



CENTENNIAL THUNDER!



ON THE TOP OF YOUR COURSE REQUEST CARD WRITE:

DUE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 TO THUNDER ACADEMY TEACHER

8TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION OVERVIEW

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR



Courses
are listed
on front
and back of
the card

LET'S WALK
THROUGH THE
REQUIRED COURSES
TOGETHER. PLEASE
USE PENCIL FOR
COURSE SELECTION.

**Jr. High Honors Courses
Indicators for Student Success**

Please thoughtfully consider the following criteria as you are deciding about whether Jr. High honors level courses will provide the most appropriate learning environment. A student should:

1. Typically receive a 3 (Proficient) or 4 (Highly Proficient) on the yearly Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence (SAGE) test in the specific subject area students are considering taking an honors course in.
2. Consistently earn an "A" or "B" (or a "3" for 6th graders) for the subject in which students desire to take an honors course.
3. Have a high level of interest and strong desire to be challenged in the subject in which they would like to take an honors course.
4. Consistently exhibit most of the following characteristics:

Learning/Intellectual Characteristics:

- Enjoys tasks that are more challenging than average
- Has a ready grasp of underlying principles and can quickly make valid generalization about events, people, and things
- Tries to understand complicated material by separating it into its respective parts
- Analyzes problems and considers alternatives
- Enjoys complex concepts and processes

Motivational/Affective Characteristics:

- Becomes absorbed and truly involved in certain topics or problems
- Needs little external motivation to follow through in work completion
- Often requires little direction from teachers
- Is highly self-motivated and persistent
- Has high expectations of self and others

When deciding whether to enroll a student in a particular subject area honors course, please consider the following subject specific characteristics:

Math/Science:

- Is interested in numerical analysis
- Has a good memory for storing main features of problems and solutions
- Reasons effectively and efficiently
- Organizes data and experiments to discover patterns or relationships
- Is flexible in solving problems

Social Studies/Language Arts:

- Has advanced vocabulary for age or grade level
- Reads a great deal; does not avoid difficult material
- Enjoys language/verbal or written communication; has advanced communication skills
- Organizes ideas and sequences in preparation for speaking and writing
- Likes to study and research various areas of interest

In short, students that are successful in honors courses are those that are proactive in class, generating ideas independently with a willingness to examine their thoughts. Also, rigorous study and participation are crucial for student success. If a student is not prepared to work hard and engage in academic discourse, these classes are not the right fit.

I have read and understand the indicators for student success sheet. I understand the obligations my son or daughter will have in taking honors classes.

Student name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

JR HIGH HONORS INDICATORS – REVIEW SHEET TOGETHER AND SIGN BEFORE ENROLLING IN ANY HONORS COURSES

	Course Number	1 st Semester Course Name (Circle Course Choice)	Parent Initial for Honors
1	4030	English 8	
	4035	English 8 Honors	

**ENGLISH – CIRCLE COURSE CHOICE FOR
BOTH SEMESTERS (INITIAL FOR HONORS)**

	Course Number	1 st Semester Course Name (Circle Course Choice)	Parent Initial for Honors
2	5100	8 th Grade Math	OB
	5105	8 th Grade Math Honors	
	5205	Secondary Math 1 Honors	



- Circle the math class you choose for next year
- If Honors – parent initial required

MATH

A background image showing two men in a laboratory or workshop. The man on the left is wearing a white lab coat over a blue and white checkered shirt. The man on the right is wearing a dark jacket over a light blue shirt. They are standing in front of a workbench with various equipment and materials. The image has a blue tint and a dark overlay.


SCIENCE 8 REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS



SOCIAL STUDIES: US HISTORY

	Course Number	1 st Semester Course Name (Circle Course Choice)	Parent Initial for Honors
4	4510	US History 1	
	4514	US History 1 Honors	



A cinematic still from the movie 'Avengers: Infinity War' showing Thor and Vision in the Avengers' workshop. Thor, on the left, has long blonde hair and a beard, wearing his red and gold armor. Vision, on the right, is in his red and gold Iron Man suit. They are both looking at each other with serious expressions. A vertical white line separates the text on the left from the text on the right.

REQUIREMENT
FOR ALL 8TH
GRADERS

DIGITAL LITERACY



HEALTH I

REQUIRED FOR ALL 8TH GRADERS



FITNESS 8

- Semester, full year, or none.

Note: PE Requirement has changed – Students need one semester between 7th and 8th grades.

- If your PE is highlighted, you have NOT fulfilled the requirement yet and must take it.
- Circle which PE you are requesting

ALTERNATE COURSES

- Please choose 4 alternate classes
 - **YOU MAY GET THESE CLASSES** - if you do not get the elective you chose in the top of your course selection card.
 - Put in order of preference 1 = first choice 2 = second choice
 - Put the course number and the name of the class

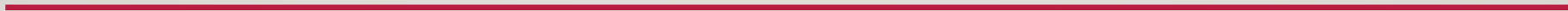
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Audition/Permission Course	Elective <u>To</u> Be Replaced	
	The courses in this column should also be listed above as one of your 1 st Choice Electives. List 2 semester electives for a full year class.	
Counseling Office Assistant	Current Issues	
Student Body Officer	Fitness 8	





STUDENTS MUST TAKE **2 SEMESTERS** OF FINE ARTS DURING 7TH AND/OR 8TH GRADES.
IF YOU HAVE BLUE HIGHLIGHT ON YOUR CARD THOSE MUST BE FILLED WITH FINE ARTS

Band

- 2210 yr. Intermediate Band
- 2213 yr. Intermediate Percussion*
- 2225 yr. Jazz Band** (in addition to a band class)

General Music

- 2316 sem Music Exploration

Choir

- 2304 1st sem or yr. Beginning Choir- Girls
- 2305 1st sem or yr. Beginning choir- Boys
- 2307 1st sem or yr. Choir 2- Mixed (reading music is a requirement for level 2 class)

Orchestra

- 2406 yr. Concert Orchestra

Visual Arts

- 2101 sem Art Foundations 1 (prerequisite for others)
- 2102 sem Art Foundations 1A-2D Art 2
- 2104 sem Advanced Art 3D

Theater

- 230 yr. Stage Crew*
- 2502 sem Theater 1
- 2503 sem Theater 2 (Theatre 1 is prerequisite)
- 2504 sem The Acting Company**
- 2508 sem Musical Theater**

ELECTIVES

- **Career Technical Education (CTE)**

- 7404 sem FACS Exploration A (interior design & sewing)
- 7405 sem FACS Exploration B (foods & childcare)
- 7548 sem Exploring Business and Marketing
- 7743 sem Creative Coding
 - (can only be taken once between 7th & 8th grade)
- 7810 sem Exploring Technology & Engineering





WORLD LANGUAGES

- 3110 yr. Spanish I
- 3120 yr. Spanish 2 (Spanish I prerequisite)
- 3210 yr. French I
- 3220 yr. French 2 (French I prerequisite)
- Note: World Language is not required for high school graduation
- Some colleges recommend but no longer require Foreign Language



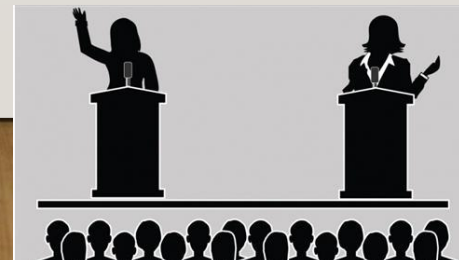
- 213 sem Peer Tutor*— see course description for requirements
- 4365 yr Yearbook**

- 4335 sem Creative Writing I
- 4340 sem Creative Writing 2
- 4375 sem Speech I



- 6609 sem STEM Explorations- can only be taken once between 7th & 8th grade
- 6600 sem Hacking STEM- can only be taken once between 8th & 9th grade (prerequisite STEM exp)

- 4531 sem Current Issues



ASSISTANTS

Applications are required to be considered for Counseling, Office or Media Center Assistant; can be obtained from the school website or in the counseling center.

- **210 sem. Office Assistant***
- **211 sem. Counseling Office Assistant***
- **215 sem. Media Center Assistant***



ASSISTANTS

For Teacher Assistant

See individual teacher for permission. Teachers will turn in names of students they have chosen to be their TA to the counseling center.

You will NOT list TA on the top section of your card. Write in the permission course section.

211 sem. Teacher Assistant*



PLEASE COMPLETE COURSE
SELECTION FORM
DUE MARCH 3

COMPLETED = 8 FIRST TERM + 8
SECOND TERM + 4 ALTERNATES

EXAMPLE OF COMPLETED FORM

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3	6100	Science 8		3	6100	Science 8	
4	4510	US History 1		4	4510	US History 1	
	4514	US History 1 Honors			4514	US History 1 Honors	
5	7537	Digital Literacy (required)		5	1000	Health	
6	1021	Fitness 8 (<i>students must take 0.5 credits of P.E. during either 7th and/or 8th grade, NOT BOTH years</i>) (full year option available)		6	1021	Fitness 8	
7	2101	Art 1		7	2104	Art 3D	
8	4531	Current Issues		8	6609	Stem Exploration	

ALTERNATE COURSES – ELECTIVES – List four (4) courses that you would prefer if the electives listed above are not available. These cannot be "assistant" category positions. It is recommended that you include year-long courses.

1. 400 - Study Hall
2. 7405 - FACS B
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4. 7810 - Exploring Technology

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Write specific details on your card of what should be moved around i.e. top class to first alternate

SIGN AND TURN IN

Plan your registration carefully!! A \$10 fee is charged for each class change after this form is turned in. Parents and students sign below to acknowledge approval of selected courses. Parents should initial any Honors course selection above. Prior to selecting Honors courses, parent and student should read and discuss together the Honors "Indicators for Student Success" and the commitment to rigorous classes. This form is located on the website listed below.

Student Signature: Thor Odinson

Parent Signature: Odin Borrrson



A goal without a
plan is only a dream.

Brian Tracy



WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU
HAVE?



FINAL REMINDER – DUE MARCH 3:

The following things **MUST** be turned in to your Thunder Academy teacher:

1. Course Request Form – with parent signature.
2. Goal Sheet - completed
3. Honors Indicator Document (if needed)

NEXT YEAR

- The Summit Learning Platform will be used by all 8th graders in their core classes
- More information will be coming SOON