

2022-2023 Middle School Registration Presentation

Winter/Spring 2022

Dates to Remember- March

- First two weeks of March: in-class registration with Mrs. Semsch
 - 5th grade = Technology class
 - 6th & 7th grade = PACE lesson
- Mar. 4-Mar. 14- Students and Parents Review selections at home together via Infinite Campus
- Mar. 14- Online registration window closes, 8:30 A.M.

MS Academic Program Guide

- Mr. Tiffany will e-mail to students and parents in the middle of February
- Academic policies & procedures
- Course descriptions
 - Prerequisites & grade levels included

Online Registration

- In the lessons with Mrs. Semsch
- Login to Infinite Campus: Within the portal, to go “More” and then select “Course Registration”
- Select the 2022-2023 school year
 - **Required:** Courses that PA adds; changes to these requests cannot be made
 - **Requests:** Courses you choose; you can modify these requests until 8:30 A.M. on Mar. 14

Online Registration, continued

1. Request Language (current 7th grade)
2. Request your Math (current 6th, 7th)
3. Request Fine Art elective
4. Request White Period Elective for 1st semester
5. Request White Period Elective for 2nd semester

Language Choice for current 7th graders entering 8th grade

- French I, Latin I, Latin II, Spanish I
 - email Mrs. Semsch if you are perhaps qualified to test into a higher level
- Deferral / waiver
- PA's general recommendation is to take a language in 8th grade

Math Course Sequence

- Investigations in Math I → Investigations in Math II
- Investigations in Math II → Pre-Algebra
- Pre-Algebra → Algebra I
- Algebra I → Geometry

Honors Level Courses are offered at the Inv. II, Pre-Alg., Alg. I, and Geo., levels, pending meeting prerequisites and approval of honors request

Our “Regular” (non-honors) courses are referred to as “College Prep,” because all PA classes offered at each grade level adequately prepare students for a variety of college options after high school

6th Grade Math Placement

- Committee of teachers, directors, and counselor look at:
 - Current (5th grade) math performance (level & grades)
 - ERB CTP 5 Scores (standardized test)
 - Placement test score (taken in late spring)
 - Quantitative feedback from teachers about students' math work completion and study skills
- Communicate results to families via letter in June

Regular Math (College-Prep) Regular Math (College-Prep)

- For those entering 7th & 8th grade
- Request the next college-prep (non-honors) math
- Prerequisite = 70% or better in the current math non-honors math course

Honors Math Regular Math (College-Prep)

- For those entering 7th & 8th grade
- Prerequisite: 70% or better to proceed to the next non-honors course in the sequence

Honors Math Honors Math

- For those entering 7th & 8th grade
- Prerequisite = 83% or better in current honors course

Regular (College-Prep) Math Honors Math

- For those entering 7th & 8th grade
- Prerequisite = 93% or better in non-honors course, approval of department chair
- Teacher advice to apply is *not* a guarantee of approval
- Will be notified of approval or denial via e-mail after Spring Break

In the future...

- In Upper School, there will be honors level courses in *many* subject areas- stay informed on what the offerings are, and the procedures for requesting
- You can change year-to-year whether or not you are in honors courses (math in MS and others in US), you are not “stuck in a lane” for the rest of your education

Course Offerings- Electives

- Full-Year Electives (4x per week): Concert Band, Chorus, Speech & Drama, String Ensemble, Music Appreciation & 2D-Art
- Semester Electives (2x per week): Study Hall, Athletics, Film Studies (all for 6-8), Woodshop (7-8), FACS (7-8)
- See Academic Program Guide for grade level requirements and prerequisites

Student/Parent Review of Courses in Infinite Campus: March 4-14

- Login to Infinite Campus
- Review requests together
- If parents agree = no further action needed
- If parents and students decide to change something = change the selections in IC until the registration deadline, 8:30 A.M., March 14th

What happens next?

- Families will receive an email confirming requests for 22-23 school year in April
- Families can ask to see requested courses by contacting school counselor
- Course change requests may be submitted via Google Form shared with families in the spring
- Students have a 2nd opportunity request honors math after Memorial Day