



PELHAM PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL



Sixth Grade Curriculum Night



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Course Selection Guide



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Class descriptions



Electives



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Course Selection Sheet

Student Name: _____
Teacher: _____
Period: _____

Due: February 13, 2026
(Return to your English Teacher)

Rising 6th Grade 2026-2027 Course Request Core Course Recommendations and Selection

At Pelham Park Middle School, student placement is based upon test scores, grades, student habit of work, and teacher/administrative recommendation. We will communicate your student's recommended courses in March.

Required Core Courses

English 6 or Advanced English 6
Math 6 or Advanced Math 6
Science 6
Social Studies 6
Physical Education

Please rank elective preferences below. Students will take 2-4 electives. Please rank 1-7 with "1" being your first choice. Every attempt will be made to schedule the students' top preferences, but may not be possible due to scheduling and class availability.

Band - year long	• All academic and elective courses may be subject to a course fee. • All course selection materials are due by February 13th. Students will turn in their forms to their English teacher. Course Selection for students who do not return this sheet will be made by the administration based on promotion requirements and availability. All classes and teachers are scheduled by computer. Students may not receive every class requested. • Please contact their current teacher if you have any questions regarding your child's core academic class recommendations.
Choir - year long	
Art 6 - semester	
Intro to Theatre - semester	
Science Exploration - semester	
Fundamentals of Family and Consumer Sciences - semester	
Computer Science Endeavors - semester	

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____





What Classes Will My Student Take?



All students take 4
Core Classes, Green
& Gold, and P.E.



Students may be
recommended for
Advanced English 6
or Advanced Math 6



2 Elective slots



Advanced Classes

Expectations & Criteria



PPMS will recommend students for advanced courses based on the **Advanced Course Criteria** to be approved for advanced classes.



Advanced classes are designed to be more challenging and prepare students for future advanced classes.



Due to these increased academic expectations, not all students will make an A.

6th Grade Advanced Options:



**Math 6 or
Advanced Math 6**



**ELA 6 or
Advanced ELA 6**



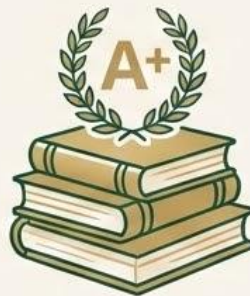
Advanced Course Criteria



Standardized
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Skills needed to succeed in an advanced course

Resilience



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Growth Mindset

Self-Awareness



Adaptability



Purpose



Organization

Motivation



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Advanced Courses: Opt-in or Opt-out

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Be committed:

Students cannot change their schedules to regular courses once enrolled in advanced courses.

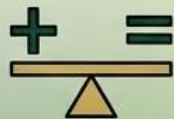


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Accelerated Math



Offered to 7th and 8th graders



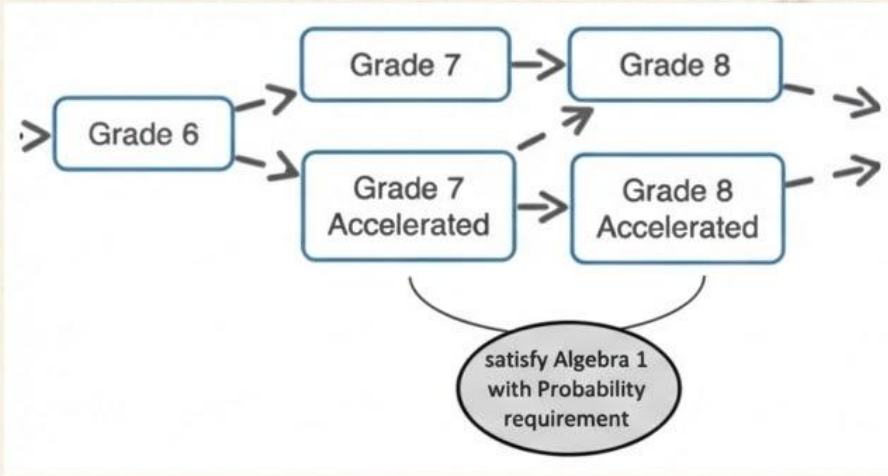
Satisfies the Algebra I requirement for high school



Enables a path to more advanced Math classes in HS



Math Flow Chart





Electives



Students will take up to 4 electives for the 2026-2027 school year.



Semester electives will be based on desire and availability.



Please rank in order with 1 being your favorite and 7 being your least wanted.

	Band – year long
	Choir- year long
	Art 6- semester
	Intro to Theatre- semester
	Science Exploration- semester
	Fundamentals of Family and Consumer Sciences- semester
	Computer Science Endeavors- semester

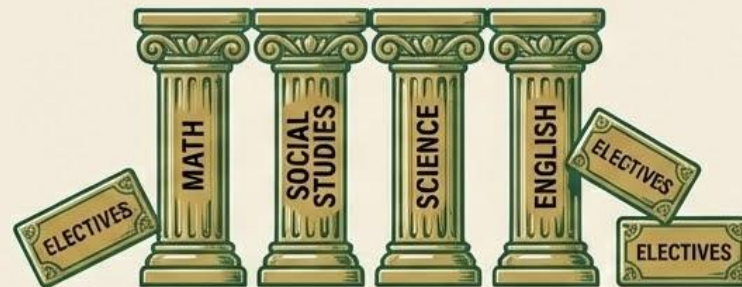


Are my student's course requests always met?



Requests cannot be guaranteed:

- We try to meet your child's requests, but all classes are subject to: personnel, enrollment, and class offerings.



Core courses have priority:

- Required core courses (Math, Social Studies, Science, and English) are given priority over electives in scheduling.



Intervention Classes



- Students who need additional support may be placed in an intervention class instead of one elective choice.



Deadlines

Pelham Oaks and Pelham Ridge:

The Course Request Form is due back to homeroom teachers on

Friday, February 13, 2026.

Please submit this form by the deadline for us to consider your choices. If we do not have a form, we will have to assign the courses without your input.





Verifications Deadline

Friday, March 6 - verifications will be sent home with the students. This will be a verification of the courses the student has requested in addition to the core course recommendations.

Friday, March 13 - All verifications must be signed and returned to teachers by this date, even if there are no changes. Any requested changes must be noted on the verification form.

****THIS IS NOT YOUR STUDENT'S SCHEDULE!****





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7th Grade and 8th Grade Curriculum Night



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Course Selection Sheet - 7th Grade

Student Name: _____

Due: February 13, 2026

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Rising 7th Grade 2026-2027 Course Request

Core Course Recommendations and Selection

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Recommended Core Courses:	7th grade course options:
	English 7 or Advanced English 7
	Math 7 or Accelerated Math 7
	Life Science 7 or Advanced Life Science 7
	World History/Geography or Honors World History/ Geography

Physical Education-Required

Please rank elective preferences below. Students will take 3-4 electives. Please rank 1-6 with "1" being your first choice. Every attempt will be made to schedule the students' top preferences, but may not be possible due to scheduling and class availability.

Choir- year long	- All academic and elective courses may be subject to a course fee. - All course selection mistakes are due by February 13th. Students will turn in their forms to their English teacher. Course selection for students who do not return this sheet will be made by the administration based on promotion requirements and availability. - All classes and teachers are scheduled by computer. Students may not receive every class requested. - Please contact their current teacher if you have any questions regarding your child's core academic class recommendations.
Band - year long	
Computer Science Discoveries - semester	
Digital Technology- semester	
Spanish Exploratory 7- semester	
Exploring Family and Consumer Sciences- semester	
Art 7- semester	
Theatre 7- semester	
Performing Theatre- semester	
*By audition only	
Yoga Crew 7- semester	
Science Investigations - semester	
Health Medical Discoveries- semester	

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____



Course Selection Sheet - 8th Grade

Student Name: _____

Due: February 13, 2026

(Return to your English Teacher)

Rising 8th Grade 2026-2027 Course Request

Core Course Recommendations and Selection

At Pelham Park Middle School, student placement is based upon test scores, grades, student habits of work, and teacher/administrative recommendation. An override form is available at request.

Recommended Core Courses:	8 th grade course options:
	English 8 or Advanced English 8
	Math 8 or Accelerated Math 8
	Physical Science 8 or Advanced Physical Science 8
	World History 8 or Advanced World History 8

Physical Education- Required

Please rank elective preferences below. Students will take 2-4 electives. Please rank 1-4, with "1" being your first choice. Every attempt will be made to schedule the student's top preference, but this may not be possible due to scheduling and class availability.

Spanish 1 - year long *Must get signature from English teacher for approval (English teacher's signature) _____ Same - year long Choir - year long FLITE- app Creator- semester Career and Family Consumer Science- semester Art 6- semester Art 6- year long *Must get signature from Mrs. Williams for approval (Mrs. Williams's signature) _____ Theatre 6- semester Performance Theatre- semester *by audition only Stage Crew 8- semester Crossings Writing- semester School Publication- semester Career Prep A- semester *Regalock, if you take 1 year long dordiana_2026_mos_auditor to vita Career Prep online Computer Science and Society- semester Health Science Discoveries- semester	- All academic and elective courses may be subject to a course fee. - All course selection materials are due by February 13th. Students will turn in their forms to their English teacher. Course selection for students who do not return this sheet will be made by the administration based on promotion requirements and availability. - All classes and teachers are scheduled by computer. Students may not receive every class requested. - Please contact your current teacher if you have any questions regarding your child's core academic class recommendations.
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Student Signature: _____



What Classes Will My Student Take?



All students take 4
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& Gold, and P.E.



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Math Choices

It is very important that you carefully consider math options with your student prior to making a selection.

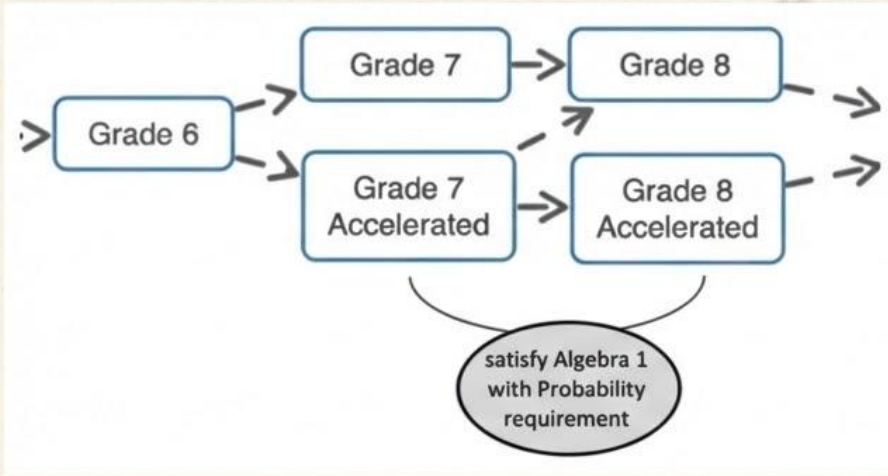
7th Grade: Students may select Math 7 or Accelerated Math 7. Please note, **Accelerated Math 7 is the recommended option for students who plan to take AP or advanced math or science classes in high school.**

Advanced Math 6 is not a prerequisite for Accelerated Math 7.



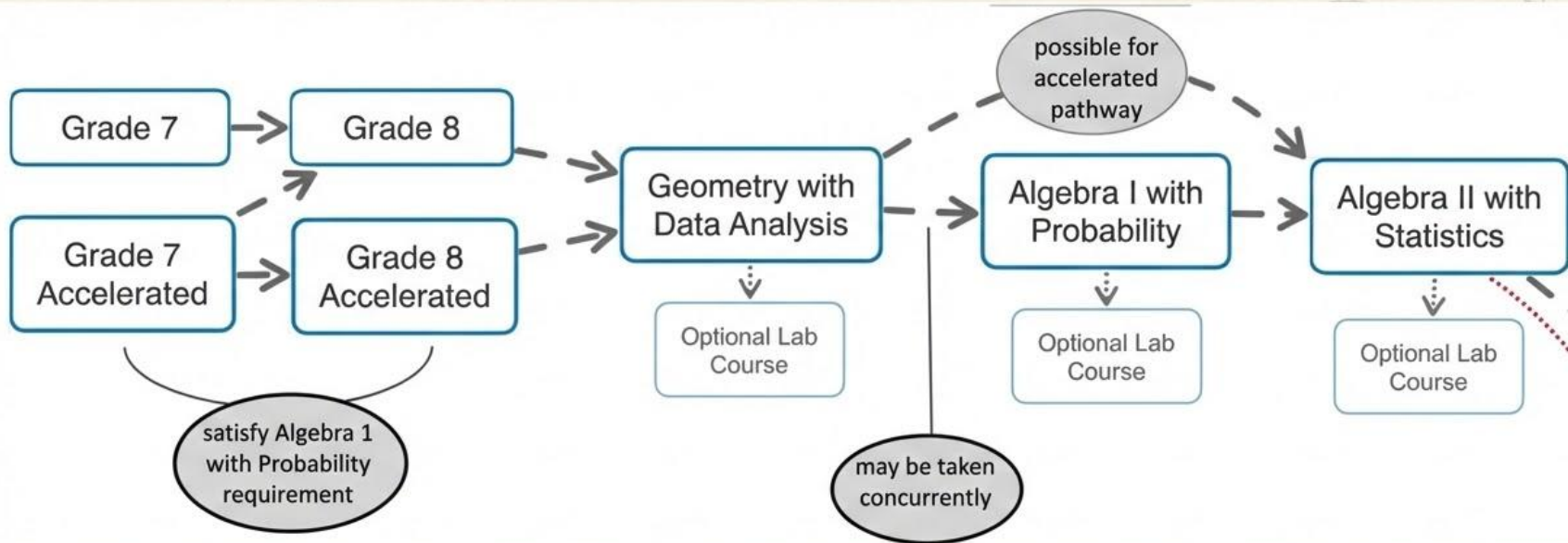


Math Flow Chart





Math Pathways





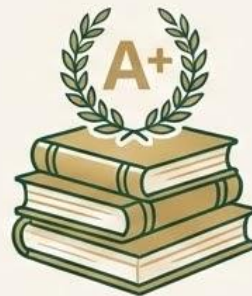
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How many advanced courses should my student take?

Ultimately, this is a family decision. Please take the following into consideration:



Your child's interests/
career goals



Whether or not your child
plans to take advanced
courses in future grade
levels, including AP
classes in high school



Your child's
extracurricular
schedule



Increased expectations
for advanced courses may
yield a change in your
child's grade





PPMS Credit-Bearing Classes



Spanish 1 (optional year long class, one credit)

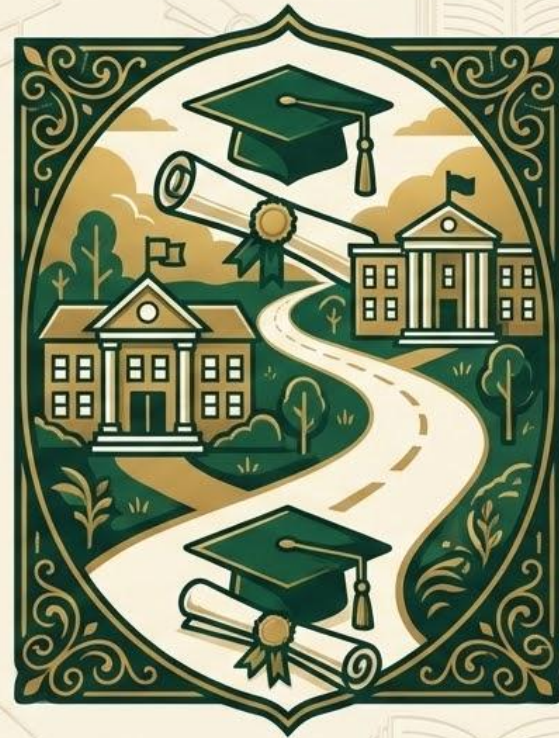


Career Preparedness A (Required semester class for all 8th grade students, ½ credit)



Students may be eligible for Career Prep A online if the student is taking 2 year long electives

Credit-bearing classes count towards high school credit and high school GPA.





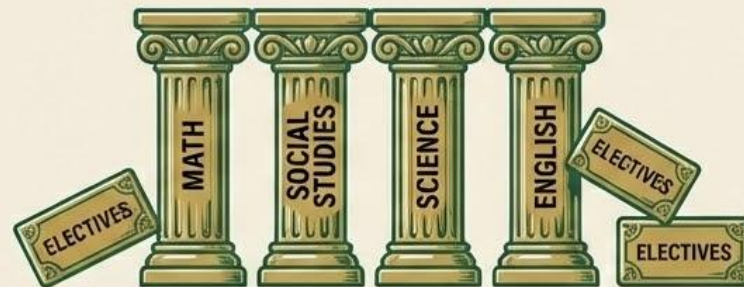
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February 13

Course Request Forms are due to English Language Arts teachers.





Other Important Dates



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8th grade

