

Middle School
6th Grade Course
Selection 24-25



Welcome to Middle School!!

2024-2025 Administrative Staff

Principal Piner Middle School

Mr. Jeff Chancellor

Principal Sherman Middle School

Mr. Santos Flores



Grade Level Administration- PINER



6th Grade

Assistant Principal: Tatiana Davis

Counselor: Rebecca Riley

7th Grade

AP, Debbie Fine and Counselor, Lynne Bertinelli

8th Grade

AP, Kimberly Fritchman and Counselor, Ed Batchelor

Grade Level Administration

SHERMAN MIDDLE



6th Grade

Assistant Principal: Samantha Deaton

Counselor: Julie Davis

7th Grade

AP, Jansen Trotter and Counselor, Krista Potter

8th Grade

AP, Liz Hudson and Counselor, Brook Pinkston

Feeder Schools

Piner Feeder Schools: Fairview, Sory, Washington, Wakefield

Sherman Middle Feeder Schools: Dillingham, Crutchfield, Neblett

Zoning Information Link -if you are unsure click here

Your proof of residency must be in the zone of the correct middle school even if you went to a different feeder school*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ONLINE REGISTRATION

In addition to completing the course request form for your student, **you must also complete the online registration process for your child over the summer.** You will need to attach proof of residency to access your child's schedule. Sherman school district accepts the following as proof of residency.

- *Current utility bill with your name and service address**
- *Current copy of your lease/mortgage statement**
- *Texas property tax assessment bill**

If you have moved, please contact the school as soon as possible to update your address so your child will be scheduled at the correct campus.

IMMUNIZATIONS & HEALTH INFORMATION

- IF YOUR CHILD needs immunizations, you should have received a letter in the mail.
- Please get the immunizations as soon as possible. Doctor offices, health clinics and pharmacies typically run out of these immunizations right before school starts.
- Proof of required immunizations can be turned in to the Piner or Sherman Middle School Nurse.

Health Information

Parents should contact the school nurse if their student has a medical concern that the school should be aware of or for any medication administration at school.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ONLINE REGISTRATION

Returning Student Required Documentation:

1. Updated Immunization Records

(click [here for required immunization list](#))

2. Proof of Residence

(current utility bill, current lease, or current mortgage statement)

3. Parent/Guardian Driver's License

4. Primary number (This number should be a cell number to receive text messages and emergency phone calls)

5. Email

Email will be used as a way to communicate with you about your child. If you do not have an email account, you can apply for a free email account.

Scan this to go
directly to the online
registration website!



School Day Information

School Day Starts 8:30 AM

School Day Ends 3:55 PM

7 Class Periods

Middle School Facts

- 7 classes- about 45-50 mins each
- Passing periods- 4 minutes
- 4 Core Classes:
 - ELAR
 - Math
 - Science
 - Social Studies
- Choice of one or two electives (depending on STAAR)
- Choice of either PE or Pre- Athletics
- Possible Reading Skills or Math Skills Class

Example Schedule

<u>Term/Day/Period</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Teacher Name</u>
S1/T/01	MATH 06	05	211	Parsons, J
S1/T/02	SS 06 WOR CUL	02	207	Budish, B
S1/T/03	SCIENCE 06	07	209	Henderson, T
S1/T/04	ELAR06	05	203	Hastings, A
S1/T/05	ELAR06	05	203	Hastings, A
S1/T/06	PE 06	04	GYM-N	Reason, T
S1/T/07	BEGIN BAND 06	04	310	Viviano, M
S1/T/ADV	ADVISORY 6TH	01		

Core Classes

Choices:

Advanced Academics 

On Level

Can be a combination of both

Advanced Academics Requirements:

1. Scoring at or above "Meets" level on previous year content area on the STAAR assessment
2. Maintaining A/B grades in content area for previous year
3. Scoring at or above "Meets" on the previous year content area Interim Assessments
4. Earning A/B grades on previous year district or campus common curriculum based assessments (CBA's)

Academic Skills Class

If a student does not pass the 5th, 6th or 7th grade STAAR math and reading assessments, they could be placed in an academic skills class in lieu of elective classes. This will result in a student being assigned two math classes and/or two reading classes.

Advanced Academics

ADVANCED ACADEMICS (AA) DESIGNATED COURSE (6th-8th Grades)

SISD middle school students have the opportunity to participate in **Advanced Academics (AA)** classes in ELAR, Math, Science, and Social Studies. These courses use an advanced academic curriculum, have a higher rigor level, faster pace, and more challenging assignments. The purpose is to prepare students for the *College Board* Advanced Placement (AP) programs at Sherman High School in which students are expected to do college level academic work. Students who take more rigorous courses in middle school typically perform better in high school and are more prepared for advanced high school courses. Students who successfully complete AP classes at Sherman High School and achieve a high enough score on the AP exams, may have the opportunity to receive college credit depending on the college or university to which they have applied. Although it is helpful to begin the Advanced Academics Program in middle school, these courses are not required for a student to enroll in Advanced Academic, Dual Credit, or College Board Advanced Placement courses in high school.

Gifted and Talented Courses

GIFTED AND TALENTED COURSES

Students must be currently identified as GT to select these courses.

GIFTED AND TALENTED (GT) COURSEWORK FOR GRADES 6 – 8

For students who qualify for GT, classes are offered that will address the unique learning needs of GT students in addition to encouraging creativity and/or independent study. There is a concerted effort at Sherman ISD Middle Schools to serve the needs of these students through scheduling. In some cases, these classes will be stand-alone, while in others these students may be clustered into an Advanced Academics class with other students not identified as GT.

Electives Selections

You will have ONE elective in your schedule.

Elective Choices

- Band
- Choir
- Orchestra
- Art
- Theater
- Tech Aps/College and Career

Choose your “first, second, and third” choice. *Your first choice is not guaranteed, so make sure you put what would be your second and third choice.*

If you put the same thing for all three, and it is not available, we will put you wherever we have.

PE/Pre-Athletics

You must choose ONE between PE and Pre- Athletics

****No physical is needed for 6th grade Pre Athletics- there are no sports teams until 7th grade****

Pre- Athletics:

For students who want to improve their sport specific skills and plan on trying out for a sport in 7th grade. Required to dress out daily. More physically demanding.

PE: Similar to what you do now

Important Band Dates

Band Instrument Drive Dates:

@ Sherman High School Band
Hall

Saturday, 4/13- 9am-2pm

or Thursday, 4/18- 5-8 (tentative)

Please scan the QR code below to visit our Band website and explore all of the instruments before the Drive!



SMS



Piner

Please contact us with any questions you may have!

mnajera@shermanisd.net -Piner

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Important Orchestra Dates

Orchestra Instrument Drive:

4/19/24 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM @ Piner Middle School

4/26/24 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM @ Piner Middle School

Incoming Members Remind Code:
@pinersms

Join via the remind app or by texting the above code to 81010.

Please scan the QR codes below to learn more about orchestra!



Contact April Clinton, Orchestra Director with any questions

aclinton@shermanisd.net

Choir Information

[Click Here](#) for both SMS and Piner Choir Info or scan the QR code.



Important Dates

February 26-March 1: Middle School Counselors visit 5th Grade Classes

March 1: Course Selection Google Form opens (after school)

March 8th: ALL course requests must be submitted- Form closes

Course Selection Form

Form will close March 8!

If you do not complete it, we will choose your classes for you.

****There are no changes to electives choices or schedule changes after the form closing date.****



Google Form How To Video

6th Grade Course Selection Form

*****THIS FORM WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL MARCH 1 AND WILL CLOSE MARCH 8! If you go to the form now, it will say it is not accepting responses until MARCH 1****

Sherman Middle



<http://bit.ly/SMS6thgrade2024>

Piner



<http://bit.ly/PINERCourseForm2024>

Course Guide QR Codes

English Version



Spanish Version



IMPORTANT

Additional information and links to the SISD Middle School Course Selection Guide and a copy of this PowerPoint will be on the Sherman Middle School and Piner Middle School web page under Parents and Students-> Counselor Corner-> Course Selection for 24-25.

If you have further questions or concerns not addressed in this meeting, please check the SMS or PMS web page or contact your student's counselor. Thank you for attending.

Common Questions

Q: What if my student currently goes to a SMS feeder school, but we live in Piner zone? Which form should we fill out?

A: Filling out either form is fine. We share the responses with each other.

Q: My student REALLY wants art. How can I make sure they get their first choice?

A: There never is a guarantee, but we go by first come first serve on who fills the form out first. This is why we ask for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice.

Common Questions

Q: I pulled up the form and it says “the form is not accepting responses at this time”.

A: That is not an error. The form will say that until we physically open it on March 1 after school, and close it on March 8. .

Q: Can my student come up and have a tour of the school? They are really nervous.

A. All new middle schoolers are in the same boat and super nervous! There will be a tour opportunity during schedule pick up. Date TBA.

Common Questions

Q: Can my student “try” pre-athletics or another elective and then change if they don’t like it?

A: We do not make changes to electives. We ask that the student makes a whole year commitment to their elective choice. They can certainly change to something new for 7th grade!

Counselor Contact Information

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