



8th Grade
Course Selection
2019–2020

Course Selection for 8th Grade

- ▶ You will be selecting:
 - English
 - PE
 - Elective
 - All students will be automatically enrolled in US History, 8th Grade Science and the next course in the math sequence.

- ▶ **Step 1:** The **8th Grade Course Selection Contract** must be completed and is due to your history teacher by **Friday, March 22nd**.
 - ▶ 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 14th and will close on March 22nd.



Math Course

Current Math Level	Course Progress	Math Sequence Grade 8
Math A Essentials	Course Completion 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.	Integrated Math B Essentials
Math A	C or Better Summer school available for students who earn a D/F. Contact counselor for more information. Students earning an A and considering Math B Honors are strongly encouraged to take independent study summer bridge. Contact counselor for more information.	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 8th 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 “Honors vs College Prep” document on the PTMS English Department’s website so you are making an informed decision.**

English Course

College Preparatory English

- Reads outside of school with the prompting of a parent.
- 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.
- Appreciates a moderate pace that allows for review.
- Enjoys teacher-facilitated discussion in the classroom.
- Is directed learners who find joy in exploring inside of the classroom.

Honors English

- Reads for enjoyment often outside of school.
- 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.
- Appreciates an accelerated pace and workload in and outside of the classroom.
- Enjoys leading discussions within the classroom.
- Is a self-directed learner who find joy in exploring more outside of the classroom.

Physical Education Options

▶ PE



- ▶ **ISPE** (*Application Required*) – visit the *SDUHSD* website for online application and ISPE information. The window to apply for 2019–2020 opens April 15 and the deadline to submit your paperwork is May 31, 2019.

ISPE

While our primary recommendation is that all students participate in the district physical education program, we do offer an independent study physical education program for:

- ▶ (1) individualized sports only (no team sports)
 - ▶ (2) students are accepted on a case by case basis
 - ▶ (3) music students may apply for ISPE as a 7th class and choose a second elective.
 - ▶ (4) students who participate in a minimum of an average of 400 minutes every two weeks in their individual sport
- ▶ **Note: The window to apply for 2019–20 begins April 15, 2019. The deadline is May 31, 2019.**

Electives

- ▶ Art 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



Arts Explorations (con't)



Write and Produce:

Short Films

*PSA's
& Commercials*

Mini-Movies

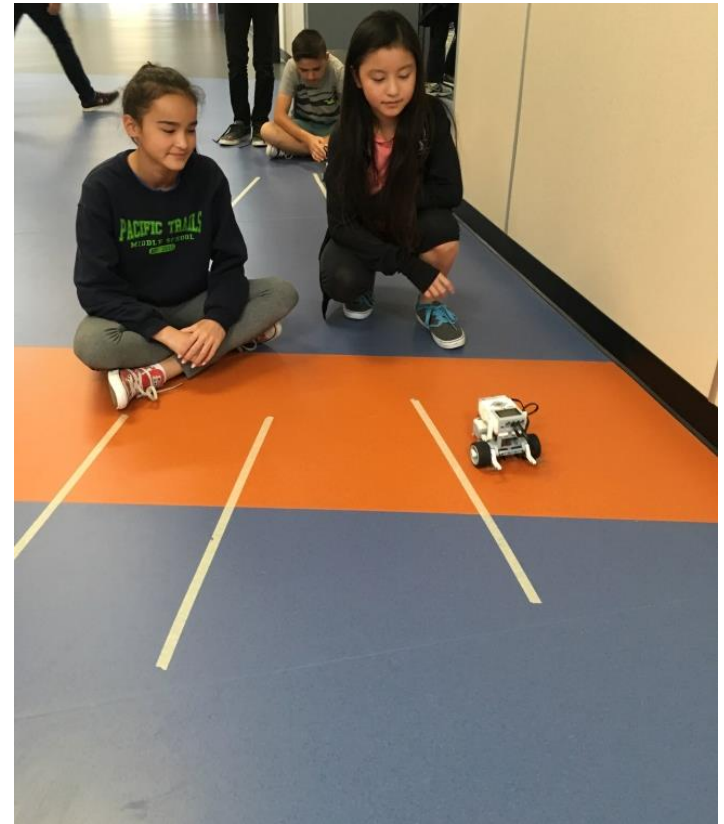
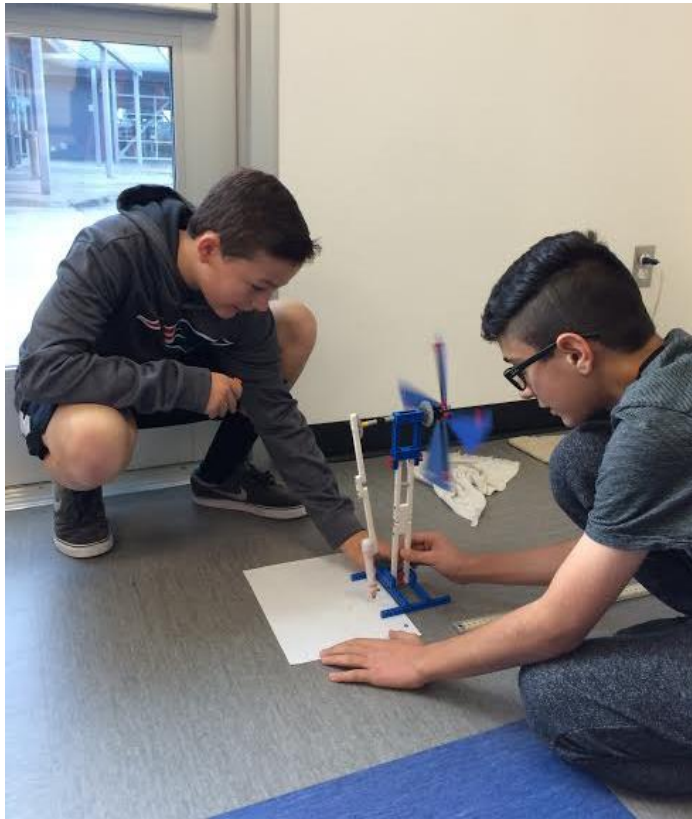
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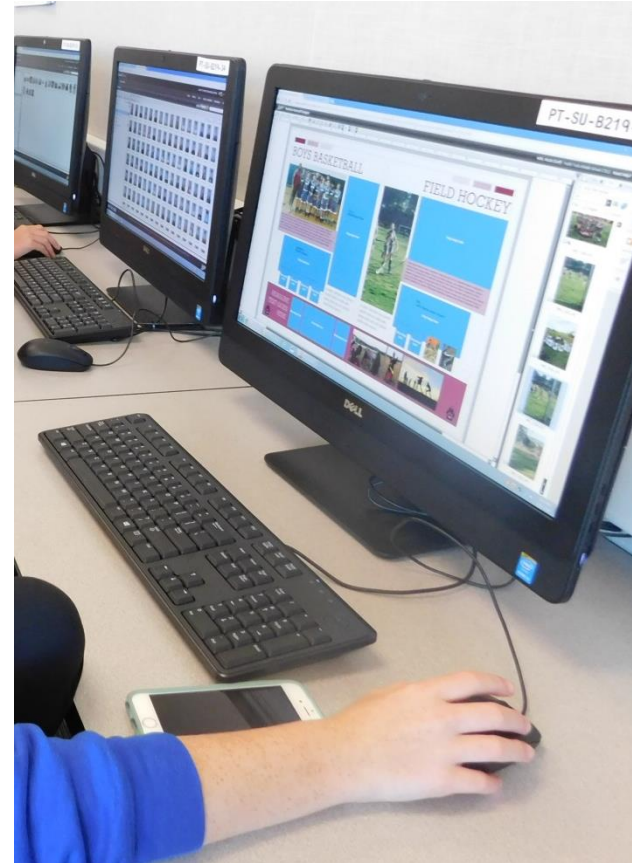


STEM Explorations

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 select 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). **Select ISPE Course #0060 online**



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 9th grade.
- ▶ In 9th grade, additional choices of French, Japanese, Chinese and American Sign Language may be available (depending on which high school you attend).



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
 - ❖ ISPE (on District Website)
- ▶ Please complete the Google Forms and submit it by the deadline to turn in your Course Selection Form (unless it is an ISPE application.)
- ▶ ISPE applications are web-based and are available on the SDUHSD website. The window to apply for 2019–20 begins **April 15, 2019**. The deadline is **May 31, 2019**.

Zero Period Option

Schedule for 2019-2020

(2019-2020 times may vary slightly. Check website in August for updated times.)

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	12:30-1:05	12:30-1:05	Optional lunch 12:30-1:05	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 22nd is the last day to submit course selections online**
- ▶ **June 1st** is the last day to make schedule changes with the counseling office

Course Selection Contract

PACIFIC TRAILS MIDDLE SCHOOL 8th GRADE COURSE SELECTION CONTRACT

NAME (LAST) _____ (FIRST) _____

ELECTIVE TAKEN in 7th GRADE _____

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

Check the English course you and your student feel are most appropriate based on your assessment of his/her academic performance. For more information, please refer to the Course Profiles located on the Counseling page of the Pacific Trails Middle School website: pt.sduhsd.net.

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.

+ Please note that PE and elective choices will be used in scheduling your year-long classes.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (check one)

_____ Physical Education (General PE)

_____ I plan to apply for Independent Study Physical Education (ISPE) ***ISPE Application required**. Forms and information available on the SDUHSD website www.sduhsd.net.

_____ I am a music student and plan to take Band or Orchestra while concurrently enrolled in ISPE*

Application required.

Please select one _____ Band _____ Orchestra

YEAR-LONG ELECTIVE COURSES

Rank your elective requests 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

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 14th – March 22nd**
- ▶ Refer to Course Selection Contract for course offerings









Online Selection

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

<p>Parent Resouces</p> <p>We welcome parent involvement at Pacific Trails Middle School.</p>  <p>Learn More ></p>	<p>Curriculum</p> <p>See our wide range of courses to help our students excel.</p>  <p>Learn More ></p>	<p>Calendars</p> <p>Keep up to date on all school events and schedules.</p>  <p>Learn More ></p>
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Quick Links


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Online Selection

Log into Aeries

English ▼



Aeries[®]
Student Information System

Email

NEXT

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1. Click on Student Info

2. Then Course Requests Entry

Welcome to the Parent Portal for Sammy Seahawk

Step 1:
Click "Student Info"

Step 2:
Click "Course Requests Entry"

Gradebook Summary

Name	Per	Teacher	%	Avg	Current Mark	Missing Assign	Past 5 Day's Att					Last Updated
							T	F	M	T	W	

Attendance Summary

Code	Description	All	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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3. Click on Search
4. A new screen will appear showing all courses offered

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Int Math B (2065)Phy Science (4003)US History (3003)		Name or Nbr: <input type="text"/>	Sbj Area: <input type="text" value="Show All Courses"/> <input type="button" value="Search"/>

Step 3: Start
by clicking
"Search"



Step 4: A new screen will
appear showing all
courses offered at PTMS.

5. Select your courses by clicking on the course title

*English

*PE

*Elective

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			Click A Course To Request or for Info

As you select your courses, they will appear here

PTMS Course Offerings Will Be listed here

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

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Scheduling for grade: 8

View Course Request Details

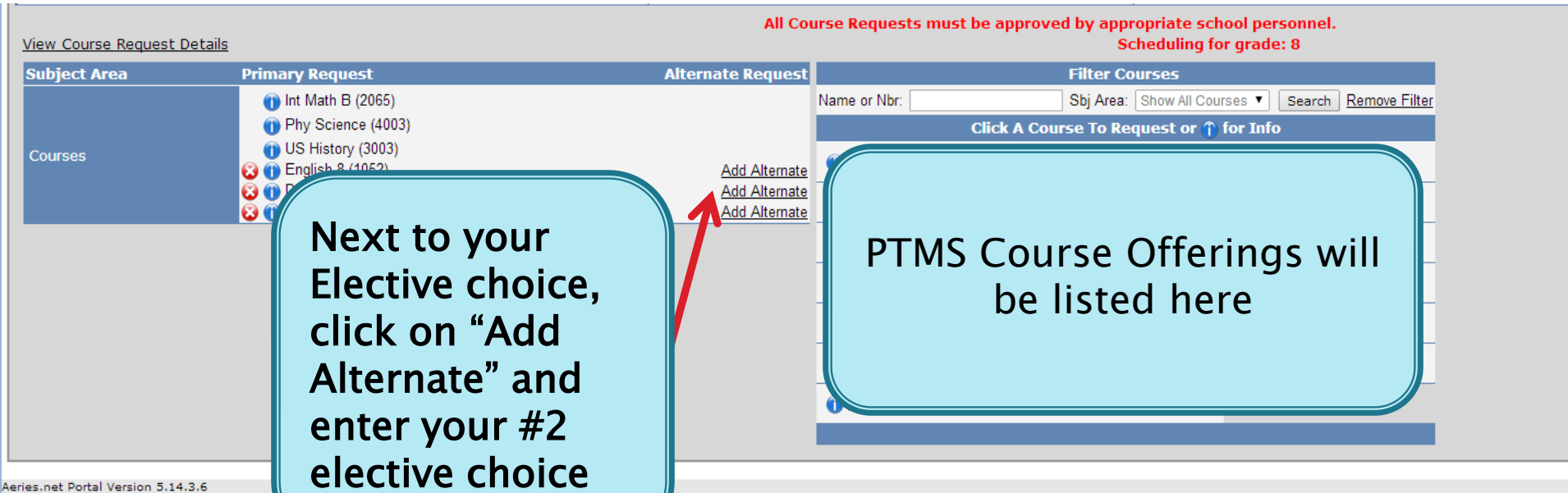
Subject Area	Primary Request	Alternate Request
Courses	Int Math B (2065)	
	Phy Science (4003)	
	US History (3003)	
	English 8 (1052)	Add Alternate
	Add Alternate	Add Alternate

Filter Courses
Name or Nbr: Sbj Area: Search [Remove Filter](#)

Click A Course To Request or [↑](#) for Info

PTMS Course Offerings will be listed here

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The screenshot shows a web interface for course requests. At the top, a red banner states 'All Course Requests must be approved by appropriate school personnel. Scheduling for grade: 8'. Below this is a 'View Course Request Details' section. It features a table with three columns: 'Subject Area', 'Primary Request', and 'Alternate Request'. The 'Primary Request' column lists several courses: 'Int Math B (2065)', 'Phy Science (4003)', 'US History (3003)', and 'English 8 (1052)'. The 'Alternate Request' column is currently empty, but it contains three 'Add Alternate' links. A red arrow points from a callout box to the first 'Add Alternate' link. To the right of the table is a 'Filter Courses' section with a search bar and a dropdown menu. Below the filter is a button that says 'Click A Course To Request or ↑ for Info'. A second callout box points to this area, stating 'PTMS Course Offerings will be listed here'. At the bottom left, the text 'Series.net Portal Version 5.14.3.6' is visible.

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

PTMS Course Offerings will be listed here

7. 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
Courses	Int Math B (2065)	
	Phy Science (4003)	
	US History (3003)	
	English 8 (1052)	Add Alternate
	Digital Literacy (1052)	Add Alternate

[Add Alternate](#)
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Filter Courses
Name or Nbr: Sbj Area: Show All Courses [Remove Filter](#)

Click A Course To Request or for Info

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

PTMS Course Offerings will be listed here

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Remember...



- Your 8th Grade Course Selection Contract is due on Friday, March 22nd to your history teacher.
- If you have not yet turned in your Verification of Residency (Due March 29th), your 8th 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!