

IRONS JR. HIGH

8th Grade

COURSE SELECTION

2024-2025



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COUNSELING TEAM



MELISSA THETFORD

A-GH



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CLASS SCHEDULE

- **7 periods**
- **50 minutes**
- **Every class, every day**

8:50 am - 4:10pm



ACADEMIC SUBJECTS

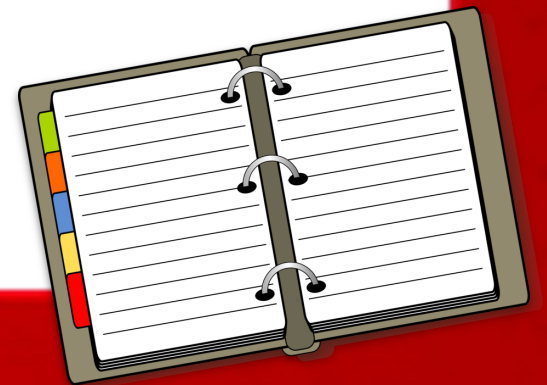
1. Language Arts
2. Math
3. Science
4. U.S. History
5. P.E. (not required in 8th grade)
6. Athletics, Drill Team or
Cheerleading
7. Elective
8. Elective



GRADING SCALE

Grades:

- 40 % Daily grades
- 60 % Major grades
- Use of **PLANNER** is important!!



WHO SHOULD TAKE HONORS CLASSES?

Students who are:

- Self motivated
- Utilize critical thinking skills
- Able to manage time effectively
- Willing to work outside of class on *homework, projects, etc.*



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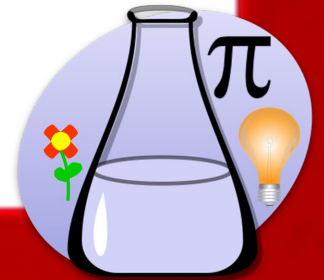
If you take an Honors Science class you will be required to complete an independent project.

This project is done on your own time outside of school.

Be sure you are committed to the honors level course by prioritizing your time and using time management skills to get your project done.

Students who have:

- Recommended STAAR Scores, 80% or higher
- 85 or higher in current core subject area



Math Pathways

ADVANCED PATHWAYS FOR ALGEBRA I

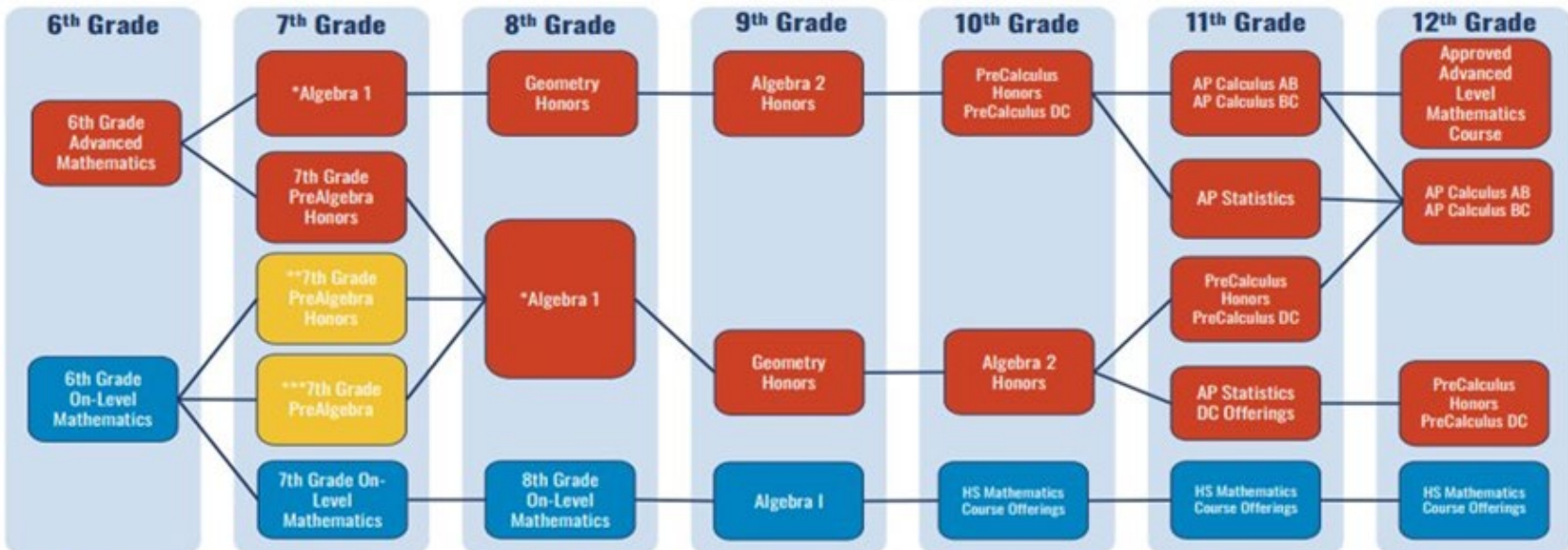


Who should be considered for 7th Grade PreAlgebra?

- Students who access math at a quicker pace and have good problem-solving skills.
- Students with a strong number sense or fluency (manipulate numbers mentally).

The following data sources should be considered when recruiting students for accelerated math or placing them in Advanced Mathematics:

- Evidence of number sense or fluency
- Common Formative Assessment Results
- Fall Interim STAAR Scores (Projected Meets or Masters)
- Spring Interim STAAR Scores (Projected Meets or Masters)
- Previous STAAR Math and Reading Scores



*7th and 8th Grade Algebra 1- students have to successfully pass the 8th grade credit-by-exam (CBE) or successfully pass PreAlgebra. Students are recommended to take at least four math courses in high school and at least one Approved Advanced Level Mathematics course their senior year.

**7th Grade PreAlgebra Honors - This course is available to incoming 7th grade students enrolled in 6th grade Advanced Mathematics or attended summer school for 7th grade instruction. Students will take the 8th Grade STAAR Test in May.

***7th Grade PreAlgebra - This course has open enrollment for On-Level sixth grade students opting to advance in mathematics at the junior high level. Students will take the 8th Grade STAAR test in May.

SEMESTER ELECTIVES

*Students CANNOT repeat an elective.



Art B

Must have taken Art A




Music Appreciation

Teen Leadership

Theatre



FULL YEAR ELECTIVES

Band	
Choir	
Orchestra	
Yearbook	Must fill out an application.
TV- Broadcasting	Must fill out an application.



HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES

Principles of Arts/AV (one credit)	Prerequisite course for many pathways in High School. Description on the next slide.
Health (½ credit)	Required for graduation.
Comm Apps (½ credit)	Communication skills, build a resume, learn the interviewing process etc.
Art I (one credit)	Must have completed Art A and B.
Spanish I (one credit)	Must have an 80 or above in Language Arts
Spanish II NS (two credits) Spanish for Native Speakers	Must pass the placement exam.



High School Credit Full Year Course

Fashion
Design

Animation

Web
Design

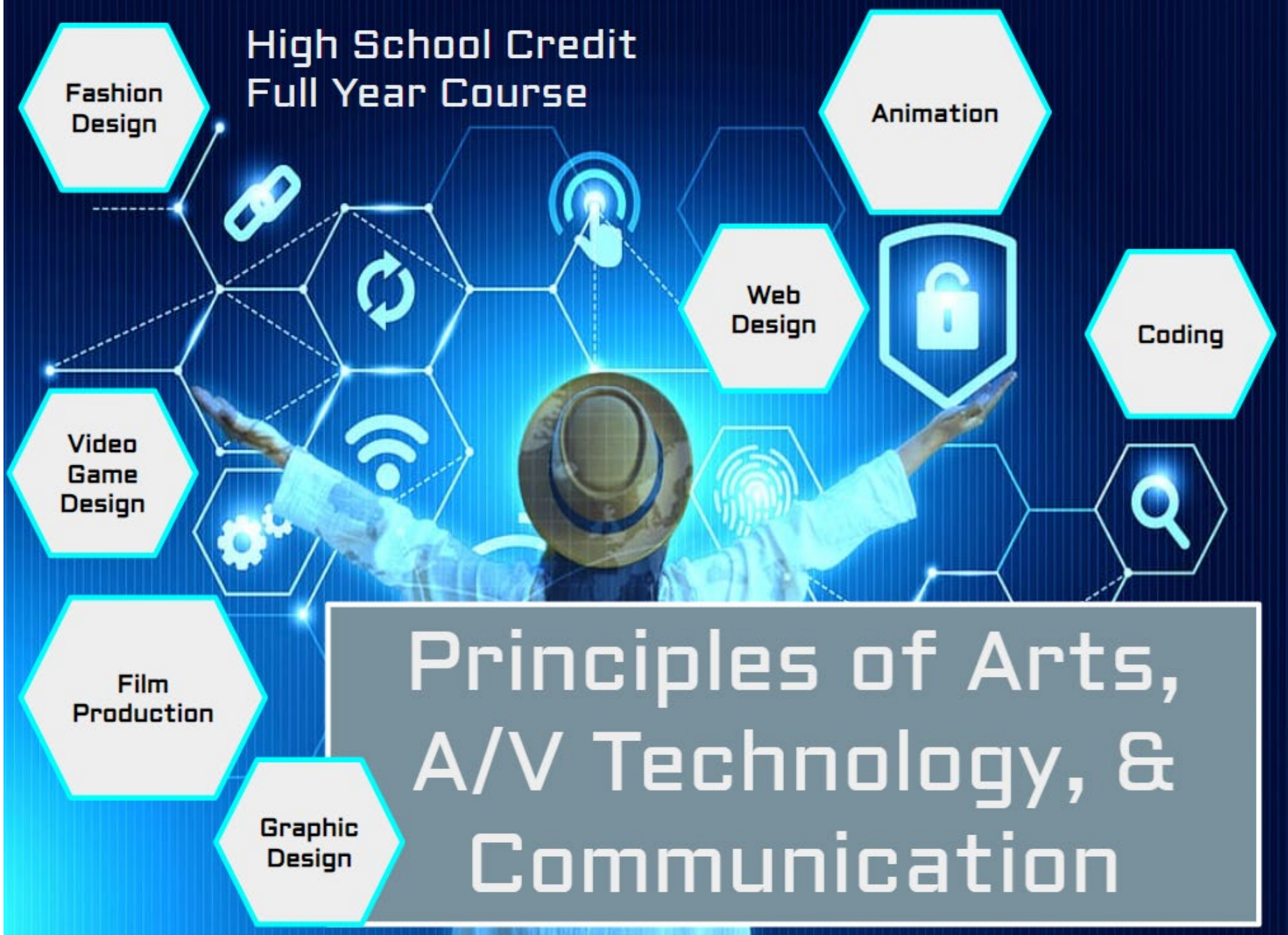
Coding

Video
Game
Design

Film
Production

Graphic
Design

Principles of Arts, A/V Technology, & Communication



CHOOSING ELECTIVES

Students will choose:

4 one semester electives (2 each semester)
1 full year elective (ex. Band, Orchestra or Choir)
and/or 2 full years (ex. Band & Yearbook, or INN &
Choir) *Or* 2 one semester electives

OR

Placement in electives is determined by
choice, availability and flexibility with other
courses.

- Electives will not be changed during the
school year



STAAR ENRICHMENT

- For students who need extra help in preparing for the **Math** or **Reading** STAAR tests
- Students will be required to take a semester STAAR Enrichment Course if not successful on the STAAR test.

**This is mandated by the state
of Texas to help fill gaps.**

<https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/news-and-multimedia/correspondence/taa-letters/house-bill-4545-implementation-overview>





ATHLETICS



Fall Sports:

Volleyball
Football
Cross Country
Basketball

Spring Sports:

Track
Tennis
Soccer
Golf



A physical is required in order to participate.
All athletes must be registered with rank one.



GIRLS ATHLETIC CLASS



BOYS ATHLETIC CLASS

Football ONLY in the Fall



Cross Country meets in the morning & don't need to be in Athletics but WILL need a physical on file

All other sports practice before or after school and do not require students being enrolled in Athletics Class



OFF-CAMPUS PE

- The purpose of the Off -Campus Physical Education Program is to accommodate students who are making a serious effort to develop high- level skills in a specific activity that exceeds what the school district can offer through general PE programs.
- Facility is to be in a partnership with Conroe ISD.
- Category 1- Participation includes a **minimum of 15 hours per week. Student is dismissed early to participate in Off - Campus PE program.**
- Category 2 - Participation includes a minimum of **5 hours per week. Student is NOT dismissed early and will receive PE credit from Off - Campus program.** Student will not participate in PE at Irons rather have another elective in its place.
- **Deadline for enrollment to Off Campus PE Program is May 1** st .
 - Refer to following link for more information
<https://apps.conroeisd.net/physedoffsite/>



DRILL TEAM/CHEERLEADING

- Cheerleading and Drill Team are offered for PE Credit.
- Students who try out and make the squads will be placed in the appropriate class based on a list from the sponsors.

Cheer or Drill and Athletics

- Check Irons website for information about Try - Outs <https://kneal3.wixsite.com/cheer>



COURSE VERIFICATIONS

- Students will receive a Course Verification Sheet showing what courses they chose for next year.
- Students will have 2 opportunities to make changes to their 8th grade schedule selections.
- Any corrections to course selections can be turned in to your counselor once a parent has signed the form.
- Change deadline is Friday, May 3, 2024

Your counselor will let you know the dates.



SCHEDULE CHANGES

- Schedule changes must be received in writing with a parent signature.
- Changes from Honors to Level will be made during the first 9 weeks of the school year only. Please choose your classes wisely.



SCHOOL GUIDELINES

Dress Code

School is a place of business, and dress code regulations will provide appropriate standards for the general appearance of students.

- **Attendance**

- Students must be in attendance 90% of the year
- Credit can be lost if excessive absences
- Academic Success is directly impacted by attendance

- **Tardies**

- It is very important to the educational process that students arrive to school and to each of their classes on time each school day.
- Tardiness is defined as arriving to class late without an approved pass from a teacher or administrator.

Complete list of guidelines can be found on Irons Jr. High Student Handbook Supplement



IRONS DRESS CODE

**NO HEAD COVERING
OR HOODIES.**



**SHORTS MUST
BE MID THIGH**



**NO CLOTHING WITH
DRUG, ALCOHOL, GUN,
OR SEXUAL REFERENCES**

NO AIRPODS



**OR
HEADPHONES**

NO SAGGING,



PANTS MUST FIT PROPERLY.

**NO CROP-TOPS,
NO SKIN**



**NO BARE
SHOULDERS
OR BRA STRAPS**



**NO HOUSE
SHOES OR
SLIPPERS**



**TIGHTS
UNDER
HOLES
ABOVE
MID
THIGH**



**Failing to comply with the
dress code may result in a
discipline referral.**

**Students will be asked to
change clothes, and parents
will be notified.**

BELL SCHEDULE

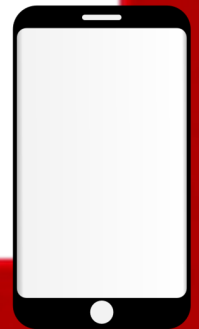
	8th Grade	7th Grade
1st Period	8:50 – 9:50 (60)	8:50 – 9:55 (65)
2nd Period	9:55 – 10:45 (50)	10:00 – 10:50 (50)
3rd Period	10:50 – 11:40 (50)	10:55 – 11:45 (50)
4th Period	11:45 – 1:20 (95)	11:50 – 1:25 (95)
	A Lunch: 11:50 – 12:20 (30)	Class: 12:20-1:25 (65)
	B Lunch: 12:20 – 12:50 (30)	Class: 11:45/50-12:20-1:20/35
	C Lunch: 12:50 – 1:20 (30)	Class: 11:45/50 – 12:50 (65)
5th Period	1:25 – 2:15 (50)	1:30 – 2:20 (50)
6th Period	2:20 – 3:10 (50)	2:25 – 3:15 (50)
7th Period	3:15 – 4:10 (55)	3:20 – 4:10 (50)



CELL PHONES & ELECTRONICS

No electronic devices are permitted during school hours.

- If a student brings electronic devices he or she does so at his or her own risk. We are not responsible for lost/stolen items.
- If a student does have an electronic device, it should be put away and turned off during the school day. Permission to use the device at school should come from administration or the teacher when it is being used to enhance classroom instruction.
- Without such permission, teachers will collect the items and turn them in to the front office for parent pick up.
- A phone call will be made to notify the parent that a phone or electronic item was collected.
- Phone/electronics will only be returned to parent/legal guardian.



NAME: _____ ID: _____ 8TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION IRONS JR. HIGH

Language Arts	8110 Level L.A.	8120 Honors			
Math	8205 Level Math	J162 Algebra I (Teacher Approval)	J163 Geometry (Teacher Approval)		
Science	8300 Level Science	8303 Honors Science	-Science Honors classes have an Independent Science Fair Project requirement. The deadline to drop from Honors to Level is within the first nine weeks.		
Social Studies	8400 Level US History	8403 Honors US History			
P.E.	8500H Gen. Ed. P.E. (one semester)	8510 Boys Athletics: Football only	8509 Girls Athletics	9814 Cheerleading	8505 Drill

*General Electives: Number your selections from 1 - 7 with "1" being your first choice and "7" your last. Placement into these electives is not guaranteed. **Student cannot repeat an elective.***

Full Year Electives	I Semester Electives	High School Credit Courses
<u>6</u> 9823 Girls Choir ___ 9830 Boys Choir	___ 9800H Music Appreciation ___ 9844 Art B	<u>3</u> JK2001 Principles of Arts/Av (1 HS credit): This is the introductory course for several pathways at ORHS. Following this course, students can pursue any of the following pathways: <i>Graphic Design, Audio Video Production, Animation, or Fashion Design.</i>
___ 9835 Orchestra ___ 9806 Band	<u>5</u> 9863H Teen Leadership I	___ J4001 Art I (1 HS Credit)
___ Theatre Troupe Application Only *	<u>4</u> 9840H Theater	<u>2</u> J260H Comm. Applications (0.5 HS credit) <u>1</u> J080H Health (0.5 HS credit)
___ 9862 Yearbook † Approval: _____ ___ 9865 TV Broadcasting Approval: _____	___ 9897H Office Aide Approval: _____	<u>7</u> J3001 Spanish I (1 HS Credit) ___ J3111 Spanish-Native Speaker (2 HS Credits; Placement exam required)

PARENT/STUDENT AGREEMENT: My student and I agree with the placement in the above marked courses. We understand that schedule changes will not be made after course selection sheets have been completed.

Student _____ Parent _____ Date _____



RETURN COURSE SELECTION FORM
TO YOUR COACH

by **FRIDAY,**

February 2, 2024

