



**7th Grade Course Offerings
McDonald Junior High 2023 - 2024**

**ALL course requests must be
entered into SchoolLinks by
Jan. 31, 2023*

Student Name: Last, First		KISD Student ID	Birth Date:
Parent/Guardian Name: Last, First		Parent/Guardian Email:	
Address: Street		City / Zip	
Parent/Guardian Home Phone:	Parent/Guardian Cell Phone:	Parent/Guardian Work Phone:	

*Use this list of courses as a guide to help you select your classes in SchoolLinks. Each student must select one course from each of the required areas: **English, Math, Science, Social Studies and PE**. Students planning for 7th grade will select one elective course and students who qualify for **GT in ELA** will select two elective courses and have no reading course. Students may not receive their first choice elective due to insufficient enrollment in a course, scheduling conflict, or over enrollment in course. Final placement into courses is contingent upon campus approval. GT placement requires the student to have met specific Katy ISD screening criteria.*

DIRECTIONS: *CIRCLE one course from each of the required areas of **English, Math, Science, Social Studies and PE**. Mark required courses by circling the course number for the course. **IMPORTANT: List Fine Arts/Elective choices in order of preference.** Student and parent signatures confirm that all course guidelines have been reviewed and course selections have been made based on the student's individual strengths, interests, and commitment.*

REQUIRED COURSES - 7th Grade	
ENGLISH AND READING	
J706	English Language Arts and Reading Block 7
J726	English Language Arts and Reading Block 7 KAP
G726	English Language Arts and Reading Block 7 GT*
MATH	
J711	Math 7
J714	Math 7 KAP
G714	Math 7 KAP/GT*
SCIENCE	
J730	Science 7
J734	Science 7 KAP
G734	Science 7 KAP/GT*
SOCIAL STUDIES	
J720	Social Studies 7
J724	Social Studies 7 KAP
G724	Social Studies 7 KAP/GT*
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	
J785	Athletics 7 - Boys
J786	Athletics 7 - Girls
J780	PE 7 - Boys
J781	PE 7 - Girls
* GT course placement requires the student to meet specific Katy ISD screening criteria.	

ELECTIVE COURSES	
FINE ARTS	
<i>One year of junior high Fine Arts is required for all students. ALL Fine Art Placement is based on Director Approval</i>	
J911	Art 1 (6,7,8)
J912	Art 2 (7,8)
J921	Band 1 (6,7,8)
J922	Band 2 (7,8)
J931	Orchestra 1 (6,7,8)
J932	Orchestra 2 (7,8)
J941	Theatre 1 (6,7,8)
J942	Theatre 2 (7,8)
J951	Choir 1 - Boys (6,7,8)
J952	Choir 2 - Boys (7,8)
J961	Choir 1 - Girls (6,7,8)
J962	Choir 2 - Girls (7,8)
CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY ELECTIVE COURSES	
J8560	Touch System Data Entry (7,8) (high school credit)
J2026	Web Communications (7,8) (high school credit)
OTHER ELECTIVE COURSES	
J999	LeadWorthy (7,8)
J754	Career Investigation (7,8)
J755	Publications 1 (7)

PLEASE LIST ELECTIVE CHOICE IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE- LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE IN SOME COURSES	
1.	_____ (first choice)
2.	_____ (second choice)
3.	_____ (third choice)
4.	_____ (fourth choice)
**Please be advised that scheduling conflicts may prevent your student from getting his/her first elective choice. Please list alternative choices.	

Strategic Reading and Math Lab are intervention courses that may be required for students who did not pass the STAAR and/or based upon documented reading and/or math levels. These courses will take the place of the student's PE or Elective.

Student and parent signatures are required as confirmation that all course guidelines and course selections have been reviewed.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Date	Student Signature	Date
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Course selection for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year has begun. Important dates for course selection are listed below:

January 20 – January 31, 2023	Students select courses in SchoolLinks using Course Planner
January 31, 2023 @ 11:59 pm	Course Planner becomes “viewable only” in SchoolLinks
February 6 – March 10, 2023	Counselors meet with students individually to review course requests
March 20 – March 28, 2023	Course Verification – Parents verify courses and request course changes

Students received information about all required and elective courses that are available to them for the next school year. Now students need to make informed choices about courses that will best meet his or her educational needs.

There are different formats for the core courses from which to choose:

- **Academic** - on grade level and designed to prepare students for high school and college
- **KAP (Katy Advanced Placement)** - prepare students for Advanced Placement courses (college level instruction) while in high school
- **KAP/G/T (Gifted and Talented)** - placement requires the student to have met specific KISD screening criteria and have been accepted into the G/T program

Katy ISD has an open enrollment policy for advanced academics. Early enrollment in these courses contributes to student achievement in later years. KAP courses are designed to challenge students beyond grade-level academic courses and prepare them for success in future advanced level coursework. Students may require encouragement and support from both family and campus to be successful in advanced academics. Please review your child’s report card and test scores in making course level decisions. Please note that students often enrolling a combination of course formats. Consider each course separately when deciding to select Academic or KAP.

If your student changes his/her mind about course selections after January 31, your child will have an opportunity to request changes to their selections during **Course Verification during the week of March 20-28, 2023.**

Thank you for your careful consideration of courses for your child.

After completing the worksheet, please see the next steps on how to enter courses in Course Planner in SchoolLinks.



Directions for entering
course requests in SchoolLinks



KISD Course catalog - view to
read course descriptions