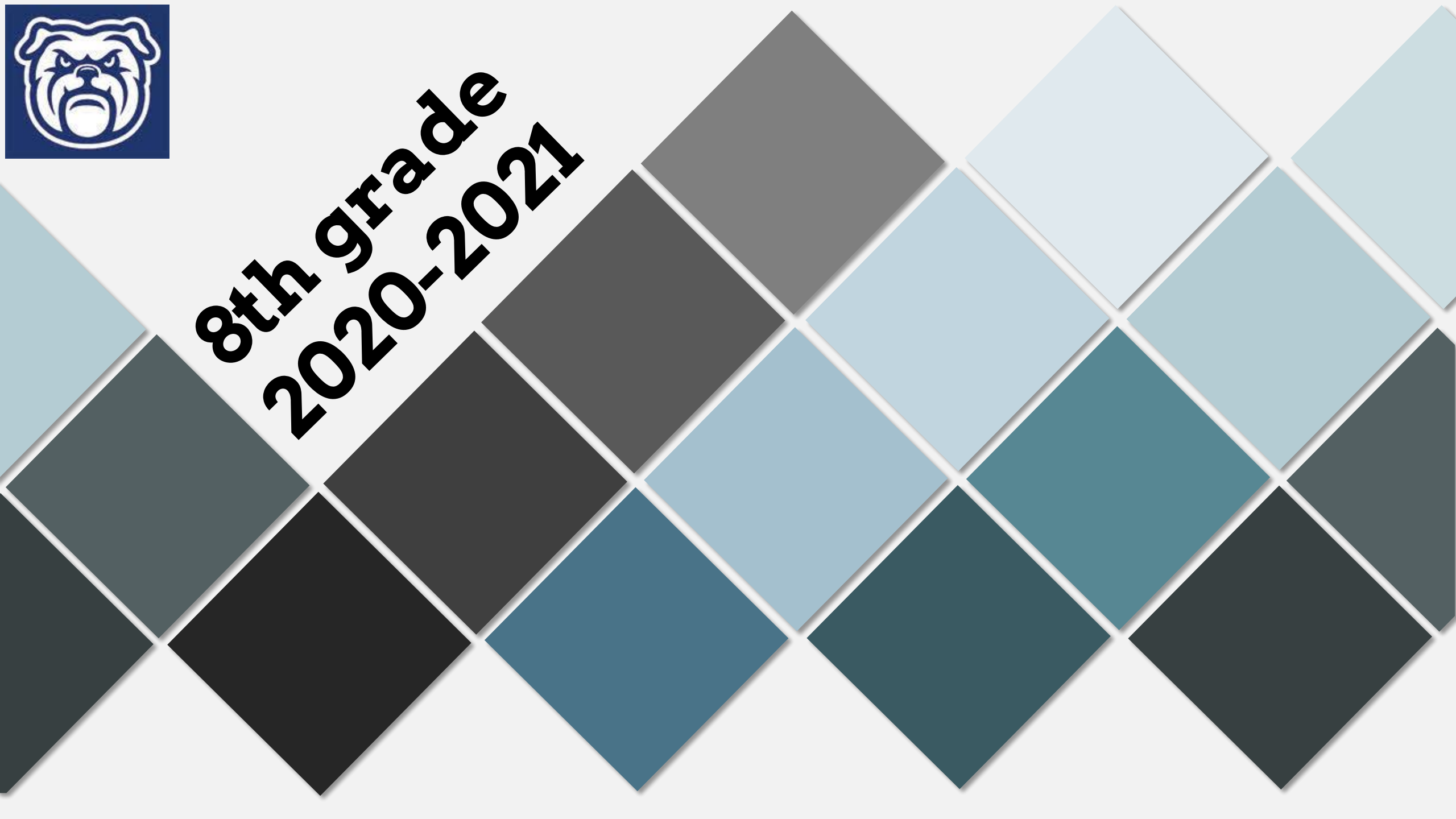




**8th grade
2020-2021**



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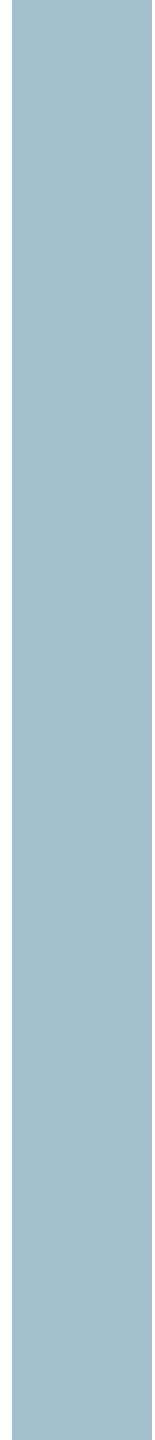
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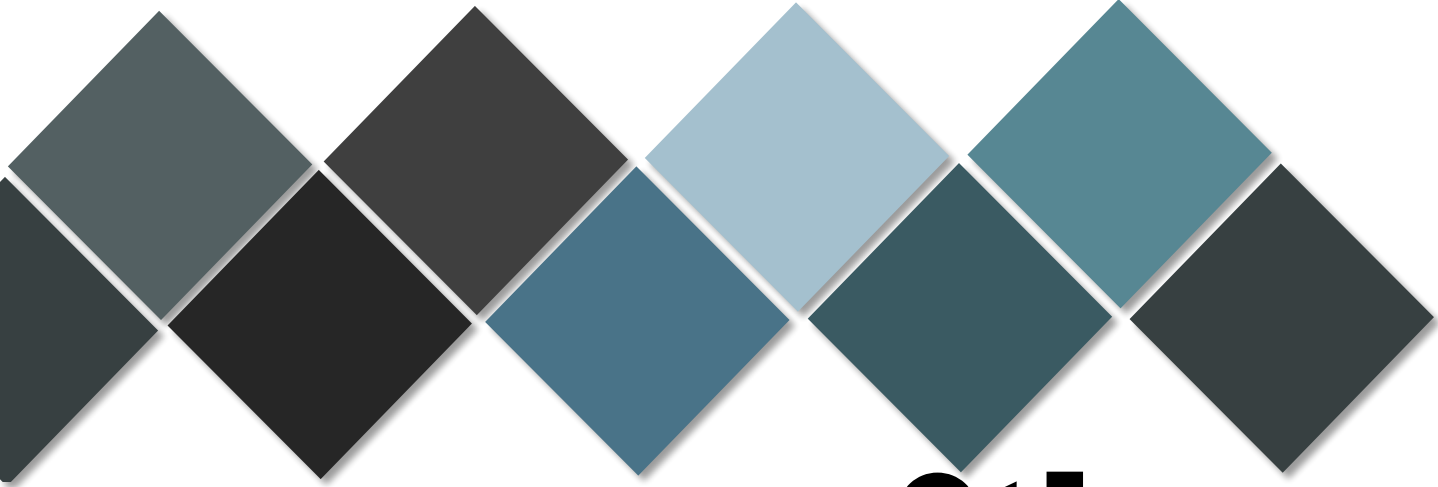
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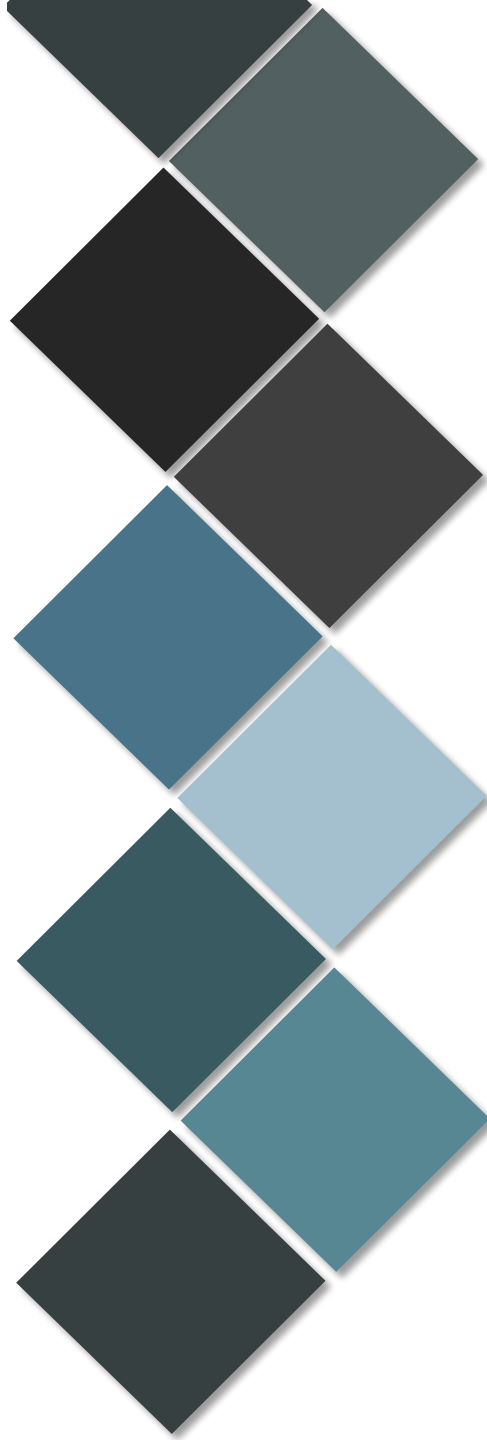
What we'll be talking about today:

- Classes options for next year
 - Elective options
 - Completing your course selection sheet correctly
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8th grade Core classes





English Language Arts (CC LA 8) Honors English Language Arts (H LA 8)

How teachers make recommendations to honors:

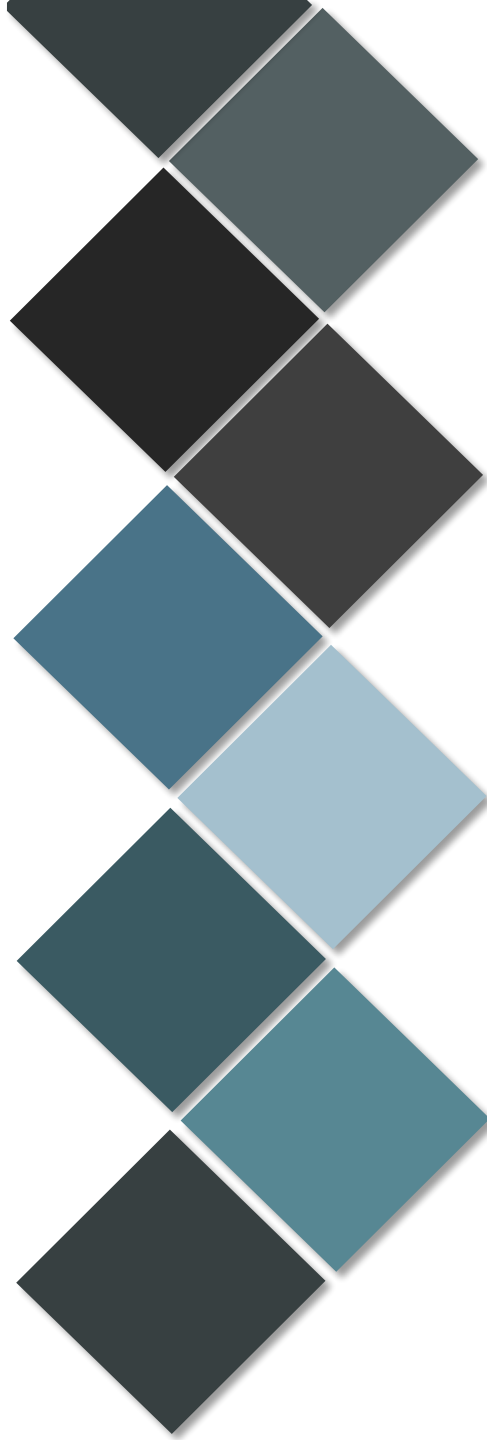
Lexile should be at or above 1100

Academic grades in honors B or above

Academic grades in common core A- or above

Writing proficient/advanced

Great work habits



Common Core Math 8 (CC Math 8) Accelerated Algebra (Accel Algebra)

How teachers make recommendations to Accelerated Algebra:

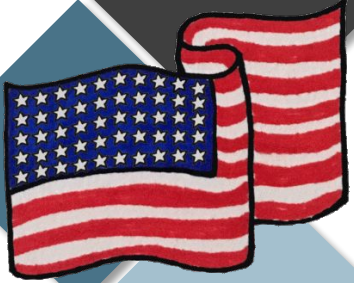
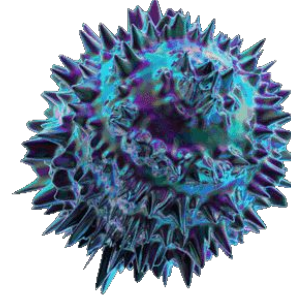
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Grade: A/B



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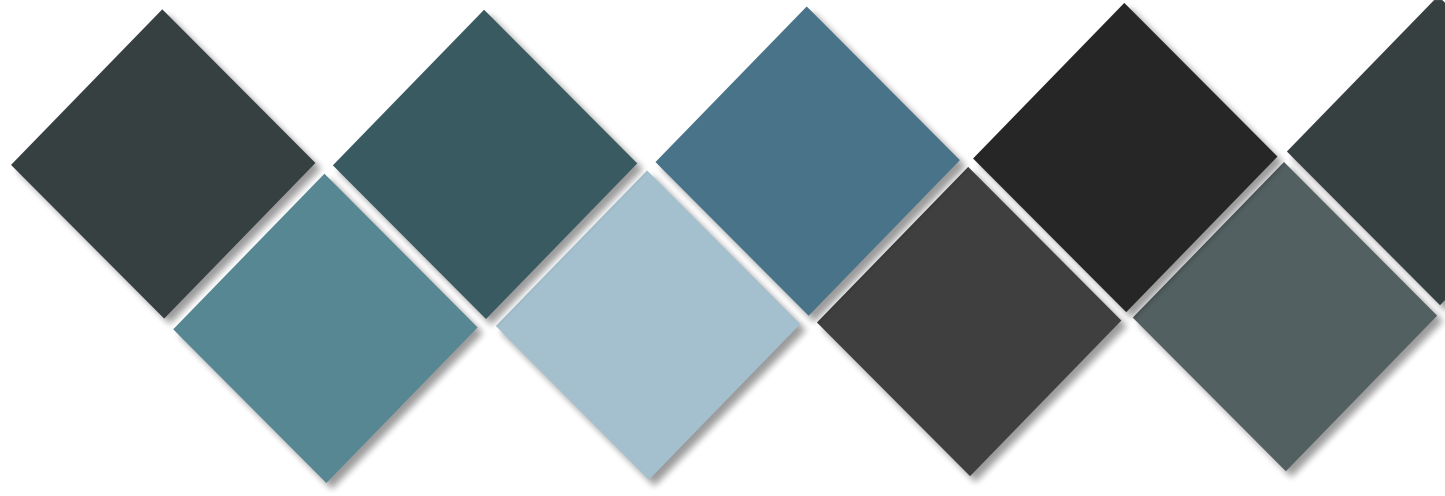
8th grade science



U.S History **(No honors option)**

PE





Elective classes





Spanish 1

¡Hola!

Recommended GPA: 2.0 or higher

Speaking, reading, writing and listening in Spanish

Developing an appreciation for Hispanic culture

This is a rigorous high-school level course with a midterm and final exam. Semester grades will be on your high school transcript and you will receive high school credit.

Year long class



Drama

Open to 7th & 8th grades



Students will:

- become familiar with beginning stage skills
- increase their confidence while presenting and performing to an audience
- Explore the history of theatre and apply the skills and techniques they learn to their own performances

Year long class



Symphonic Band

Concert Band

Subject to instructor approval

- Advanced instrumental music class
- Continue to develop your instrumental music skills
- Perform at competitive festivals and several evening performances required

Year long class





Yearbook

Open to 7th & 8th grades

Students will learn journalistic skills, gather information, write clearly, work on planning and meeting deadlines, take pictures, and prepare page layouts.

Students must enjoy writing, be artistic, and use their own time after school for picture taking and informational research.

Year long class



Year Long Art

Open to 7th & 8th grades

Students experience the use of different media and techniques such as:

- watercolor
- pastel
- chalk
- metal tooling
- paper maché
- printmaking
- drawing.



Digital Media/WPTV

Open to 7th & 8th grades

This class teaches students about digital media and film production. Students will run a live TV news channel, and learn about broadcasting, film production, visual effects, and animation.

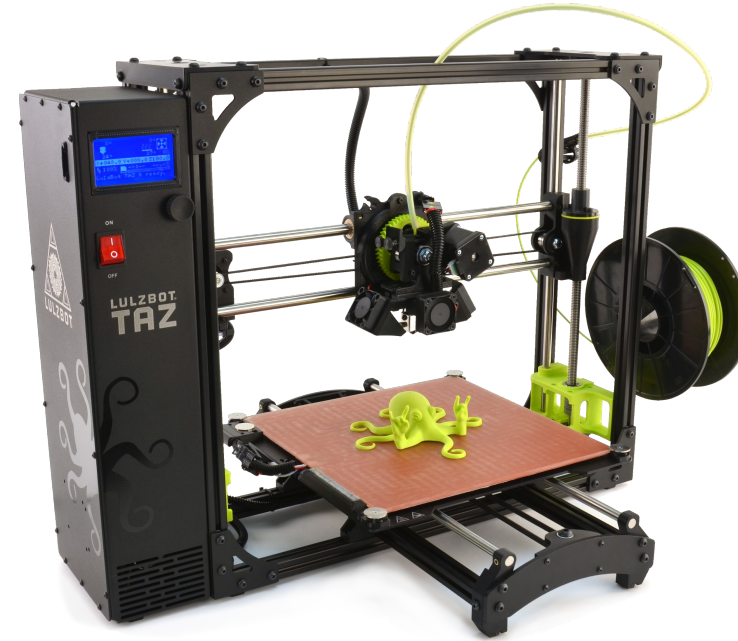
Year long class



Robotics & Engineering

This class explores:

- Robotics
- 3D design
- Electronics
- Coding



Student will work with 3D printers, electronic sensors, Micro Bits, among other things

Year long class

Associated Student Body (ASB)

Open to 7th & 8th grades

- Develop leadership & organizational skills
- Create a positive environment on campus.

Yearlong class

Paper & online application due March 20th
<http://bit.ly/WPMSASB>



**Application
& interview
required**



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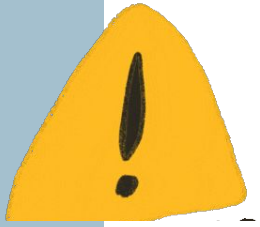
Open to 7th & 8th grades

Motivates and prepares students for college.

Students participate in study groups with college tutors, develop strategies for academic success, and visit local universities.

Year long class

Application due March 20th

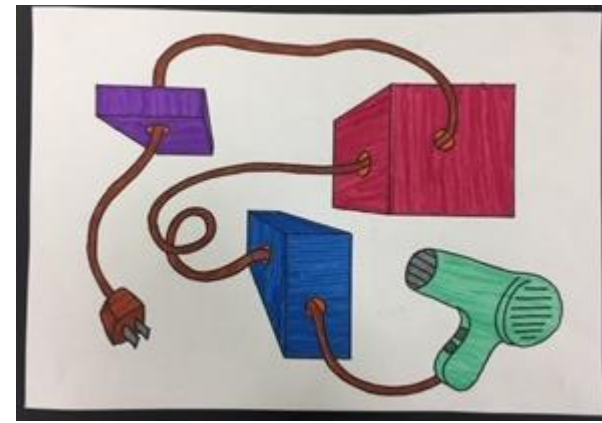


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Art/Technology

Semester Long



Studio Art

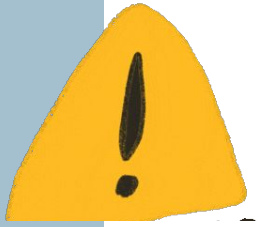
- Project based class
 - Watercolor
 - Pastel
 - Chalk
 - Metal Tooling
 - Paper Maché
 - Printmaking
 - Drawing

Intro to Technology

- Explore various technologies & applications
 - Digital Media
 - Programming
 - Game Making
 - 3D design

Teacher's Assistant (TA)

- Applications will be available in **May 2020**
- Minimum GPA 2.0
- TA appointments are only for a semester
- You can choose who you TA for (signature required) or be open to any teacher
- The other semester will be art/technology



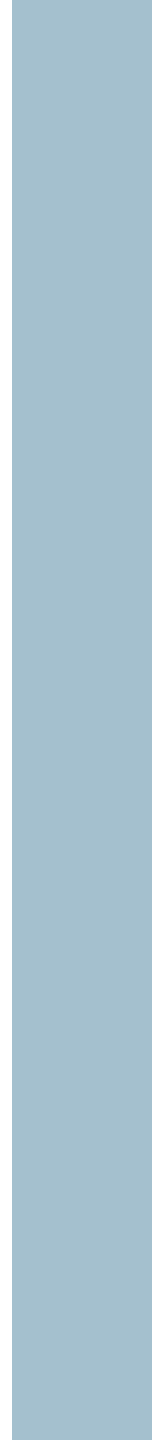
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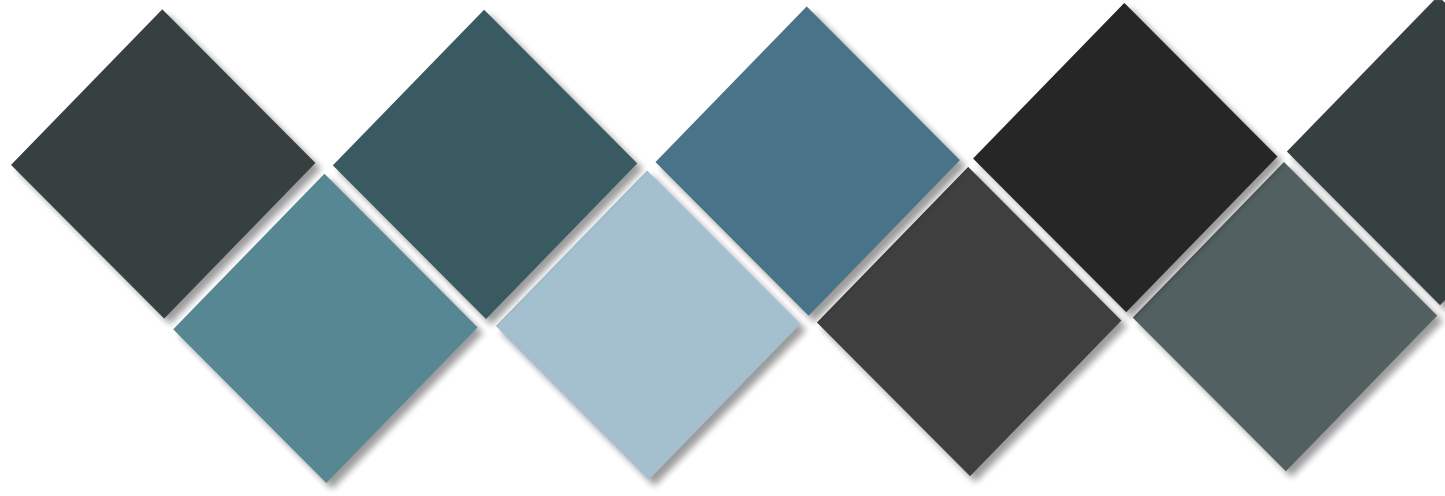


Support Classes

Students might be recommended by their teachers and/or case managers for additional support classes in the areas of math, reading/language arts, and English Language Development

These classes generally substitute an elective class.





Understanding the importance of a year long commitment



Completing your course selection sheet

2020-21

WOODLAND PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL
COURSE SELECTION SHEET GRADE 08

Due to your Language Arts Teacher by March 16th

Step 1: Please review the label above. Your teachers have recommended these classes for you next year. If you have questions about these placements, please contact your current teacher for the subject.

>>Recommendation for Accelerated Algebra is conditional, based on student performance second semester.

Step 2: You must select three (3) different electives for the next year in order of importance. Some electives require a one-year commitment, and space is limited so please make wise choices. You may be placed in any of your elective options. If you choose Band, please know the teacher will place you in the specific class i.e.: Symphonic Band, Concert Band. Descriptions and prerequisites are on the back of this form.

Number your elective choices 1 through 3, with #1 being your first choice. You must pick three (3) electives OR you counselor will choose for you.

Art 8 (6119)/Technology 8 (3153) _____ Yearlong Art (6056) _____

Spanish 1(P) (4352) _____ Digital Media/WPTV (2405) _____ ASB (5474) _____

Robotics (4647) _____ Drama (1144) _____ AVID (5980) _____

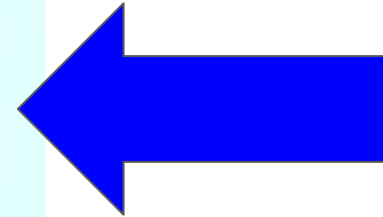
Symphonic Band (7460) _____ Concert Band (7150) _____

Step 3: Complete the information below. Classes cannot be approved without a parent signature.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Email (Please Print) _____

For questions regarding electives, please contact:
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Label will indicate
your core classes for
next year.

ELA and math classes
are based on teacher
recommendations

Final math
recommendations will
be made in June

Choosing your elective:

Pick TOP 3 CHOICES

**Write in choice order:
1, 2, 3**

ADD YEARBOOK_____
if you are interested

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Q&A