

8th Grade Registration



Welcome Class of 2025 and families to MWHS!

Overview of Required Courses

- ENGLISH and SOCIAL STUDIES:
 - Advanced English 8 (year) & Advanced Global Studies (year) OR
 - English 8 (year) & Global Studies (year) OR
 - Co-Taught English 8.
 - Recommendation has been made on individualized worksheet
- MATH:
 - Recommendation has been made by math teachers on individualized worksheet
 - Full year, progression through math sequence
- SCIENCE:
 - All students take Earth Science (year)

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- OTHER REQUIREMENTS:
 - PE 8 (semester)
 - 21st Century Tech (semester)
 - Health 8* (quarter) and 8th Grade Seminar* (quarter)
- SPECIALIZED REQUIREMENTS:
 - Reading - will be indicated on the individualized worksheet, full year
 - Student Prep Period - will be indicated on the individualized worksheet

*See next slide for opt out option

Overview of Elective Courses

- Most students have **THREE** semesters of elective courses available.
- **OPT OUT** of Heath 8 and 8th Grade Seminar option available in the following situations only:
 - Music/World Language combination **OR**
 - Reading/Guided Study (recommendation by GMS) combination
- Student Prep Period (SPP or Study Hall): Highly recommended at the 8th grade level. Opportunity to complete work in school, potentially get some help, and also a mental break during the day to decompress and plan.

Overview of Elective Courses

- Year long elective options (2 semesters)
 - Band: Concert Band
 - Choir: Cantabile or Bel Canto Chorus
 - World Language: Spanish I, Mandarin Chinese I or Am. Sign Language I
 - Engineering: PLTW Intro to Engineering
 - Semester elective options
 - Fine Arts: Theater I, Theater II, Drawing I, Painting I or Ceramics I
 - Business: Intro to Business
 - Engineering: STEM and Tech Engineering
 - Alternate elective options
 - Choose two alternate elective options in case original choices cause conflict
- More room in schedule and more electives to choose from through high school years.*

Making Good Course Selection Decisions



- Work Habits: homework, organization, due dates, mental break (SPP)
- Transition: new schedule, new teachers, expectations
- World Language: If Language Arts is challenging, most likely World Language will be as well.
- Please choose electives wisely. May not be able to change an elective course or add an elective later.

Special Education



- Case managers will be connecting between buildings to finalize schedules.
- GMS teachers will indicate their recommendations on the individualized registration worksheet.
- Presentations tonight in the Learning Resource Center at 6:15pm, 6:45pm, and 7:15pm. Representatives from the HS Special Education Team will present a general overview of the program and then give a tour of the Special Education learning spaces. A rep from GMS will also be in attendance.

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Registration Deadlines

- The Registration Worksheet should be completed and turned into the Morning Meeting teacher by Wednesday, January 29th.
- During Morning Meeting, students will watch a video about how to register via their Skyward account and will register under the direction of a teacher.
- MWHS Teachers will be available in the cafeteria after this presentation to answer questions about classes and curriculum.
- Specific questions related to your 7th grader should be directed to Mrs. Larson or classroom teacher.
- If you have questions about course content or progression, reference the [registration information](#) on the high school guidance website or contact Mrs. Simon.

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Thank you for taking time out of your busy evening to learn more about 8th grade registration! We look forward to seeing our newest students this fall!