
8th Grade Course Planning

The Process

- January 16th:
 - Meeting with all students in the gym
- January 21st:
 - Planning Sheets, with recommendations, go home with students
 - Parent Night
- January 29th:
 - Planning Sheets due in RELA
- February 12 - 17th:
 - Course Selection meetings in RELA classes
- March:
 - Brief individual conferences with students in Math
- Later in the semester verification sheets will go home

RMS 8th Grade Course Planning Sheet

Semesters

2. **1. RELA** On Level or PreAP - You will need 2 semesters of the same level.
2. **2. Math** On Level or Algebra - You will need 2 semesters of the same level.
If you are currently in On Level Math 7, you must choose On Level Math 8.
2. **3. Science** On Level or PreAP - You will need 2 semesters of the same level.
2. **4. Social Studies** On Level or PreAP - You will need 2 semesters of the same level.
5. **PE or Athletics:** You need 2 years of PE/Athletics in middle school.
If you've had 2 years, you do not need PE in 8th grade. If you've had 1-1/2 years of PE/Athletics, you need 1 semester of PE. If you pick Athletics, pick 2 semesters - **you will take it all year.**
6. **Electives:** For 2 semester classes, you will take them all year.

Career and Technology Electives (CTE)	Course	Semesters	Prerequisite	HS Credit
	Business Information Management (BIM)	2		Yes
	Intro to Engineering and Technology	1		No
	Intro to Programming	1		No
	Intro to STEM	1		No
	Food for Today	1		No
	Principles of Hospitality & Tourism	2		Yes
	Principles of Manufacturing	2	Intro to Engineering and Technology	Yes

Electives including Foreign Languages	Course	Semesters	Notes	HS Credit
	Intro to Spanish	1		No
	Spanish I	2	Prereq: Intro or 90+ in RELA	Yes
	French I	2	All KHS	Yes
	German I	2	All KHS	Yes
	Peer Buddy	1	Application required	No
	Service Volunteer (Aide)	1	Application required	No
	Debate	1		No
	Broadcasting	1		No
	Broadcasting 2	2	Prereq: Broadcasting 1	No
	Journalism 1	1	Application required	No
	Yearbook	2	Prereq: Journalism 1 in 7th grade	No

			& application required
Fine Art Electives	Advanced Art	2	Prereq: Intermediate Art
	Applied Arts & Crafts	1	Prereq: Beginning Art
	Intermediate Art	1	Prereq: Beginning Art
	Beginning Art	1	
	Choir	2	Boys select 9363/Girls select 9361
	Band	2	Select Band 9401
	Orchestra	2	Select Orchestra 9407
	Theater I	1	
	Theater II	2	Prereq: Theater I
	Dance 1	2	
	Dance 2	2	Prereq: Dance 1
	Dance 3	2	Prereq: Dance 2

_____ Total # of semesters should be 14

***Please note: The courses listed here are those typically selected by RMS students. Humble ISD offers a variety of elective choices. For a list of these courses, refer to the Middle School Planning Guide on the Humble ISD website.**

***Complete your course plan here.

Subject	First Semester (A)	Second Semester (B)
RELA		
Math		
Science		
Social Studies		
PE/Athletics/Elective		
Electives		
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Alternate Electives (choose 4):

Class	Semesters	Class	Semesters
1		3	
2		4	

Middle School Course Guide

Can be found on the district webpage under
Counseling & Behavioral Services

Provides information about the district's
policies and procedures and describes all of
the courses offered at the middle school
level.

Placement

- In the core subjects, recommendations for student success are completed by teachers based upon current student progress.
- **Verification sheets** of requested courses will be sent home later this semester.
- If you wish to make a change from PreAP to Level, make the change on the verification sheet, sign and return. **Please don't email yet - wait for the verification sheet.**
- But if you wish to make a change from **Level to PreAP**, contact the teacher to discuss.

PreAP Note:

If you choose a PreAP class you will only be allowed to move to Level at the 3 and 6 week progress report times, or at semester - with approval.

One semester electives

- Beginning Art
- Intermediate Art
- Applied Arts & Crafts
- Introduction to Spanish
- Foods for Today
- Intro to Eng. & Technology
- Peer Buddy
- Service Volunteer
- Theater Arts 1
- Graphic Design
- Debate 1
- Journalism
- Broadcasting 1
- Programming
- STEM



Year-long electives

- Dance
- Advanced Art
- BIM
- Principles of Manufacturing
- Principles of Hospitality and Tourism
- Theater Arts 2
- Spanish
- French
- German
- Band
- Orchestra
- Choir

Prerequisites...



- There are several courses that have prerequisites.
 - Watch for these as you select courses.
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Course

Prerequisite

Principles of Manufacturing	Intro to Engineering & Tech
Theater 2	Theater I
Intermediate Art	Beginning Art
Arts and Crafts	Beginning Art
Advanced Art	Intermediate Art
Aide/Peer Buddy	Application
Journalism	Application

Getting a head start...

- In high school, credits are earned by passing classes.
- You must earn 26 credits to graduate.
- 8th grade electives are offered that earn high school credit.
- These classes will be included on your high school transcript.

High School Credit Electives

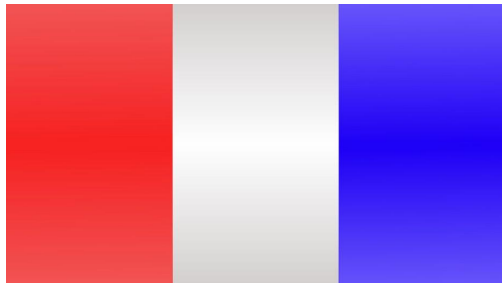
- Spanish I
- French I (at KHS at 7:25 a.m.)
- German I (at KHS at 7:25 a.m.)
- Principles of Hospitality and Tourism
- Principles of Manufacturing
- Business Information Management

Spanish I



- Earns high school credit.
- Students are required to have 2 credits of the same foreign language in order to graduate.

French I



- At KHS 1st period (at 7:25)
- Transportation **may not** be provided to KHS
- Transportation from KHS to RMS by bus
- Earns high school credit.
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German I



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- Transportation from KHS to RMS by bus
- Earns high school credit.
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Physical Education



- 2 years of PE/Athletics are required in middle school.
- If you haven't completed those, you must finish them in 8th grade.
- 1 semester of PE is recommended for 8th grade
 - State law requires middle school students complete 4 semesters of PE

Athletics



- ALL athletics are year-long.
 - If you are in athletics and do not make a team, you will be in off-season which is a lot of running.
 - Soccer is NOT part of athletics.
 - 8th grade athletics is 7th period.
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Boys Athletics

Athletics lasts ALL year



Football: 1st semester

Cross-Country: 1st semester.

- Will run at 7 a.m. and have athletics at 7th period for conditioning.

Basketball: part of 1st and 2nd semesters.

- Tryouts are required! You *can be* in PE and try out for basketball but it is recommended you be in athletics all year. If you make the team you move to athletics and stay the rest of the year.

Track - 2nd semester

Girls Athletics

Athletics lasts ALL year

Volleyball: 1st semester

- Tryouts are at the beginning of school.

Cross-Country: 1st semester

- Will run at 7 a.m. and have athletics at 7th period for conditioning.

Basketball: Both semesters

- Tryouts are after volleyball season. If you make the team you move to athletics and stay the rest of the year.

Track: 2nd semester

- Off-season workouts until track season begins (after basketball ends)



Off Campus PE



- Requires at least 5 hours of training, Monday-Friday
- Students select an additional elective in place of their school PE class.
- See the district website>departments>PE
- Apply directly through the website.

Cheerleading



If you make the cheerleading squad, you will be required to take Cheer Training in the fall.

Dance

- Dance Class may count as PE. Three years are offered: Dance 1, Dance 2, Dance 3 and should be taken all year.
- Dance should be taken in sequential order unless approved by the dance teacher.
- If you make LDT, you will be required to take a full-year of dance .



Reading and Math Strategies

- If you are not successful on the STAAR test, you will be recommended for Reading or Math Strategies.
- Strategies may be for the full year.
- It will be scheduled in place of an elective.



Electives Note:

Elective classes are planned based on your choices, so requests for changes are not always able to be accommodated.



What might my schedule look like?

<u>Period</u>	<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>2nd Semester</u>
1	US History	US History
2	Science	Science
3	English/L.A.	English/L.A.
4	Math	Math
5	<u>Debate</u>	<u>Intro to Spanish</u>
6	<u>Intermediate Art</u>	<u>Aide</u>
7	<u>Athletics</u>	<u>Athletics</u>

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6	<u>Spanish I</u>	<u>Spanish 1</u>
7	<u>PE</u>	<u>Theater Arts</u>

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7	<u>Athletics</u>	<u>Athletics</u>

Verification Sheets

- Verification Sheets will be sent home before the end of the year.
- The verification sheet is **NOT** the same as a schedule.
- The verification sheet is a list of what you asked for.
- Why do you need alternates on your Planning Sheet?



Contact me with any questions!

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It's a Great Day to be a Longhorn!

