

Westside High School

8th Grade Course Selection Guide

2022-2023



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2022-2023 Bell Schedule

“A” Day	“B” Day
1st Block (A): 8:00am-9:35am	1st Block (B): 8:00am-9:35am
Second Chance Breakfast 9:35am-9:45am	Second Chance Breakfast 9:35am-9:45am
2nd Block (A): 9:45am-11:50am (includes lunch period)	2nd Block (B): 9:45am-11:50am (includes lunch period)
3rd Block (A): 11:55am-1:30pm	3rd Block (B): 11:55am-1:30pm
4th Block: 1:35pm-2:25pm	4th Block: 1:35pm-2:25pm
5th Block: 2:30pm-3:20pm	5th Block: 2:30pm-3:20pm

*The first bell rings at 7:55am every morning.

*A student’s lunch period is determined by their 2nd block teacher. (First Lunch: 10:40am-11:10am Second Lunch: 11:20am-11:50am)

Eighth grade students at Westside High School will be enrolled in eight classes. Four classes will be academic core classes, such as English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Two classes will be requested elective courses, and two will be required elective courses. Explanations of these courses have been provided.

Enhanced courses (formerly known as PreAP) are offered to 8th grade students in the subjects of English, Science, and Social Studies. Enhanced courses cover the same curriculum as regular 8th grade core courses, but Enhanced courses are designed to prepare students for higher intellectual engagement. In addition, summer work may be required for Enhanced courses. Summer work, if assigned by the teacher, will be posted to the school's website, www.westsideschools.org, by June 1st. Summer work must be completed by the student and submitted to the teacher by the deadline in order for students to remain in the Enhanced course. If the summer work is not completed and submitted on time, the student will be removed from the Enhanced course and placed in the regular education course of that subject.

All 8th grade students will take Math 8 during the 2022-2023 school year, unless the student is placed in a special education math course per their IEP. Algebra I will not be offered to 8th grade students.

Class schedules for 8th grade students with IEPs will be created based on the recommendations of the student's Special Education team. Special Education students are encouraged to complete a Course Request Form, but the finalized schedule will have to be approved by the appropriate stakeholders.

Course Offerings for 8th Grade Students

English:

1. English 8
2. Enhanced English 8

Math:

1. Math 8

Science:

1. Science 8
2. Enhanced Science 8

Social Studies:

1. History 8
2. Enhanced History 8

Elective Courses:

1. Introduction to World Agriculture
 - This is a foundation course for agriculture courses. Basic agriculture concepts are introduced, and students explore careers in the agriculture industry. Students will also be introduced to the FFA, leadership, and Supervised Agricultural Experiences.

2. Introduction to Spanish Language and Culture

- This is a foundation course for learning the Spanish language. Students will be introduced to the basics of communication, structure, and culture of the Spanish-speaking world.

3. EAST

- Environmental and Spatial Technology (EAST) is a student-driven learning environment. Students will learn how to use state of the art technology and help solve problems within the school and community.

4. Student Council (must be an elected member)

5. Boys Athletics (Football and/or Basketball, must be a member of the team)

6. Girls Athletics (Volleyball and/or Basketball, must be a member of the team)

7. Cheerleading (must be a member of the squad)

8. Band

9. Choir

10. Art Elective 8

11. Computer Science Elective 8

12. Study Hall (will be assigned only if no other elective courses are available)

Required Electives:

1. Rotation Classes - Classes will change every quarter. Students will take P.E., Health, Art, and Music throughout the school year.

2. Keyboarding (semester) - Students will learn basic computer/keyboarding skills that will help them with their day-to-day Chromebook use.

3. Tools for Learning (semester) - This class is a study skills class for all 8th grade students.

8th Grade Course Request Form
2022-2023

Student Name: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____

Circle one course from each category:

1. English
 - a. English 8
 - b. Enhanced English 8 (may require summer work)

2. Math
 - a. Math 8

3. Science
 - a. Science 8
 - b. Enhanced Science 8 (may require summer work)

4. Social Studies
 - a. History 8
 - b. Enhanced History 8 (may require summer work)

Choose 3 elective courses, and rank them 1, 2, and 3 with 1 being your top choice. Students will be placed in 2 elective courses and choices will be taken into consideration.

- _____ Introduction to World Agriculture
- _____ Introduction to the Spanish Language
- _____ EAST
- _____ Student Council
- _____ Boys Athletics
- _____ Girls Athletics
- _____ Cheerleading
- _____ Band
- _____ Choir
- _____ Art Elective 8
- _____ Computer Science Elective 8

**8th grade students are required to take four rotation classes: P.E., Health, Art, and Music. They are also required to take one semester of Keyboarding and one semester of Tools for Learning.