



SISD Middle School  
7th/8th Grade Course  
Selection 2024-25

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING STUDENT REGISTRATION

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

## Required Immunizations for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Incoming students are required to get two (2) vaccines to enter 7<sup>th</sup> grade, per Title 25 Health Services 97.61-97.72 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC).

One dose of Tetanus-Diphtheria-Acellular pertussis (Tdap)

One dose of Meningococcal

Proof of required immunizations are to be delivered to the school nurse prior to the first day of school, August 14, 2024.

If proof is not received by the first day of school, your student will not be allowed to attend school.

## IMMUNIZATIONS & HEALTH INFORMATION

- 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 administered at school.**

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING STUDENT 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



## High School Graduation Planning Starts at the Middle School

While high school graduation might not be the first thing an incoming middle school student thinks about, it is important to consider when choosing classes. Middle school is the start of a child's secondary education, and Piner and Sherman Middle Schools both offer a variety of choices in academics, fine arts, and athletics that can build the foundation for success at the high school. When making class selections, it is recommended that you consider how those classes will lead to success at the high school. Think of it as a seven-year plan for graduation that starts in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Suggestions for Parents and Students**

When selecting classes, keep in mind your child's abilities and interests as well as the programs that are offered at the high school. To learn more about the offerings at Sherman High School go to [www.shermanisd.net](http://www.shermanisd.net) and select **Sherman High School** under the schools tab.

## High School Graduation Planning Starts at the Middle School

### Helpful Tips for Students and Parents:

**Organization and Study Skills:** Organization and study skills are vital during the middle school years. It is important to designate a study area at home that has all the necessary tools such as pencils, pens, highlighters, paper and a calculator. Developing good study habits now will greatly benefit your child as they prepare for high school and beyond.

**Stay Involved:** Maintain strong communication with your child about their day to day lives and their future lives. It's important that your child knows that you are available when they need you. It's imperative that you communicate with your child's teachers. Attend open house nights and other school related activities, including the extracurricular events in which your student participates. Our students have many opportunities to be involved in school-related activities and school-sponsored clubs. Participation in school activities enriches your child's social and educational development.

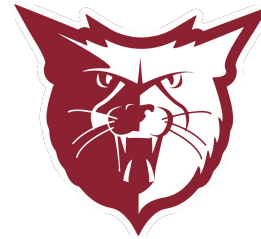
**Student Portfolio/Resume:** In preparation for future awards and scholarships, begin recording/saving your student's accomplishments and participation in school and community activities/service.

**Stay Connected:** Please visit [www.shermanisd.net](http://www.shermanisd.net) to access the TEAMS Parent Portal and follow the video with directions. The school website also has links to various educational websites and resources such as Khan Academy, I-Station, and the digital textbooks.

## STATE TESTING AT MIDDLE SCHOOL

6<sup>th</sup> Grade : READING, MATH

7<sup>TH</sup> Grade: READING & MATH



8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: READING, MATH, SOCIAL STUDIES, AND SCIENCE

***Please be advised*** : If a student does not pass the 7th grade STAAR math and/or reading assessments, they could be placed in an academic skills class in lieu of elective classes. This will result in a student receiving two math classes and/or two reading classes. ***Testing has Consequences\****

## 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 receive college credit depending on the college or university where 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 most cases, these classes will be clustered in a Advanced Academics class with other students not identified as GT.

## 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE COURSES

### 7 COURSES

#### 5 Required Classes

1. ELAR English/Reading
2. Math
3. Science
4. Texas History
5. P.E. or Athletics

#### Two Electives

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ELECTIVE CHOICES

**Art**

**Athletics or PE**

**Band, Choir, Orchestra**

**Technology Apps / College & Career**

**Robotics & STEM**

**Theater Arts**

## 7th GRADE ELECTIVE CHOICES

# Choose 3 Electives in order of preference.....

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students get two electives and their PE/Athletic choice.

You must choose 3 electives due to a limited number of course seats.

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## Physical Education/Athletics

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION/ATHLETICS**

P.E., Pre-Athletics(6th), and Athletics(7th&8th) is an elective choice for sixth(6th), seventh, and eighth grade students. All middle school students must complete (4 semesters) 2 full years of physical education within the three years of middle school. Students may select Athletics as a Physical Education substitute in grades seven and eight.

## ATHLETICS 7th & 8th Grade

In order to enroll in **Athletics**, students must meet the following criteria:

Meet SISD academic promotion standards and have been promoted to the next grade.

Have a physical examination conducted by a medical doctor **after May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Submit the physical examination form to the campus office **by August 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Complete the required UIL forms

Participate in tryouts and make the team.

## ATHLETICS 7th & 8th Grade

**7<sup>th</sup> grade athletes practice in the morning before school and parents must provide transportation.**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade athletes practice in the afternoon after school and parents must provide transportation.**

*NOTE: Due to the large numbers of students requesting athletics, SISD Middle Schools reserve the right to conduct competitive tryouts (both 7th & 8th grades) to determine participation.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

Counselors will conduct class presentations the week of February 12-16 for rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade course selection.

Students/Parents must submit the course request Google form by March 1st.

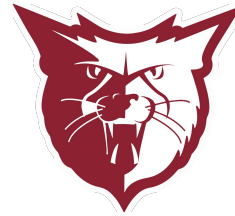
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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Courses

### 7 COURSES

#### 4 Required Core Classes

1. **ELAR**
2. **Math**
3. **Science**
4. **U.S. History**



#### 3 Electives

## 8th Grade Electives Selections

### CHOOSE ELECTIVES

Choose 4 Electives in order of preference

\*8th Grade Students will have 3 electives

\*Students choose 4 electives due to a limited number of course spaces.

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELECTIVE CHOICES

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**Athletics or PE**

**Band, Choir, Orchestra**

**Technology Apps / College & Career**

**Robotics & STEM**

**Theater Arts**

## High School Credit Math Advanced Academics Algebra 1

Sherman/Piner Middle School offer Algebra I for high school credit. Students must be able to perform at the academic level required of high school courses. All high school credit classes, also have the following additional requirements:

A semester final exam which counts as one-seventh of the final semester grade.

Semester grades are recorded on the student's high school transcript.

Final semester grades are calculated into the student's high school GPA which factors into class rank at graduation.

There is a 90% attendance requirement per semester to receive high school credit.

Counselor approval is required for high school credit courses taken at the middle school.

***\*8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ALGEBRA I WILL TAKE THE  
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## High School Credit Elective Choices

Principles of Hospitality and Tourism

Principles of Business Marketing and Finance

Principles of Nursing Science

Advanced Academics Spanish I

Advanced Academics Spanish 1 & 2 for Native Speakers

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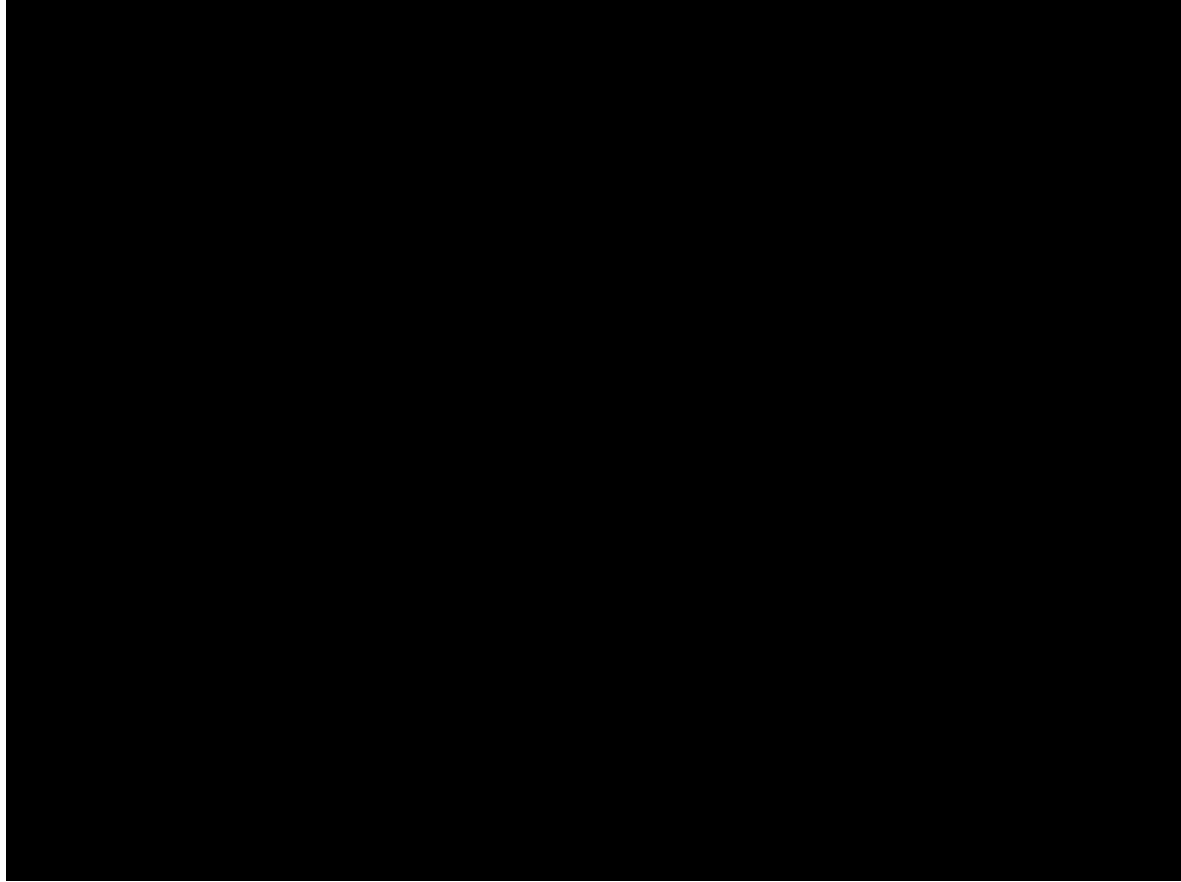
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## ELECTIVES BY APPLICATION ONLY

**YEARBOOK   MEDIA   OFFICE AIDE   PEER TUTOR   LIBRARY AIDE**

You cannot choose these as one of your four elective choices. These courses require an application and teacher recommendations. Students will only be placed in these courses if their application was approved and selected by the teachers. Announcements will be made at school when it is time to apply for these classes.



*Google Form How To Video*

Electives (Use the slider at the bottom to view all elective choices) Electivos \*

Boys Athletics/ Atletismo para Chicos	Girls Athletics/ Atletismo para Chicas	Physical Education/ Educación Física	Art/ Arte	Band/ Banda	Choir/ Coro	Orchestra/ Orquesta	Theater Arts/ Teatro	Music
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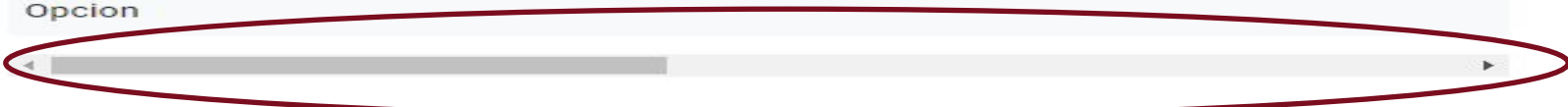
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## Course Selection Form

Counselors will be in classrooms the week of February 26-29 for rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade course selection

Students/Parents must submit the course request Google form by March 1st.

***If you do not complete it,  
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## Important UIL Information

Students who request classes that participate in UIL sanctioned activities should be aware of the following requirements and expectations that may or may not be a part of being in those courses.

Competitive tryouts and participation are a part of placement within the course.

Fees for equipment, uniforms, activities etc.....

Fundraising participation.

Participation in events that fall outside the regular school day.

Weekend events AM/PM departures and or practices.

Transportation provided by Parent/Guardian for outside of normal school hour activities.

Student must meet eligibility requirements set by UIL and SISD.

Contracts for participation that monitor the above and set high standards for the BEHAVIOR of your student in both the school and community environment.

Removal from the courses when expectations, and or obligation cannot be maintained.

## 7th Grade Course Selection Forms

**\*\*\*THESE FORMS WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL FEB 17 AND WILL CLOSE MARCH 1!\*\*\***

PINER MIDDLE:



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SHERMAN MIDDLE:



<http://bit.ly/SMS7thgrade2024>

## 8th Grade Course Selection Forms

**\*\*\*THESE FORMS WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL FEBRUARY 27 AND WILL CLOSE MARCH 1!\*\*\***

PINER MIDDLE:



<https://forms.gle/SS5d4fwMiqATMpF97>

SHERMAN MIDDLE:



<http://bit.ly/4b9MgeQ>



# Course Selection 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

Course Selection for 24-25

If you have further questions or concerns not addressed in this meeting, please check your school web page or contact your student's counselor.