



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection 2020-2021

# Course Selection for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- ▶ You will be selecting:
  - English
  - Elective
    - All students will be automatically enrolled in US History, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science, Physical Education and the next course in the math sequence.
  
- ▶ **Step 1:** The **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection Contract** must be completed and is due to your history teacher by **Friday, March 13**.
  - ▶ Before you begin to fill out the Course Selection Contract, **read it**. It is a contract because your signature will indicate that you understand it and that you will abide by it.
  
- ▶ **Step 2:** Log into (with your parents) your Aeries **Parent Portal** account. Students will select their courses **ONLINE!** The online registration window will be open on March 5 and will close on March 13.



# Math Course

Current Math Level	Course Progress	Math Sequence Grade 8
Math A Essentials	<p>Course Completion</p> <p>Summer school option for students currently earning an A, B, or C who wish to take Integrated Math B in the fall. Contact counselor for more information.</p>	Integrated Math B Essentials
Math A	<p>C or Better</p> <p>Summer school available for students who earn a D/F. Contact counselor for more information.</p> <p>Students earning an A and considering Math B Honors are strongly encouraged to take independent study summer bridge. Contact counselor for more information.</p>	Integrated Math B
Math A Honors	B or better	Integrated Math B Honors
Math A Honors	C	Integrated Math B
Math A Honors	D or F	D or F in Math A Honors, Mandatory Placement in Integrated Math B
Math B Honors	Course Completion	Integrated Math 1 Honors

- ▶ Your parent will need to contact me (email) if you wish to adjust the 8<sup>th</sup> grade math course request.





# English Course

- Please make a careful and thoughtful decision based on your abilities and dedication to studies because you will be making a year long commitment.
- If you are not in Honors English 7 but would like to be in Honors English 8, please review the [College Preparatory Or Honors English: Which level is best for you?](#) document on the PTMS website so you are making an informed decision.

# English Course

## College Preparatory English

- ◇ Appreciates a moderate pace that allows for review.
- ◇ Does writing assignments when assigned in class.
- ◇ May take notes on a consistent basis in the classroom.
- ◇ Has emerging organizational skills.
- ◇ Talks casually about literature and stories outside of the classroom.
- ◇ Reads outside of school with the prompting of a parent.
- ◇ Enjoys teacher-facilitated discussion in the classroom.
- ◇ Is a directed learner who finds joy in exploring literature inside of the classroom.

## Honors English

- ◇ Appreciates an accelerated pace and workload in and outside the classroom.
- ◇ Writes poetry and stories in their free time as a form of recreation.
- ◇ Understands how to take notes and follow directions without prompting.
- ◇ Has well-developed organizational skills.
- ◇ Talks analytically about literature and stories outside of the classroom.
- ◇ Reads for enjoyment often outside of school.
- ◇ Enjoys leading discussions within the classroom.
- ◇ Is a self-directed learner who finds joy in exploring more outside of the classroom.

# Physical Education

## ▶ PE



- ▶ **ISPE** (*Application Required*) – visit the *SDUHSD* website for online application and ISPE information. The window to apply for 2020–2021 opened February 10 and the deadline to submit your paperwork is April 3, 2020.



# ISPE

## What is ISPE?

- ▶ Designed for high ranking athletes who compete as an individual at the regional, state, and/or national level in specified sports.
- ▶ An independent study course requiring personal accountability and maturity.
- ▶ The direct instruction requirement must meet or exceed 400 minutes every 10 school days/2 weeks (State of California P.E. statute)
- ▶ **ISPE is year-long class in SDUHSD middle schools**
- ▶ **Visit [sduhsd.net](http://sduhsd.net) for more information**
- ▶ **[Application window February 10 – April 3, 2020](#)**

*\* Music students may take ISPE as a 7th class and choose a second elective.*

# Electives

- ▶ Arts Explorations
- ▶ STEM Explorations
- ▶ Advanced STEM Explorations
- ▶ Yearbook (*Application required*)
- ▶ Leadership (*ASB App required*)
- ▶ Band (*Music Intent Form required*)
- ▶ Orchestra (*Music Intent Form required*)
- ▶ Vocal Performance
- ▶ Spanish I
- ▶ Spanish II

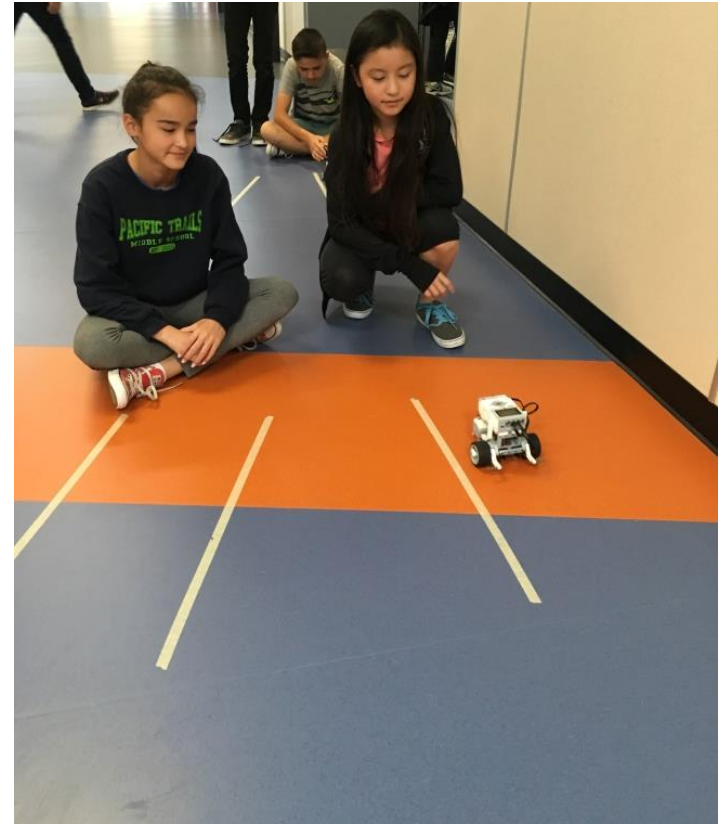
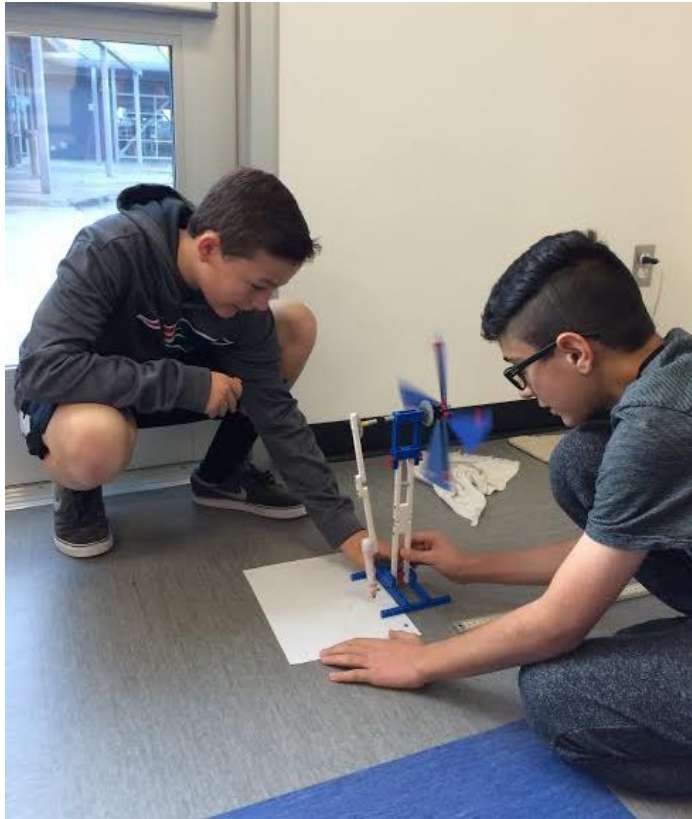


# Arts Explorations

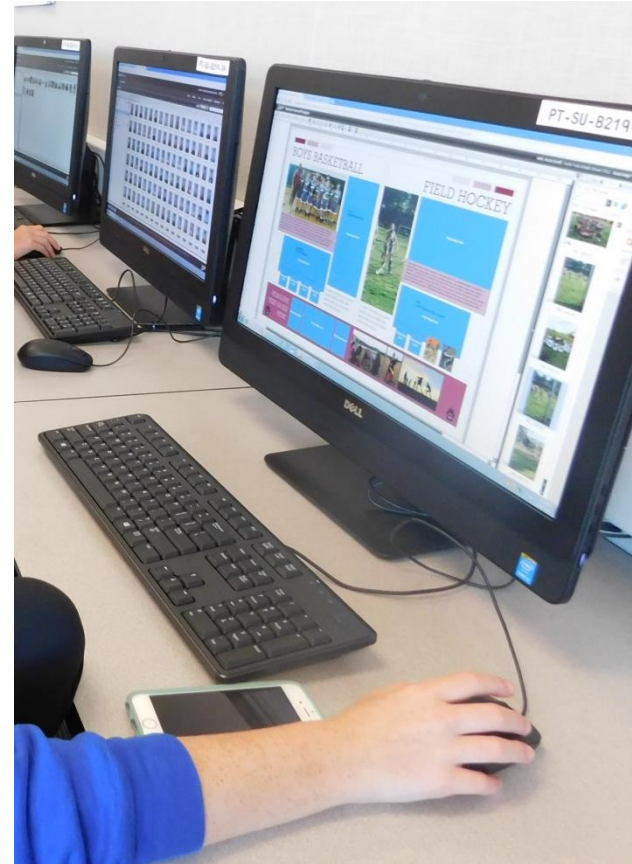


# STEM Explorations

## Advanced STEM Explorations



# Yearbook





# Leadership



# Band



# Orchestra





# Vocal Performance





# Band / Orchestra

- ▶ If you wish to be in Band or Orchestra and are not currently in the music program, please fill out the online Music Intent Form (Google form).
- ▶ You may enroll in Band/Orchestra for your elective and take General PE for your PE class.
- ▶ Or, you may choose to enroll in Band/Orchestra and select an additional elective IF you concurrently enroll in ISPE (you must meet the ISPE requirements). ISPE application available at [sduhsd.net](http://sduhsd.net)



# Spanish I & II



# World Language

- ▶ If you choose Spanish I or II as your first choice, you do not need to select alternates.
- ▶ You must earn a C or better in Spanish I to move on to Spanish II.
- ▶ Begin your world language no later than 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ▶ In 9<sup>th</sup> grade, additional choices of French, Japanese, Chinese and American Sign Language may be available (depending on which high school you attend).



# Elective Courses Requiring Additional Forms

- ▶ The following courses require additional forms which are available online in the “Elective Registration Applications” section of the registration page. They are Google Forms that are submitted online:
  - ❖ Leadership/ASB
  - ❖ Yearbook
  - ❖ Music Intent Form
- ▶ Please complete the Google Forms and submit it by the deadline to turn in your Course Selection Form.

PTMS 2020-21 School Year Enrollment Timeline

Online Enrollment

Residency Verification Forms

## Course Selection

7th Grade Course Selection Contract

8th Grade Course Selection Process

## Elective Registration Applications



*\*\* required if student is interested in taking these electives*

**Leadership/ASB Online Application**

**Music Intent Form**

**Yearbook Online Application**

## Parent Information Night

Parent Information Night is on February 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

- PowerPoint Presentation

# Zero Period Option

Period	Monday Single Periods 0-5	Tuesday Block 0,1, 3, 5	Wednesday Block 0,2, 4	Thursday Block 0,1, 3, 5	Friday Block 0, 2, 4,
0	7:20 – 8:15	7:20 – 8:15	7:20 – 8:15	7:20 – 8:15	7:20 – 8:15
1	8:20 – 9:10	8:20 -10:00		8:20 – 10:00	
2	9:15 – 10:00		8:20 – 10:00		8:20 – 10:00
3	10:15– 11:00	10:15-11:50		10:15 – 11:50	
4	11:05- 11:50		10:15 –11:50		10:15 – 11:50
Homeroom	11:55-12:30	11:55-12:30	11:55-12:30	11:55-12:30	11:55-12:30
Lunch			Optional lunch 12:30-1:05		Optional lunch 12:30-1:05
5	1:10 – 2:00	1:10 – 2:50		1:10 – 2:50	
6	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off

# Looking ahead – UC/CSU A–G Subject Requirements

- ▶ **A** – History/Social Science: 2 years
- ▶ **B** – English: 4 years
- ▶ **C** – Math (including Integrated Math 1,2,3): 3 years \*4 years recommended
- ▶ **D** – Lab Science: 2 years \*3 years recommended
- ▶ **E** – Language other than English: 2 years \*3 years recommended
- ▶ **F** – Visual or Performing Arts: 1 year
- ▶ **G** – College Prep Elective: 1 year



# Choose Wisely

- ✓ We are scheduling for the whole year.
- ✓ Schedule changes **will not** be made to accommodate **teacher requests, classes with friend requests, period requests, or extracurricular and athletic activities.**
- ✓ SDUHSD Board Policy sets a **four-week limit** at the beginning of each semester to drop a class. Level changes (from honors to college prep) may be requested during this four-week period if **there is space available.**



# School–Life Balance: CARE

## ▶ ***Establish Connection:***

- ▶ Quality time with family and friends is directly related to your emotional well–being and builds trusting relationships.
- ▶ Connecting with trusted adults helps build communication skills and is tied to making healthy choices; two essential skills that help foster positive relationships.

## ▶ ***Develop Awareness:***

- ▶ Explore personal interests beginning in middle school; connect interests with the courses you select and extracurricular activities in which you choose to participate.
- ▶ Broaden post–high school plans to include multiple options related to education and career.
- ▶ Do not compare yourself to others; You are each unique and have your own interests and strengths.

## ▶ ***Take Responsibility:***

- ▶ Be responsible for choosing what school experience you want to have; it is not just about the end result, but also the journey along the way.
- ▶ Be mindful and choose courses wisely; time availability, interests, physical and emotional well–being should all be taken into consideration.

## ▶ ***Extend your reach!***

- ▶ Communicate your needs and concerns and let others help you; by doing so you are building resources and a support system.
- ▶ Asking questions and listening can help broaden your perspective and toolbox of skills that lead to long–term success.

# Course Selection Contract

- ▶ Read the contract thoroughly
- ▶ View the Course Descriptions online to learn more about courses
- ▶ Course selections **will not** be officially recognized without a parent/guardian signature on the contract
- ▶ You must choose your courses online **prior** to turning in your Course Selection form and Contract
- ▶ **March 13 is the last day to submit course selections online**
- ▶ **June 1<sup>st</sup>** is the last day to make schedule changes with the counseling office

# Course Selection Contract

## PACIFIC TRAILS MIDDLE SCHOOL 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE COURSE SELECTION CONTRACT

NAME (LAST) \_\_\_\_\_ (FIRST) \_\_\_\_\_

ELECTIVE TAKEN in 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

Students are required to take 6 classes - Math, English, US History, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science, Physical Education, and one elective from the following list.

After reading the information in the Course Profiles located on the Counseling page of the Pacific Trails Middle School website: [pt.sduhsd.net](http://pt.sduhsd.net) to help inform your selections, check the English course you and your student feel are most appropriate based on your assessment of his/her academic performance.

**English** (please check one)

\_\_\_\_ English 8

\_\_\_\_ English 8 Honors

Check if you would like a zero period. Interested students may have an opportunity to be scheduled periods 0-5.



### YEAR-LONG ELECTIVE COURSES

Rank your elective requests from the list below in order (1 through 4) with number 1 being your first choice.

\_\_\_\_ Arts Explorations

\_\_\_\_ Spanish 1

\_\_\_\_ Spanish 2

\_\_\_\_ STEM Explorations

\_\_\_\_ Advanced STEM Explorations

\_\_\_\_ Vocal Performance

#### **Application Required**

\_\_\_\_ Leadership

\_\_\_\_ Yearbook

#### **Music Intent Form required**

\_\_\_\_ Band

\_\_\_\_ Orchestra

Check if you are a music student and plan to take Band or Orchestra while concurrently enrolled in ISPE

**\* ISPE Application required and subject to district approval.**

# Online Selection

- ▶ Your parents must have an active Aeries Parent Portal account (have your parent contact the counseling secretary immediately if they do not!)
- ▶ Window to submit is **March 5 – March 13**
- ▶ Refer to Course Selection Contract for course offerings

# Online Selection

From the PTMS webpage, click on the Aeries Icon on the bottom right

**Parent Resouces**  
We welcome parent involvement at Pacific Trails Middle School.



[Learn More >](#)

**Curriculum**  
See our wide range of courses to help our students excel.



[Learn More >](#)

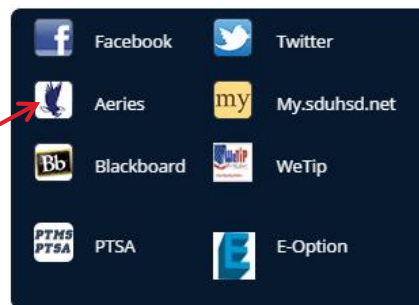
**Calendars**  
Keep up to date on all school events and schedules.











[Learn More >](#)

## Quick Links

- ▶ [Attendance](#)
- ▶ [Bell Schedule](#)
- ▶ [Boys & Girls Club](#)
- ▶ [Cyber Education](#)
- ▶ [Dress Code](#)
- ▶ [Forms](#)
- ▶ [Order Yearbook](#)
- ▶ [School Climate Survey](#)




A grid of icons for various services and social media platforms. A red arrow points to the Aeries icon.

	Facebook		Twitter
	Aeries		My.sduhsd.net
	Blackboard		WeTip
	PTSA		E-Option

# Online Selection

Log into Aeries

English ▼



**Aeries**<sup>®</sup>  
Student Information System

---

Email

**NEXT**

[Forgot Password?](#) [Create New Account](#)

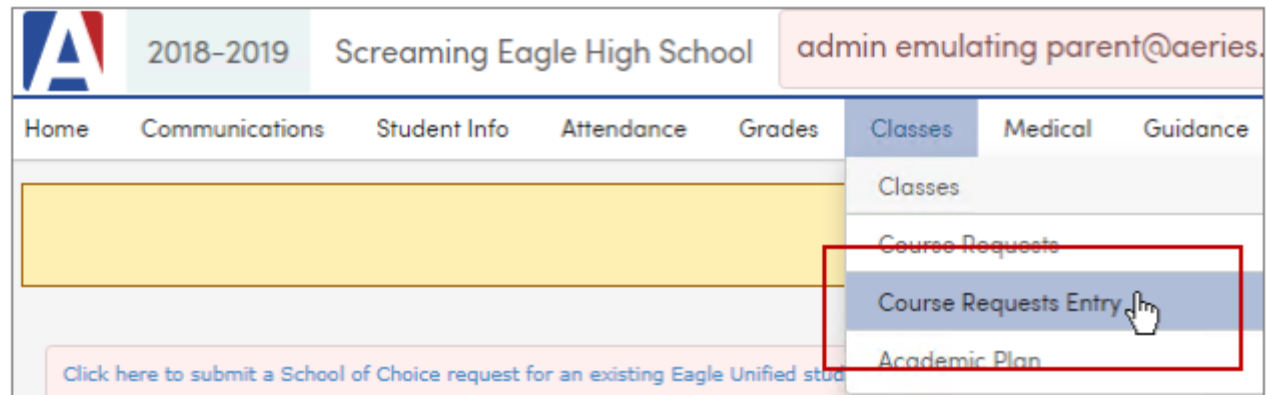


# Online Selection

## Online Course Selection Process

To submit your student's course selections for 2020-21, please follow these steps.

1. Log in to your Aeries parent portal with your parent account
2. Select Course Requests Entry. The **Course Requests Entry** page can be accessed from the **Classes** dropdown.



To request a course, locate the course from the **Filter Courses** menu. Click the **Course** hyperlink and click **OK** in the pop-up. See display below.

Select your courses by clicking on the course title

\*English

\*Elective


All Course Requests must be approved by appropriate school personnel.  
Scheduling for grade: 8

[View Course Request Details](#)

Subject Area	Primary Request	Alternate Request
Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Int Math B (2065)</li><li>Phy Science (4003)</li><li>US History (3003)</li></ul>	

Filter Courses

Name or Nbr:  Sbj Area:

Click A Course To Request or  for Info

As you select your courses, they will appear here

PTMS Course Offerings Will Be listed here

# Add an Alternate for your elective course (your #2 choice on your Course Selection Form).

**All Course Requests must be approved by appropriate school personnel.  
Scheduling for grade: 8**

View Course Request Details

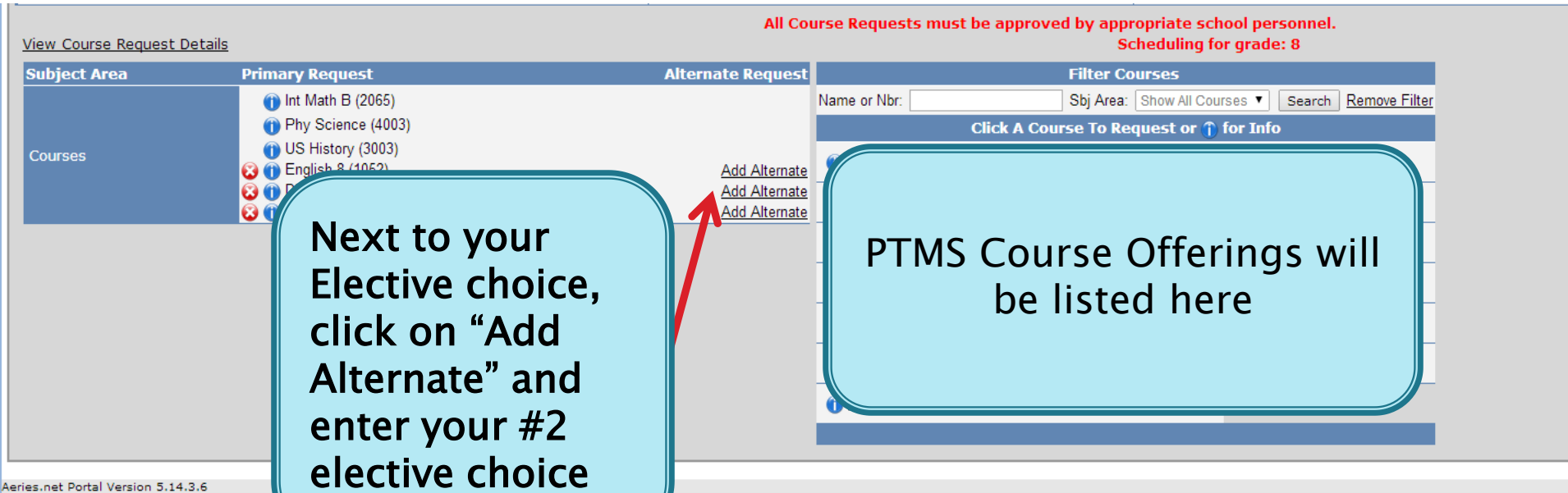
Subject Area	Primary Request	Alternate Request
Courses	<a href="#">↑ Int Math B (2065)</a>	
	<a href="#">↑ Phy Science (4003)</a>	
	<a href="#">↑ US History (3003)</a>	
	<a href="#">⊗ <a href="#">↑ English 8 (1052)</a></a>	<a href="#">Add Alternate</a>
	<a href="#">⊗ <a href="#">↑</a></a>	<a href="#">Add Alternate</a>
	<a href="#">⊗ <a href="#">↑</a></a>	<a href="#">Add Alternate</a>

Filter Courses  
Name or Nbr:  Sbj Area: Show All Courses ▾ Search Remove Filter

Click A Course To Request or ↑ for Info

PTMS Course Offerings will be listed here

Series.net Portal Version 5.14.3.6



Next to your Elective choice, click on "Add Alternate" and enter your #2 elective choice

PTMS Course Offerings will be listed here

Make sure you select all of the classes you wish to take and check titles.

All Course Requests must be approved by appropriate school personnel.  
Scheduling for grade: 8

View Course Request Details

Subject Area	Primary Request	Alternate Request	Filter Courses
Courses	Int Math B (2065)		Name or Nbr: <input type="text"/> Sbj Area: Show All Courses <input type="button" value="Search"/> <input type="button" value="Remove Filter"/>
	Phy Science (4003)		<b>Click A Course To Request or  for Info</b>
	US History (3003)	<a href="#">Add Alternate</a>	<div data-bbox="1006 551 1740 891" data-label="Text"><p>PTMS Course Offerings will be listed here</p></div>
	English 8 (1052)	<a href="#">Add Alternate</a>	
	Digital	<a href="#">Add Alternate</a>	
Science			

Check Titles. To remove a course, the red "x" button will remove the request

# Remember...



- Your 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection Contract is due on Friday, March 13 to your history teacher.
- If you have not yet turned in your Verification of Residency (Due March 27), your 8<sup>th</sup> grade registration will be incomplete.
- Make sure you have selected your courses online prior to this day.

*See your counselor, Mrs. Curry, if you have any questions!*