

Madison High School

9th Grade Course Selection
2026-2027



Class of
2030



Information Night for incoming 9th grade students and parents:

When: Tues., Jan. 13th 6:00–8:00 PM

Where: Harris MS Cafeteria

Who: ALL incoming 9th graders and parents are invited.

You will also have the opportunity to enter your course requests that evening.

Credit Requirements:

All students begin their Freshman year on the Foundation High School Program with Distinguished Level

Graduation Requirements

Foundation High School Program with Distinguished Level of Achievement

Credit Requirements – 26 total

English Lang Arts:	4.0	Fine Arts:	1.0
Mathematics:	4.0	Health:	0.5
Science:	4.0	Electives:	6.5
Social Studies:	3.0	Physical Ed:	1.0
Languages other than English: 2.0			

Endorsements

An endorsement is a program of study that consists of related courses that pertain to a specific interest, or pathway.

Multidisciplinary Studies	STEM	Business & Industry	Public Services	Arts & Humanities
Four core subject courses	Advanced Math	Finance, Business, Marketing	Health Science	Fine Art
AP/Dual Credit courses	Advanced Science	Agriculture	Education & Training	Advanced English
	Computer Science	Animation, Video Production	JROTC	Foreign Languages
	Engineering	Architecture Design	Law	Social Studies
		Culinary		
		Auto Tech		
		Construction		
		Journalism, Yearbook		

Regular vs Honors vs AP

-Regular class- you get the grade you earn averaged in your GPA

-Honors class- A little more rigorous than regular, slightly greater workload. Multiply the grade you earned by 1.08 for GPA

Ex. $80 \times 1.08 = 86$ averaged in for GPA

-Advanced Placement (AP) class- College-level class that is rigorous and greater workload. Multiply the grade year earned by 1.15 for GPA

Ex. $80 \times 1.15 = 92$ averaged in for your GPA

Things to consider when selecting advanced courses (Honors & AP)

- Strong time management skills
- Self-motivated and strong work ethic
- Willing to seek help and attend tutoring if necessary

Madison HS Course Card 2026-27

Please bring your completed course card with you when you meet with the Madison counselors.

Wood- January 26th

Harris- January 27th

You can also view the course card by scanning the QR code below or at bit.ly/mavcard2627



IMPORTANT Deadlines:

February 13th- Last day for you to enter/change course requests for next year. Please scan the QR code below to request any changes to courses you previously selected.



May 29th- Last day for any course request changes. Any requests received after this will not be accepted. The only exception will be for students to drop Honors/AP courses at the beginning of the school year **IF** there is an on level equivalent.

English I options:

- English I
- English I *Honors*
- English I *Honors G/T**

For current G/T students

Social Studies options:

- World Geography
- AP Human Geography

Science Options:

- Biology I
- Biology I Honors

Math options

- If you are taking on-level 8th grade Math, you will sign up for Algebra I
- If you are taking Algebra right now, you will choose one the following: Geometry, Geometry Honors, or Geometry Honors G/T
- If you are taking Geometry right now, you will choose one the following: Algebra II, Algebra II Honors, or Algebra II Honors G/T

Fine Arts options:

- Art I
- Theater Arts I
- *Band I
- Orchestra I
- *Pep Squad I
- Art I Honors-
- Theater Production
- Technical Theatre I
- *Flags I
- Choir I

If you are in the Art I HS credit class, you can choose any level II Art course.

* Counts as a Fine Art credit *AND* a PE credit

PE or Athletics options:

- ROTC
- Lifetime Fitness and Wellness
- Lifetime Recreation and Outdoor Pursuits
- Skilled Based Lifetime Activities

PLEASE NOTE: Athletic sports are divided in high school by SPORT- very different than middle school—You can only choose ONE.

Things to know...

- Band - 2 credits: Fine Art and PE Credit
 - Must already know how to play an instrument
- Cheer - 2 credits: Fine Art and PE Credit
 - Although you will not sign up for this when registering online. Pick a different fine art or PE class and if you make the cheer team the coach will ask for your schedule to be changed.
- Pep Squad - 2 credits: Fine Art and PE Credit
- Flags (Color Guard) - 2 credits: Fine Art and PE Credit
- JROTC - 1st year is PE credit

Language Other Than English (LOTE) options

- If you are taking Spanish I or Spanish IB, you will choose Spanish II or Spanish II Honors
- If you are NOT taking Spanish, you can choose the first year of any LOTE.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Courses

1. PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS, MARKETING & FINANCE (HS CREDIT)
2. ROBOTICS I (HS CREDIT)
3. PRINCIPLES OF APPLIED ENGINEERING (HS CREDIT)
4. PRINCIPLES OF HOSPITALITY & TOURISM (HS CREDIT)
5. PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN SERVICES (HS CREDIT)
6. TECH APPS (6TH GRADE)



Programs of
Study Offered

- **Advanced Manufacturing**
- **Business Management**
- **Culinary**
- **Family & Community Service**
- **Marketing & Sales**
- **Teaching & Training**
- **Early Learning**
- **Accounting & Financial Services**
- **Programming & Software Devel.**
- **Architecture Design**
- **Design & Multimedia**
- **Digital Communication**
- **Health Care Therapeutics**
- **Law & Public Safety**

Some classes you may have taken in middle school will count towards your Program of Study at Madison.

For more information about courses,
please scan the QR code below:



8th Grade visit to
Madison on
January 21st.



The poster features a white background with blue and orange accents. At the top, there are decorative elements: a cluster of blue dots on the left and three orange stars on the right. The main title "8TH GRADE VISIT" is written in large, bold, blue letters with a drop shadow. Below the title, there are two identical logos of a blue horse rearing up on a yellow and blue "JM" monogram. The text "MADISON HS" is centered in a blue oval. Below this, the text "Get ready for an exciting high school visit!" is written in a smaller font. A blue horizontal band contains the text "BAND-CHEER-DOLLIES-ATHLETICS-AMP-THEATRE-CHOIR" in white. Below the band, the date "WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21" is written in large, bold, blue letters. Underneath the date, the text "We are waiting for you!" is written in a smaller font. To the left of this text is the "Harris Hawks" logo, which includes a hawk head and the text "Harris Hawks". To the right is a circular logo featuring a stylized figure. At the bottom, there are two orange stars flanking the phone number "210-356-1400" and the website "madison.neisd.net".

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JM COURSE FAIR NIGHT JAN. 26TH

6:00 PM IN THE PAC (PERFORMING ARTS CENTER)

- Course Overview Presentation
- Classroom Tours
- Student FAQ's
- Purchase Madison Swag

ALL STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES WELCOME

OPEN HOUSE
EDITION



Madison Course Fair

Course Fair is a great opportunity to view the various electives offered, visit with teachers, and tour the campus.

WHEN: Monday, January 26

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Madison HS

Please make sure you choose 7 classes: 4 Core (English I, Math, Science, Social Studies) 3 electives (LOTE, PE, Fine Art, and any additional electives).

As you are choosing your courses, you will write these requests and your 3 alternate choices. You must add 3 alternate elective choices. If you do not choose any alternates, and your first choice electives are full, we will choose your classes for you.

Make sure to bring your completed course card when the Madison counselors come to meet with you.

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