

**It's time to select your
courses for next year!**



Electives & High School Credit Courses for Rising 7th & 8th Grade Students

2023-2024

Tonight's Goals...

1. Identify and describe courses offered
2. Discuss the impact of taking high school credit courses in middle school
3. Identify and apply strategies to help your student select appropriate courses.
4. Review dates, directions, and materials to assist with elective registration
5. Explore elective choices for rising 7th & 8th students

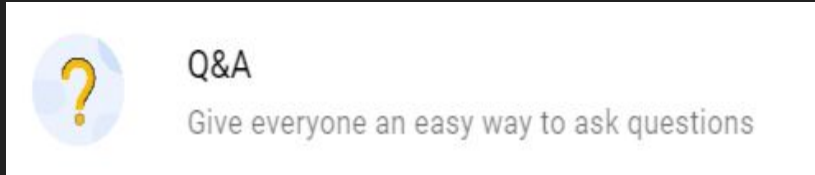
Questions...

1. Please post any questions that you may have in the **Q and A** section of our google meet.

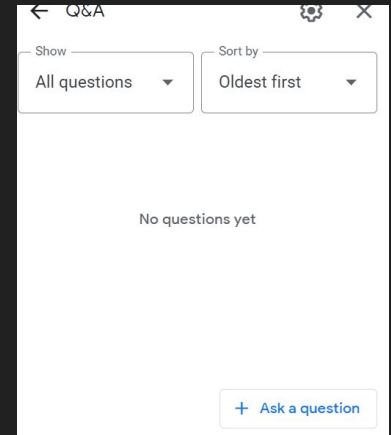
2. To get to Q and A, use this meet tools.



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Middle School Courses

1. Art
2. Theatre
3. Dance
4. General Music
5. Band
6. Chorus
7. Orchestra

High School Courses in MS

1. French 1
2. French 2
3. Spanish 1
4. Spanish 2
5. Foundations of Technology
6. Exploring Computer Science
7. Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II
(NOTE- NOT Electives)

What does it mean to be enrolled in a high school credit course in middle school?

Students and families should know:

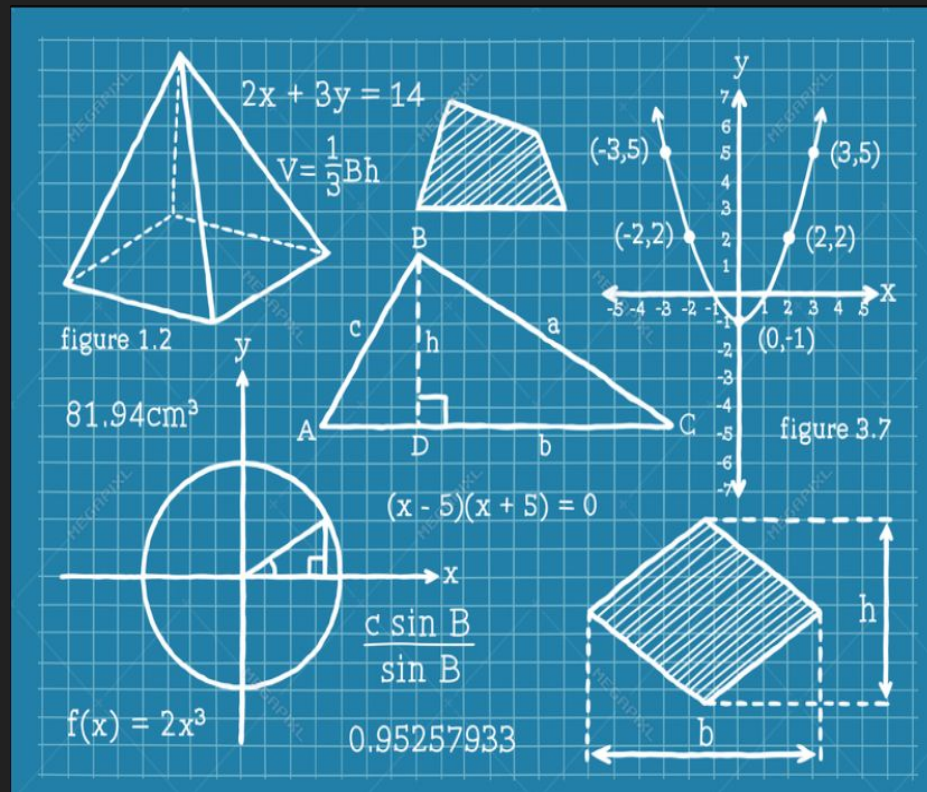
1. Content presented is **high school material**
2. Students will need to earn a **final grade** for the course that is **passing** to earn credit high school credit. ([Policy 8020](#))- *average D must be 0.75 or greater for credit to be awarded.*
3. The **midterm** assessment will be included in 2nd quarter grades
4. The **final** assessment will be included in 4th quarter grades
5. Final grade for the course will appear on the high school transcript but **WILL NOT** be calculated into the high school GPA.

Math High School Credited Courses in Middle School

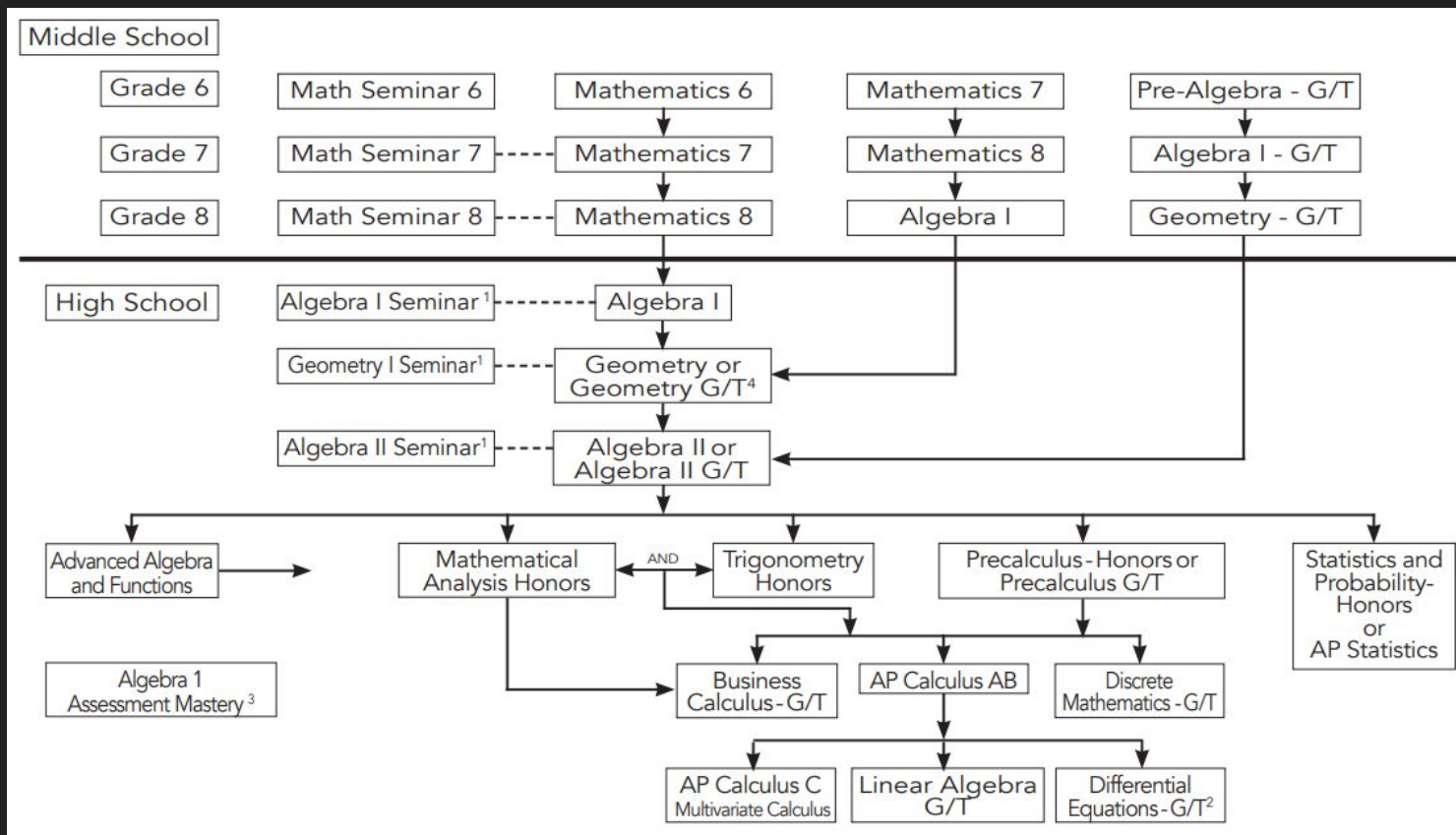
Algebra I / Algebra I GT

Geometry GT

Algebra II GT



The Mathematics Pathways



How can I help my student select the elective that is best?

1. Talk-

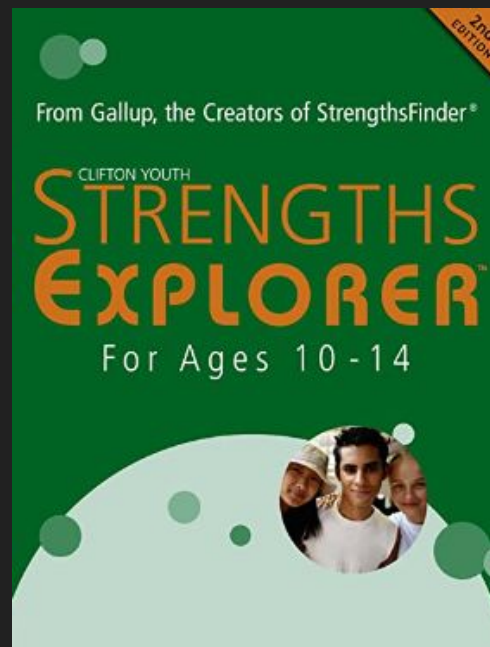
What are their interests and personal goals?



How can I help my student select the elective that is best?

2. Think-

What are your student's strengths and challenges?



How can I help my student select the elective that is best?

3. Ask-

Can my student handle a high school credit course as a middle school student?



How can I help my student select the elective that is best?

4. Plan-

What will I do as a family to support my student next year in their school success?



Registration Window for Rising 7th and 8th Grade Electives

- OPENS **February 2, 2023**
- CLOSES **February 17, 2023**
- **ONLY** families may register for rising 7th and 8th grade electives

Registration Directions

- Directions for registration can be found at <https://hcpss.instructuremedia.com/embed/7afb1602-8529-4238-b277-16b03a7f9683>

HCPSS Connect

Online Course Requests – Rising 6th – 8th grade



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About Online Course Requests

Parents of rising 6th grade through 8th grade students will select course requests for electives and alternates online through HCPSS Connect. Please note the following:

- Use the Catalog of Approved Middle School Courses to review course selections. Please note course descriptions and prerequisites.
- If you do not have access to a computer, need assistance, or want to make changes after the form due date, please contact the counseling office at your student's school.
- If you have concerns about or disagree with any of the course recommendations, complete a Course Placement Review Form on HCPSS Connect.
- Parents of rising 6th graders will choose one Selected Course Request and two Selected Alternate Course Requests.
- Parents of rising 7th and 8th graders will choose two Selected Course Requests. One of these must meet the fine arts requirement (Band, Chorus, Orchestra, General Music, Theater, or Visual Arts Studio). Choose two Selected Alternate Course Requests to be used if an elective is not available or there is a scheduling conflict.
- The first alternate course request will be used as a primary request should HCPSS continue the 4x4 schedule next year.

Select Course Requests

1. Access the HCPSS Connect website.
2. On the Home page, click on the **Course Request** option in the left panel. A page displays the student's current recommendations for core classes and graduation status summary.

COURSE REQUEST

Rising 6th Grade Parents/Students (Current 6th Grade)
Please choose one Selected Course Request and two Selected Alternate Course Requests. Note that these are course requests, and placement is not guaranteed.

Rising 7th/8th Grade Parents/Students (Current 6th and 7th Grade)
Please choose two Selected Course Requests. One of these must meet the fine arts requirements (Band, Chorus, Orchestra, General Music, Theater, or Visual Arts Studio). Note that these are course requests, and placement is not guaranteed.

Hammond Middle School (410-880-5830) Selection Time Period: 1/10/2022 - 2/22/2022
2022-2023 School Year, Grade: 06 Counselor

[Click Here to View Course Requests](#) [Lock Course Requests](#)

Selected Course Requests	
Course	Count
Requirement: English Language Arts	
Course ID: EL_801	
Course Title: English Language Arts (ELA)	1.00
Default Req: No	
Default Req: No	

WLMS Video

- The WLMS video for electives can be found at <https://hcpss.instructuremedia.com/embed/73baf000-61a3-4403-afcc-4b7315b791a9>
- This will be shared with 6th & 7th grade the week of 2/2/2023



HCPSS Video

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- This will be played for 6th and 7th grade students in study hall on 2/2/2023



Time for breakout sessions...

- We will have a break out session for the following courses tonight:
 - Art, dance, and theater
 - Math
 - Music
 - Technology
 - World Language
- Please **copy and paste** the link of the breakout you would like to attend found in the chat in a new tab of your browser.
- Keep **this tab open** and **muted** to allow you to leave one session to attend another.

For additional questions...

- Please contact your school counselor:
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Grade 7
 - Liza Bane- liza_bane@hcpss.org
Grade 8