



**8th 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 8th grade will select two elective courses. 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 - 8th Grade

ENGLISH

- J802 English 8
- J806 English 8 KAP
- G806 English 8 KAP/GT*

MATH

- J811 Math 8
- J0211 Algebra I
- G0214 Algebra I GT*

SCIENCE

- J830 Science 8
- J833 Science 8 KAP
- G833 Science 8 KAP/GT*

SOCIAL STUDIES

- J820 Social Studies 8
- J824 Social Studies 8 KAP
- G824 Social Studies 8 KAP/GT*

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- J885 Athletics 8 - Boys
- J886 Athletics 8 - Girls
- J880 PE 8 - Boys
- J881 PE 8 - Girls
- J887 Dance 8

* GT course placement requires the student to meet specific Katy ISD screening criteria.

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.

ELECTIVE COURSES

FINE ARTS

One year of junior high Fine Arts is required for all students. ALL Fine Art Placement is based on Director Approval

- ~~J911 Art 1 (6,7,8)~~
- ~~J912 Art 2 (7,8) waitlist~~
- ~~J913 Art 3 (8)~~
- J7511 Art I (8) (high school credit)
- J921 Band 1 (6,7,8)
- J922 Band 2 (7,8)
- J923 Band 3 (8)
- J931 Orchestra 1 (6,7,8)
- J932 Orchestra 2 (7,8)
- J933 Orchestra 3 (8)
- J941 Theatre 1 (6,7,8)
- J942 Theatre 2 (7,8)
- J943 Theatre 3 (8)
- J951 Choir 1 - Boys (6,7,8)
- J952 Choir 2 - Boys (7,8)
- J953 Choir 3 - Boys(8)
- J961 Choir 1 - Girls (6,7,8)
- J962 Choir 2 - Girls (7,8)
- J963 Choir 3 - Girls (8)

WORLD LANGUAGES

All World Languages are for high school credit

- J6319 Spanish I (8)
- J6361 Spanish for Spanish Speakers I (fall) (8)
- J6362 Spanish for Spanish Speakers II (spring) (8)

CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY ELECTIVE COURSES

- J8353 Principles of Human Services (8) (high school credit)
- J8616 Principles of Applied Engineering (8) (high school credit)
- J8043 Principles of Manufacturing (8) (high school credit)
- ~~J8560 Touch System Data Entry (7,8) (high school credit)~~
- ~~J2026 Web Communications (7,8) (high school credit)~~
- J8644 Principles of Info Tech (8) (high school credit)

OTHER ELECTIVE COURSES

- J999 LeadWorthy (7,8)
- J754 Career Investigation (7,8)
- J998 Peer Assistance Leadership
- J855 Publications 2 (8)
- ~~J300 Student Aide (8)~~

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



Course Offerings for Current 7th Graders
McDonald Junior High
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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