



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

TOPIC: Update on High School and Middle School Course Offerings

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INFORMATIONAL REPORT:

Update on High School and Middle School course offerings as a result of the five period High School schedule. Courses are to be phased in during the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE Course Offerings

2012-2013

GRADE

6th

A	MATH	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE
B	MATH	SOCIAL STUDIES	READING	PE	ELECTIVE

7th

A	MATH	SCIENCE ALL	SOCIAL STUDIES	ENGLISH	Exploring Careers
B	MATH	Science Interventions 7th CRITERIA*	READING	PE	ELECTIVE
		ELECTIVE			

8th

A	MATH OR ALGEBRA I	SCIENCE ALL	ENGLISH OR ELA/R CRITERIA*	ELECTIVE	TOUCH SYSTEM DATA ENTRY
B	MATH OR ALGEBRA I	Science Interventions 8th CRITERIA*	READING OR ENGLISH COLLEGE ACADEMIC READINESS E/CAR	SOCIAL STUDIES	HEALTH (Mandatory health topics)
		ELECTIVE			STUDY SKILLS

NOTES

1. Double Science @ 7th grade with **FLEXIBLE** criteria as of 2012-13; block 1 must teach 100% - 7th grade science TEKS: Science Interventions, block 2, with enhanced laboratory activities on 6th and 8th TEKS weaknesses
2. Double Science @ 8th grade with **FLEXIBLE** criteria as of 2012-13; block 1 must teach 100% - 8th grade science TEKS: Science Interventions, block 2, with enhanced laboratory activities on 6th - 8th TEKS weaknesses
3. Spanish I **discontinued**; replaced with *Languages Other Than English Level III / Spanish 8th Grade (03443200- PEIMS)*
4. ELA/R @ 8th grade by criteria; when a student takes ELAR instead of GT English and GT Reading, it would have no impact as long as student is enrolled in Project Design I, II, or III (Texas Performance Standards Project) or English College Academic Readiness (paired to ELAR).
5. When meeting criteria for ELA/R, 8th student will be paired with English College Academic Readiness--E/CAR

Middle School Course Placement Criteria

Algebra I: Students with a 5th grade TAKS scale score range between 738-893; and 6th grade TAKS range between 783-944

ELA/R: Students who in grade 6 met commended performance in TAKS reading **AND** in grade 4 met commended performance in TAKS reading & writing

Science Interventions Gr. 7 and 8: Students with a 5th grade TAKS science score below a 2200 scale; enrollment **flexibility** depending on space availability.

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Middle School Credit Offering Changes
Impact on Five Period High School Schedule

2012-2013 Grade 8		2013-2014 Grade 9
10 instructional blocks @ 70 min. each on A/B Block Schedule; school year		5 instructional blocks @ 75 min. each; semester
Algebra I – credit /eligibility criteria based on previous performance on state assessment; students with a 5th grade TAKS score scale range between 738-893; 6th grade TAKS range between 783-944		Algebra I – due to stricter eligibility criteria, increased number of students needing course; review teacher certification/ availability
Spanish I – no credit awarded / replaced with Languages Other Than English Level III / Spanish Grade 8		Spanish I – due to elimination of credit at MS, increased number of students; review teacher certification/ availability
TRIPLET- no credits awarded – 12 week courses		
1 <u>Health</u> – Mandatory health topic incorporated 1. Parenting and Paternity Awareness (p.a.p.a) curriculum – TEC §28.002(p) 2. Teen Dating Violence - TEC §37.0821 (2007 HB 121) 3. Health – TAC §74.3(a) 4. Bullying – TEC §37.033 5. CPR – TEC §28.0023 6. Coordinated School Health Programs - Bienestar – SB 19		Health - ½ credit to be earned at HS; although not a state requirement, UISD continues to require it- increased number of students; review teacher certification/ availability
2 <u>Study Skills</u> (replacing speech and/or integrated with speech)		Speech - ½ credit to be earned at HS; recommendation: CTE Professional Communications; increased number of students; review teacher certification/ availability
3 <u>Touch System Data Entry</u> (NCLB – 8th grade – technology literacy)		