

SUMMIT MIDDLE SCHOOL

8TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION SHEET

2018-2019

Student Name: _____
 (Please Print) (Last Name) (First Name)

Male _____ Female _____

Parents' Names: _____

Phone: _____

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS CAN BE FOUND IN THE 8TH GRADE CURRICULAR GUIDE UNDER THE PARENT TAB ON SUMMIT'S WEBSITE (<http://www.sacs.k12.in.us/summit>)

The following courses are **REQUIRED** for all 8TH grade students:

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| (1) Language Arts 8 | (4) Social Studies 8 |
| (2) Mathematics | (5) Team Time & Team Tech/PLTW |
| (3) Science 8 | (6) Physical Education 8 & Skills/Careers 8 |

In addition to the above **REQUIRED** courses, 8TH grade students should select **EXPLORATORY** courses from **ONE** of the boxes below:

BOX A: 2 Full Year Courses

MUSIC (Select 1 Music Course)
 _____ Band 8 _____ Choir 8

AND

WORLD LANGUAGE (Select 1 Language)
 _____ French _____ Spanish
 _____ Latin

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_____ **I am a Band 8 student and would like to take Jazz Band (see back for details).**

BOX B: 1 Full Year & 2 Semester Courses

MUSIC (Select 1 Music Course)
 _____ Band 8 _____ Choir 8

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_____ **I am a Band 8 student and would like to take Jazz Band.**

OR

WORLD LANGUAGE (Select 1 Language)
 _____ French _____ Spanish
 _____ Latin

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BOX C: 4 Semester Courses

MULTIDISCIPLINARY (Rank ALL; 1-11)
 _____ Art 8
 _____ Communications*
 _____ Computer Assistant
 _____ Current Issues
 _____ Engineering Technology 8
 _____ Journalism
 _____ Lively Literature*
 _____ Music Keyboarding 8
 _____ Peer Tutor
 _____ Personalized Learning Block (PLB)
 _____ Science: In-Depth Study*

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THE DEADLINE FOR 8TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION SHEETS IS FEBRUARY 14, 2018

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

**PLEASE BE SURE TO REVIEW
 IMPORTANT INFORMATION—
 INCLUDING HONORS PLACEMENT—
 ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET.**

8TH GRADE MATH PLACEMENT

Math placement (Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II) is based on a philosophy of mastery and continuous progress. Students are typically enrolled in the next sequential math course.

8TH GRADE HONORS PLACEMENT

All academic courses are preparatory courses designed to prepare students for the next grade level and beyond. Honors courses provide the same curriculum but are offered at a depth appropriate to the student's ability and achievement. Summit Middle School offers Honors courses in Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. Students who have previously qualified for self-contained ALPHA services OR who earn an NWEA score at or above the 96th percentile in Language Usage or Reading during 7th grade OR who have demonstrated high achievement in 7th grade Honors courses will automatically qualify for Honors placement in 8th grade.

Students who do not meet the automatic qualifying criteria and have a **strong interest** in taking Honors courses may apply for placement by scheduling an appointment with Summit Middle School's Main Office (#431-2502) to complete an essay. Students must schedule an appointment between the following dates: April 9, 2018—May 11, 2018. Essays must be completed during the scheduled appointment, must demonstrate the student's best work, and must answer the question, "Why do I want to be enrolled in an Honors course next school year?" A Strategies for Student Success (SSS) team will evaluate all essays and—in conjunction with ISTEP scores, NWEA scores, grade-level Math placement, and historical grades—make a final decision on appropriate placement for the 2018-2019 academic school year.

8TH GRADE EXPLORATORY COURSES

Please realize that middle school provides the opportunity to explore a variety of courses—each helping to strengthen core academic skills in communication, critical reasoning, reading, and writing. Although every effort is made to provide students with their top Exploratory Course choices, sometimes the master schedule does not allow it. Therefore, it is important you rank your Exploratory Courses (1-11 for Multidisciplinary courses).

8TH GRADE MUSIC

Students may select Band 8 if they were a band student in 7th grade OR students may select Choir 8 (Choir 8 does not require being a choir student in 7th grade). Students selecting Band 8 may also select Jazz Band if interested. Please note, students selecting **Band 8, Jazz Band, and a World Language** will not be placed in Skills/Careers 8.

8TH GRADE WORLD LANGUAGE PLACEMENT

Students may select a World Language (French, Latin, or Spanish) if they completed that World Language course in 7th grade. Please understand that a student who does not take a World Language in middle school may start this experience in high school.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF NOTE

Changes in Exploratory Courses will not be made after the course has begun. It will be the student's responsibility to complete the course(s) he/she has started.

If a student cannot participate in Physical Education for medical reasons, a doctor's excuse must be on file at Summit Middle School.

If a student completes a course for high school credit at an accredited institution other than SACS, it is the student's responsibility to provide Summit Middle School with a transcript or other proof of credit.