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8th Grade
2016- 2017 COURSE SELECTIONS

Please Print

STUDENT NAME: _____ **ID#:** _____
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ADDRESS: _____

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME(S): _____

PARENT'S CELL PHONE: _____ **OR** _____

PARENT'S EMAIL: _____

STUDENTS WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 7 CLASS PERIODS EACH DAY

CORE SUBJECT AREAS
(CIRCLE ONE COURSE FROM EACH BLOCK)

LANGUAGE ARTS

PAP LANGUAGE ARTS

SCIENCE

PAP SCIENCE

MATH

ALGEBRA*

To qualify, students must meet the criteria listed on the following page.
Please sign the attached Algebra Requirements Letter.

SOCIAL STUDIES

PAP SOCIAL STUDIES

PAP Information

A successful student will be interested in taking higher level English, math, science, and/or social studies in order to prepare for AP courses in high school. PAP courses take the place of regular courses.

It is recommended that for the PAP subject(s) a student selects that he or she has previously passed the Reading/Math STAAR in that subject area and has maintained an average of at least 85% in his or her 7th grade class for that subject area. Students may be exited from a PAP course and placed into a regular course if they are unsuccessful with PAP material (average below a 70).

All secondary (grades 7-12) identified G/T students will not be served through a pull-out program. G/T students will be served by differentiated curriculum that will be provided through PAP and regular classes.

Only two PAP courses can be guaranteed. Any more than two will be contingent upon scheduling needs. A parent signature is required for PAP enrollment.

I have read and understand the 8th grade Course Descriptions and Requirements.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

ELECTIVE COURSES

Students in the 8th grade will have a total of three electives for the year. Select your electives carefully by numbering your preferences. If an 8th grader is unsuccessful in previous years, including STAAR, they may be assigned to an ELA/Math Lab in lieu of an elective.

Please select your electives carefully by numbering your preferences from 1-8 across both sections.

See course descriptions for more information.

ELECTIVES:

- Art** (not for HS credit)
- Athletics: Male Female** (circle one)
- Band** (audition required; no beginning band)
- Choir**
- Physical Education (P.E.)**
- Theatre Arts**
- *Student Aide/Class Aide** (application required)

Newly Enrolled 8th Grade Students (not enrolled during 2015-2016 school year)

- Exploring College & Careers** (one semester)/**Technology Applications** (one semester)

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT ELECTIVES:

- Art I** (Full year, 1 HS credit)
- **Journalism** (Full year, 1 HS credit, application required)
- Health** (1 semester, ½ HS credit)/ **Professional Communications** (1 semester, ½ HS credit)
- Principles of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources** (Full year, 1 HS credit)
- Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security** (Full year, 1 HS credit)
- Spanish I** (Full year, 1 HS credit)
- Theatre I** (Full year, 1 HS credit)

*A student aide/class aide application must be completed if this is your #1 or #2 choice. You must turn in the application attached to this sheet. You must meet the requirements to qualify for this class.

**A Journalism application must be completed. You must turn in the application attached to this sheet. You must meet the requirements to qualify for this class.

We will do our best to place the student into their top elective choices. Due to class size and availability, the student may be placed into another course based on the ranking they provided.

I have read and understand the Elective Course Descriptions and Requirements.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Aledo Middle School

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January 2016

Dear Parent or Guardian,

If your child is going to select Algebra I for his or her eighth grade math class, he or she **must meet three of the four criteria listed below**. *Algebra I will begin your child's grade point average (GPA) for graduation, and they will be required to take the Algebra I End of Course Exam.* We want to make sure students and parents are aware that this course will start their high school transcript.

Students will not be allowed to drop this course after the end of the second six weeks.

Algebra I is a high school course; therefore, students must meet the 90% attendance requirement set forth by Aledo High School in order to receive credit.

The requirements are as follows (students must meet 3 of the 5 criteria listed below):

1. A score of **79 or higher** on the Algebra Readiness Test given during the beginning of May.
2. A score of **84 or higher** on computation test given during the beginning of May.
3. A score of **80 or higher** on 8th grade skills test given during the beginning of May.
4. A score of **85 or higher** on the 7th grade STAAR – Math test.
5. a. If your child is in regular Math 7, they must have a final yearly average that is **90 or higher** on their final report card.
b. If your child is in PAP Math 7, they must have a final yearly average that is **85 or higher** on their final report card.

My signature below indicates that I have read and am aware of the Algebra I criteria, attendance requirements, and the requirements for dropping the course.

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date ____/____/____

Student's Name: _____
Please print

Thank you,

Cheryl Jones
AMS Principal

Student Aide/Class Aide Application

Name: _____

Date: _____

To apply for student aide/class aide, you must be an A/B student and have good citizenship and attendance for the entire year.

Please check: A/B Student (every cycle) _____

Good Citizenship (all year) _____

Good Attendance (all year) _____

Please remember this is a full year commitment. Your placement as a student aide/class aide will be in one of the following areas: front office, assistant principal's office, library, or in a teacher's classroom.

Please explain why you want to be a student aide and the reasons why you should be selected.

Name two teachers we can ask for information about your work ethic. Please do not ask for a teacher's signature. We will speak to the teachers that you list below:

Parent or Guardian's Signature