

## 8th Grade Class Selection Information

This form is an explanation of the classes that 8th graders will be taking at HMS, as well as, a description of elective and fine art options. You will use this information page to help you make selections while your student "enrolls" for fall classes.

### 8th grade Required Classes:

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|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Math           | 4. Science         | 7. Advisor Base               |
| 2. English        | 5. Physical Ed.    | 8. Career Studies (1 quarter) |
| 3. Social Studies | 6. Comp. App./Tech |                               |

### 8th Grade Fine Arts Class (year long classes):

Art	Vocal	Band	Drama 101- This semester long class will focus on the elements of drama and getting comfortable with performing. Students who are taking Band will not be able to take Drama.
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### 8th Grades Electives:

These descriptions are to help you select the quarter long electives that your student will take at HMS. In the enrollment process, you will have to select your first seven choices and two alternate choices. **\*\*These classes are subject to space availability, so your student may not take these in the order selected. Some classes that are offered both 7th and 8th grade years may not be taken twice, they are marked with #.**

**Public Speaking** - Students learn the basics of the communication process, differentiate between different types of speeches, how to prepare/research for a speech, how to write notes/outlines for a speech, present a variety of speeches in class, and evaluate speeches.

**Leadership** - This class will be focused around the 16 points of leadership found in the book, *Leadership Lessons from Coach Bill Snyder*. Information from *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* will also be incorporated into the class. Through discussion, videos and guest speakers, students will develop an idea of their leadership potential.

**Developing Life Literacy #** - This class will address skills in 3 areas: nutrition and wellness, consumerism, and building healthy relationships. We will spend some time learning about foods and food preparation, how to be a better consumer and demonstrating relationship skills and understanding in both the community and home.

**Strategic Formulation** - This class will use a variety of different game formats to help develop strategic thinking and cognitive abilities. The class will revolve around learning a new game and strategy for competition.

**Publications (1 semester)** - This fast-paced production course will enable students to gain hand-on experience in the collection, assembly and production of the school yearbook using today's modern technology, digital cameras, online publishing software while gaining experience in digital photography, graphic design layout, copywriting, photo and copy editing, fundraising, project management and publishing. **\*\*This class is recommended by the teacher to be a 2 semester selection.**

**Strength & Conditioning** - This class will be a mixture of activities focused on agility, flexibility, and core strength.

**Landscape #** - Learn the basics of what makes lawns and landscapes beautiful. In this course, you'll learn the fundamentals of gardening, lawns, as well as landscape design. You will learn how to draw out your ideas and blend flowers, trees and shrubs into beautiful designs. Learn how to apply your own creativity and translate your ideas into works of art.

**US & World Current Events** - This course is designed to help students become aware of and understand the events that shape our world, nation, state and local area. This will be done through reading video, lecture, discussions and personal experience.

**Exploratory Ag. (1 semester)** - This course will give students the opportunity to discover the many areas of agriculture. An emphasis in understanding how agriculture is important in our world through exploration in careers, agribusiness systems, plant and animal systems, food processing, and natural systems.

**Explorations in Literature** - This literature class will focus on books about social issues that shape our world.

**Genius Hour** - Students will choose, research, create, produce and present projects based on their individual learning interests. Possible ideas include community service projects, languages, real-world problems, designing things, raising money for a cause, learning a new skill and exploring topics students want to learn about.

**Computer Animation** - This class will empower young beginning animators through lessons in Adobe Animate. Projects will include hands-on activities to build a portfolio of animation techniques.

**Stock Market Game** - In this class students will learn about and discuss aspects of investing. They will also discuss and look at real world applications of investing: how to invest, strategies for investing, the benefits and risks of investing and explore investing sites and compare them.

**Music Construction (1 semester)** - Students in this class will help in the design and construction of the middle school musical set. Enrollment will be limited to 10-12 students. This class will be scheduled 2nd semester.

**Science Olympiad** - This elective is intended for students who are current members who are unable to participate in the after school practices or students who are interested in finding out more about Science Olympiad. In this class, team members will work on researching, building, and practicing for the multiple competitive events that will be offered to them. Multiple areas of science and project based events addressed. **\*\*This class is available for two quarters. Students interested will need to choose this as either one or two elective options when enrolling.**

**Art Exploration** - This quarter class is only for students who choose Band or Vocal for a fine arts class, but would also like to take an art class.

**EO Choir** - This quarter class is only for students who choose Band or Art for a fine arts class, but would also like to take a vocal class.

## 8th Grade Class Selection Directions

The following are step-by-step directions to help you work through the class selection process. This process is meant to be completed by students with the help of their parents, however, there is no parent signature required for classes to be submitted.

### Step One:

**\*\*Please review all class descriptions on the previous page before beginning this selection process.\*\***

Students will need to log into THEIR Powerschool page. This can be done by going to the following web-site: <https://usd336.powerschool.com/public/>

You may email Mrs. Marten or Mr. Kimberlin if you have forgotten your Powerschool username and password. [a.marten@holtonks.net](mailto:a.marten@holtonks.net) or [m.kimberlin@holtonks.net](mailto:m.kimberlin@holtonks.net)

After logging into Powerschool, look on the left side of the screen, and click on the “Class Registration” button. (See the Red Arrow below)

The screenshot shows the PowerSchool SIS interface. On the left is a navigation menu with the following items: Grades and Attendance, Grade History, Attendance History, Teacher Comments, School Bulletin, Class Registration (highlighted with a red arrow), Balance, My Schedule, and School Information. Below the menu are links for District Code (XQRB), App Store, and Google Play. The main content area is titled 'Grades and Attendance: [REDACTED]' and contains a tab for 'Grades and Attendance'. Below the tab is a table titled 'Attendance By Class'.

Exp	Last Week					This Week					Course	S1	Q1	Q2
	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F				
1(W)											6th Accelerated Math B Email Price, Sheila - Rm: 205			
1(B)											6th Reading B Email Brees, Don - Rm: 207			
2(W)											6th Math Focus B Email Mannell, Laura - Rm: 202			
2(B)											6th Social Studies B Email Brees, Don - Rm: 207			
2(B)											6th Keyboarding B Email Baumgartner, Lisa - Rm: 112			
3(W)											6th Technology B Email McBride, Dustin - Rm: 113			
3(B)											6th English B Email Farwell, Sheyenne - Rm: 204			
4(W)											6th Science B Email Mannell, Laura - Rm: 202			
4(W)											6th Physical Education B Email Farwell, Sheyenne - Rm: 204			

## Step Two:

After opening the Class Registration, you will be given a list of classes that are pre-selected for you (Red Arrow below) and a list of classes for you to choose from. Students should follow the directions listed below the class selection (Green Arrow below) to assist them in understanding the selection.

Welcome to the Holton Middle School Class Registration System for 2020-2021 : [REDACTED]

View course requests

7th Grade Core Classes S1	7th English A	7th Science A	7th Social Studies A	7th Career Studies
Number of requests to generate : 1	22A - 0 credits	25A - 0 credits	27A - 0 credits	ED05 - 0 credits

7th Grade Core Classes S2	7th English B	7th Science B	7th Social Studies B
Number of requests to generate : 1	22B - 0 credits	25B - 0 credits	27B - 0 credits

7th grade Fine Arts S1 Click the edit button to request a course =>

Select 1 of the following.

Number of requests to generate : 1

7th grade Fine Arts S2 Click the edit button to request a course =>

You must select one of the following. It should match what you selected for the 7th grade Fine Arts S1 class.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Drama 101 - Fine Arts Click the edit button to request a course =>

\*\*\*\*If you have selected Band as your Fine Arts class then Drama 101 will not be an option for you.\*\*\*\*If you selected Art or Vocal for your fine arts class and would be interested in doing Drama 101 for a semester you may. (Ex. S1 Vocal/S2 Drama)

## Step Three:

You will first need to make a class selection for your “Fine Arts” class. Click the box with the pencil in it (Blue Arrow below) to edit the selection. Once you select this edit tool an edit box will open, allowing you to make a selection (Green Arrow below) and choose “okay” (Red Arrow below). Once a selection is made, there will be a green checkmark that will be next to the pencil, edit tool. At this point you will move onto the next selection.

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## Step Four:

Next, you will need to make class selections for your “Electives” class. Click the box with the pencil in it to edit the selection. Once you select this edit tool an edit box will open, allowing you to make a selection (Red Arrow below) and choose “okay” (Blue Arrow below). Your student will need to make **seven** different selections (First choice should be the class most desired) and two alternate choices. Once the selection is made, there should be a green checkmark next to the pencil or edit tool. At this point you will move onto the next selection.

The screenshot shows the '7th grade Fine Arts S1' section of the request form. A modal window titled '7th Elective Choice #1' is open, displaying a table of available classes. A red arrow points to the 'Creative Writing' class, and a blue arrow points to the 'Okay' button. A yellow circle highlights a message at the bottom of the modal: 'You may select 1 course. You have selected 0 course(s)'.

Course Name	Number	Course Description	Credits	Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing	46		0		
<input type="checkbox"/> Developing Life Literacy	24		0		
<input type="checkbox"/> Genius Hour	68		0		
<input type="checkbox"/> I-Fit	EO74		0		
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	39		0		
<input type="checkbox"/> MS Publications A	177A		0		
<input type="checkbox"/> Science Olympiad	47		0		
<input type="checkbox"/> Strength & Conditioning	EO66		0		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tech Explorations	48		0		

## Step Five:

Finally, after you have **green checkmarks** on all the selection areas (Blue Arrows below), then you need to **REVIEW** your selections. Make sure that your selections are correct. After you have double checked your selections, click the “Submit” button (Red Arrow below) at the bottom of the screen. If you do not click submit, your selections will not be saved. **\*\*Reminder\*\*** All classes are subject to space availability, so your student may not take these in the order selected.

The screenshot shows the final selection screen with five elective choices and an additional requests section. Each selection area has a blue arrow pointing to a green checkmark, indicating successful selection. A red arrow points to the 'Submit' button at the bottom right.

Elective Choice	Selected Class	Credits	Status
7th Elective Choice #3	EO Choir	EO63 - 0 credits	✓
7th Elective Choice #4	Developing Life Literacy	24 - 0 credits	✓
7th Elective Alternate #1	Genius Hour	68 - 0 credits	✓
7th Elective Alternate #2	Landscape	39 - 0 credits	✓
Additional Requests			✓