



Overland Trail Middle School

8TH Grade Enrollment 2021-22



[MS Program Planning Guide](#)

Please return this form to marockers@bluevalleyk12.org

Student Name: _____

Step #1: Choose Instructional Setting

In - Person

Virtual

We acknowledge that making a learning mode decision in February for the fall is difficult given the large number of unknowns. Therefore, only families who select the in-person option will have an opportunity in July to change to the full-time virtual option. For staffing purposes, no changes can be made from virtual to in-person. *If you have doubts or questions, please select the in-person learning option as you will not be able to switch from the virtual option to the in-person option in July.*

Courses All 8th grade students are enrolled in the following courses:

Required Courses:		Elective Courses:
English (Full year course)	Social Studies (Full year course)	Students must select 5 semesters of elective courses from the elective course list below.
Science (Full year course)	Math (Full year course)	
Physical Education (Semester course, 2 quarters)		

The Middle School Program Guide can be found at [bluevalleyk12.org/Academics/Middle School](http://bluevalleyk12.org/Academics/Middle%20School)

Step #2: Math Course

8th grade students will enroll in one of the following mathematics courses. **Please refer to teacher recommendation** to assist you with the choice. **Please mark an "X" in the corresponding box:**

Integrated Mathematics 8

Algebra I

Step #3: Elective Courses Elective courses are offered for either one semester or a full school year (2 semesters).

Music & World Language Please indicate your desire to take a course by placing an "X" in the corresponding box:

Band 8	<i>Previous Band experience required.</i>	2 semesters	Instrument:	
Strings 8	<i>Previous Orchestra experience required.</i>	2 semesters		
Vocal Music 8	<i>You may select a full year <u>OR</u> semester course.</i>	2 semesters		1 semester
Spanish 2	<i>Spanish 1B (7th) is required. Spanish 1B and 2 may count for HS credit.</i>	2 semesters		
Chinese 2	<i>Chinese 1B (7th) is required. Chinese 2 may count for HS credit.</i>	2 semesters		
Beginning Chinese 2	<i>Beginning Chinese 1 required.</i>	2 semesters		

Additional Elective Courses These courses meet every day for a semester. **Please rank ALL** the courses from 1 (first choice) to 11 (last choice):

_____ **Visual Arts 8*** (1 semester)

_____ **Theatrical Production 8** (1 semester)

_____ **Design & Robotics 8*** (1 semester)

_____ **Exploring Foods 8*** (1 semester) Taking this class will waive the prerequisite for a few of the HS foods classes.

_____ **Code Studio 8** (1 semester)

_____ **Modern Communications 8** (1 semester)

_____ **My Style 8**** (1 semester)

_____ **Digital Media & Design 8** (1 semester)

_____ **Pre-Engineering 8*** (1 semester)

_____ **Study Hall 8** (1 semester) (space is limited)

_____ **Additional Semester of PE** (space is limited)

**NOTE: This class has a fee. **NOTE: Additional cost for projects.*

Online PE is an option for 7th and 8th grade students, **during first semester**, in cases where students wish to have additional flexibility in their schedule. Online PE is a course taken in addition to classes taken during the school day. It is completed at home, after school hours.

Step #4

Please sign and date below indicating these are your choices for the 2021-22 school year.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Date

Important Points to Consider

This document is used to create your class schedule. We work hard to enroll each student in the classes that have been selected and strive to give students their top elective choices. However, class size, staff availability, and time slots may impact the student's schedule.

Please review the following checklist prior to turning in your completed form.

- Select one math course.
- Review the elective course list.
- If your student has an IEP, please consult your child's case manager before completing the enrollment form.
- **Thoughtfully rank the additional elective courses.**

If you have any questions, please contact your 2021-2022 counselors:

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7th grade, last names A -L

All 8th grade students

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All 6th grade students

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MOVING?

If you are planning to move, please contact

Melanie Rockers, Registrar

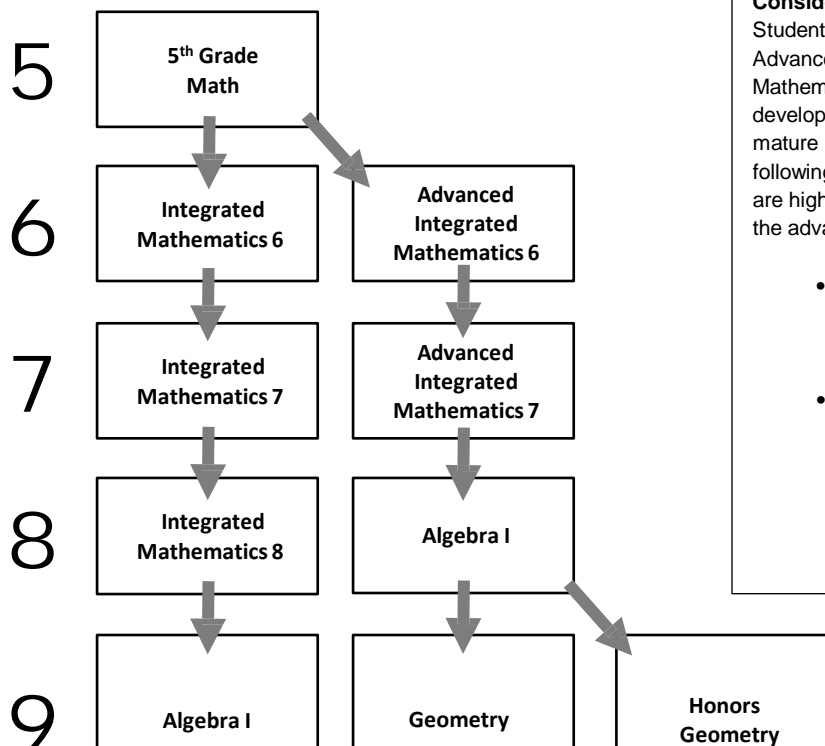
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Dear Families:

As we begin the enrollment process, we want you to be aware of the math progression as a student transitions from elementary to middle to high school. The chart below details the math progression from 5th grade math into high school.

The requirement for graduation from a high school in the Blue Valley School District is 3 credits (6 semesters of passing grades) in math courses at the high school. Pre-Algebra does not count towards Board of Regents requirements.

For Board of Regents qualified admissions into a Regents' University, students graduating from an accredited Kansas High School must have an ACT score of 21 or higher or an SAT score of 980 or higher, or complete 4 credits of Math including Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, with one unit taken in the graduating year.



Considering Moving to Advanced Math?

Students may move from Integrated Mathematics 6 to Advanced Integrated Mathematics 7 or from Integrated Mathematics 7 to Algebra 1. Some students become more developmentally ready for **advanced** math classes as they mature and grow; so, a move to an advanced class the following year is possible, but the following considerations are highly-recommended in order to best ensure success in the advanced course:

- There are two distinct curricula for regular and advanced classes, so moving to an advanced class **will create some learning and knowledge gaps**.
- This gap will have to be addressed on the student's time before the beginning of the following school year. **Students may fill this gap by attending a summer course that Blue Valley offers.** Costs will be determined by summer school.