do homework, study, retake tests, or see a teacher for extra help. <u>This period meets every day for 45 minutes.</u>
- A locker with a combination lock is assigned to students <u>only if</u> requested and needed after the first 3 weeks.
- Backpacks are allowed to be carried to classes.

## **DIFFERENCES CONTINUED...**

- Students are not escorted by teachers to go to classes, the restroom, lunch, or P.E.
- There is a 4-minute passing period between each class. Students must get to classes on time.
- You can choose where you want to sit in the cafeteria for lunch.
- Expect more homework than in elementary school.
- Expect more responsibilities (i.e. monitoring grades, communicating with teachers, attending tutorials when necessary)

## **SCHOOL DAY**

- School day hours are from 8:55-4:05.
- Each class period is approximately 45-50 minutes long.
- Most classes will be located close together.
- Lunch is 30 minutes.
- Tutoring is available after school and a late bus is provided Monday-Thursday.
- Teachers, administrators, and/or counselors will be available in the hallways between classes.

## SAMPLE 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCHEDULE

Period	Subject	Room#
1	RLA (blocked)	208
2	RLA (blocked)	208
3	Math	202
4	Social Studies	217
	LUNCH	Cafeteria
5	P.E.	Gym
6	Elective	159
7	Science	212
8	Advisory/ELT	205

# **COURSE REQUESTS OVERVIEW**

- Turn in course sheets to Elementary Counselor by January 31, 2023.
- If you are moving or plan to move, you must complete it anyway.
- Both the student and parent must sign the course selection planning sheet.
- All students must sign up for the following courses:
  - 1. RLA (blocked)
  - 2. RLA (blocked)
  - 3. Math
  - 4. Social Studies
  - 5. Science
  - 6. P.E.
  - 7. Elective (select in order of preference)



#### CHOOSING COURSES CLASS FORMATS:



- <u>Academic</u>- Challenging work- for everyone, on grade level, more time to review concepts.
- <u>Katy Advanced Program (KAP)</u>- More challenging courses, fast-paced, and more homework.
- <u>Gifted and Talented (GT)</u>- Students must be screened and identified to be eligible for GT courses.

## **P.E. AND ELECTIVES**

<u>P.E.</u> is a graded class that meets daily.

- You must dress out.
- You will be assigned a locker.

<u>Electives</u> are specialty classes in various areas of interest.

- <u>DO</u>- choose the elective that interests you most.
- <u>DON'T</u>- Let your friends influence your choice!



## FINE ARTS ELECTIVES

 <u>Band</u>- Woodwind, Brass, Percussion- Band directors will meet with the student to determine the best instrument. Plan to practice 30 min. a day outside of the regular classroom. Must rent or buy an instrument. There will be two or three concerts per year.



- <u>Orchestra</u>- Stringed instruments, violin, cello, viola and bass. Plan to practice 30 min. per day outside of the regular classroom. There will be two or three concerts per year.
- <u>Choir</u>- Singing, music reading, and concerts. There will be three or four performances per year.

## FINE ARTS ELECTIVES



 <u>Art</u>- painting, drawing, mixing colors to create contrast, drawing from imagination, art vocabulary and art history, ceramics

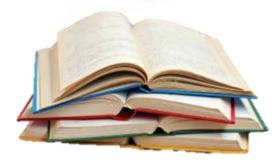


• <u>Theater</u>- introduction and development of expression, acting skills, and theater production

Choose electives in order of preference. <u>CHOOSE WISELY!</u>

# **OTHER COURSES**

 <u>Math Lab</u> - designed to help refine and review math skills in preparation for the STAAR test.



 <u>Reading Elective</u> - designed to help improve reading level and basic reading skills in preparation for the STAAR test.

 You will be <u>required</u> to take these classes if you <u>do</u> <u>not pass</u> the Math or Reading section of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade STAAR test. This class will replace your elective.

## **FINAL REMINDERS!**

- Course selection planning sheets are due to Elementary Counselor by JANUARY 31, 2023.
- Keep your course selection sheet neat and clean.
- Choose your courses wisely think carefully about your choices.
- Talk to your teachers about KAP placement.
- Choose electives in order of preference.
- <u>Sign and return</u> the course planning sheet on time!

