

6th Grade
Course Selection
2025-2026

Tex Hill Middle School



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As questions arise regarding the selection of courses for next year, please contact the Tex Hill Counselors. Students who do not complete the registration process will have a schedule created for them by their assigned counselor. Please call or e-mail us, we will be glad to assist you in making these important decisions.

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Academic-Core Courses





All students must register for:

- Math (Honors or Regular Grade Level)
- English (Honors or regular Grade Level)
- Science
- Social Studies
- PE or Pre-Athletics
- Health
- And 3 electives – At least one should be a fine art.

- ❖ If a student does not pass STAAR, an elective will be replaced with that STAAR subject area's intervention class (ALL interventions are a FULL year)

Honors COURSES

- Honors courses in middle school are available to any student willing to take on the academic challenge. Students wanting to take these courses should be currently at an 85 or higher in their current class AND scored at *a Masters Grade Level* in their STAAR subject areas.

Honors English Language Arts/Reading,
and Honors Math are offered to all 6th grade students.



ELECTIVES

ALL Electives are FULL YEAR commitments

There are **NO** schedule changes at the semester.

AIM (Academic Individual Motivation)

- This course is designed as a **Study Hall** – Offering students an opportunity to review academic concepts, seek assistance in solving academic problems, promote independent skills in time management, learn strategies for success such as vocabulary development, agenda use, binder organization, goal setting and character education.



DEBATE

Students must have strong reading and writing skills



- **First semester topics:** logic, persuasion, and speaking and debate formats. Competitive events covered in the class include impromptu speaking, modern oratory, and Lincoln Douglas debate.
- **Second semester topics:** philosophy, current events, and debate formats. Students in both semesters will research, write, and present original works as well as critically evaluate works from others. Competitive events covered in the class will include Student Congress, and Public Forum debate. Students should have strong reading and writing skills.

JOURNALISM

(this is a prerequisite class for Yearbook and Broadcast Journalism)

- This course is an introduction to the field of journalism. Students will work in the areas of interviewing, news and feature writing, and proofreading. This course includes studies in the history of American mass print media, journalistic law and ethics, journalistic writing, purposes and characteristics of newspaper pages, newspaper layout, basic photography, and newspaper production.



ART I

- Art is designed for the student to learn the fundamentals of art.



BAND AND STRING ORCHESTRA

- Band – students will be contacted by the band directors to coordinate a time for instrument auditions.
- Orchestra – new to orchestra students will be contacted to discuss instrument selection.



CHOIR

- Students must be willing to commit to outside of school practice sessions and performances.



Dance

- This introductory/intermediate course is designed to focus on various mediums of dance, including ballet, modern jazz and folk/ethnic. Emphasis is on training the student to coordinate elements of dance and to enhance student confidence, poise and collaborative skills. Aerobic activities and fitness activities will be incorporated.



THEATRE ARTS I

- Theatre Arts I is for students who want to learn the fundamentals of Theater Arts.



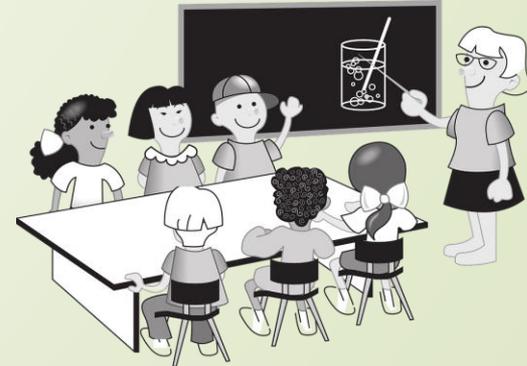
TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS

- The Technology Applications curriculum has four strands: foundations, information acquisition, work in solving problems, and communication. The course provides students an opportunity to acquire information in a variety of ways. Students complete projects involving work processing, databases, spreadsheets, multimedia, desktop publishing, graphics, and telecommunications.



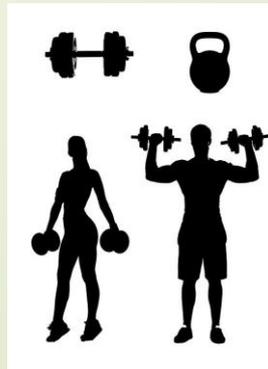
PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH

- ALL 6th grade students take a semester of P.E or PreAthletics and a semester of Health.



PRE-ATHLETICS BOYS/GIRLS

- The Pre-Athletics class is designed to introduce the culture of the Tex Hill Athletic Program to any 6th grade student who plans to participate in sports at Tex Hill MS in the 7th and 8th grade. The ideal candidate for this course is an athlete who wants to learn and participate in all three major sports afforded to 7th/8th grade students in NEISD; football, basketball, and track for boys and volleyball, basketball and track for girls. The Pre-Athletics class will incorporate different levels of strength and conditioning and will follow a modified version of the 7th/8th Grade Athletic Period curriculum. The athletes will have the opportunity to learn about weight room culture, safety, and proper lifting techniques as well as various conditioning components throughout the semester.



Choose your electives wisely...

- Students and parents will have opportunities to carefully examine course offerings and course descriptions. All Electives are a full year commitment.
- The deadline to register your courses in skyward is determined by your elementary campus counselors





Things to Remember !!!!!

- Students can switch into an Honors class within the first two weeks of school.
- Course cards are posted on the Tex Hill Website.
- Electives are full year commitments.
- Elective changes will not be made after May 27.



Questions

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Tex Hill Counselor by email or phone.

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Please refer to the Tex Hill MS course catalog for course descriptions on the Tex Hill Guidance and Counseling website at www.neisd.net/hill/guidance.