



# EIGHTH GRADE SUBJECT SELECTION FORM 2024 – 2025

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Students that are not enrolled in Islamic A/B will automatically be enrolled in the courses MS Research Skills 8 and Engineering Investigation & Inquiry Internship .**

**SEVENTH GRADE TEACHERS:** Recommendations for core classes are to be made by initializing the appropriate courses.

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## ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

\_\_\_\_A08 MS English/Language Arts 8 Regular

\_\_\_\_A38 MS English Language Arts 8 Honors

\_\_\_\_N08 MS Research Skills 8 – ALL STUDENTS NOT TAKING ISLAMIC A/B WILL BE ASSIGNED THIS ANNUAL COURSE

## MATHEMATICS

\_\_\_\_B08 MS Mathematics 8 Regular

\_\_\_\_B38 MS Mathematics 8 Honors

## SCIENCE

\_\_\_\_C08 MS Science 8 Regular

\_\_\_\_C38 MS Science 8 Honors

\_\_\_\_Q08 Engineering Investigation & Inquiry Internship 8 – ALL STUDENTS NOT TAKING ISLAMIC A/B WILL BE ASSIGNED THIS ANNUAL COURSE

## SOCIAL STUDIES

G08 MS Moral Education/UAE Social Studies – ALL STUDENTS WILL BE ASSIGNED THIS ANNUAL COURSE.

U08 United States History 8 Regular – ALL STUDENTS WILL BE ASSIGNED THIS ANNUAL COURSE.

## ARABIC

\_\_\_\_AA08 Arabic A Grade 8

\_\_\_\_AB08 Arabic B Grade 8

## ISLAMIC

\_\_\_\_IA08 Islamic A Grade 8

\_\_\_\_IB08 Islamic B Grade 8

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

P08 Physical Education/Health Grade 8 - ALL STUDENTS WILL BE ASSIGNED THIS ANNUAL COURSE.

**STUDENT/PARENT:** French is an **Annual** course. Technology & Innovation and Maker Innovators are **Semester** courses. The other courses are offered by term via our carousel system. Art during Term 1, Music will be offered during Term 2, and Debate & Public Speaking during Term 3.

## SPECIAL AREA COURSES

F08 Foreign Language Grade 8

TAV08 Art Grade 8 – Animation & Video Production

KIE08 Music Grade 8 – Instrumental Ensemble

LPS08 Debate & Public Speaking

M08 Maker Innovators: Grade 8 Independent Exploration/Studies

TRC08 Technology & Innovation Grade 8 – Coding & Digital Art

# EIGHTH GRADE SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS

In anticipation of the 2024 – 2025 academic year, it is mandatory for a subject selection form to be filled out for middle school students. To assist in this process, seventh-grade homeroom teachers will provide recommendations by initialing next to the academic courses they deem suitable for each student.

This year, students have the option of two academic tracks: Regular and Honors, offered in English/Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. Eligibility for the Honors pathway is based on specific criteria. Students must achieve a performance level at or above the 61st percentile in the corresponding MAPs assessment for each course and attain a rating of "meeting" or "exceeding expectations" in their Term 2 and Term 3 report cards. This system ensures that students are placed in courses that align with their academic abilities and achievements.

## REGULAR vs. HONORS

The differences between the Regular and Honors tracks are highlighted below:

English/Language Arts – Students enrolled in the Honors track may partake in, among other activities, an additional novel study throughout the year, varied assignment choices, and curriculum compacting. **Curriculum compacting entails focusing on concepts and coursework that students haven't mastered yet, thereby omitting content they are already proficient in.**

Mathematics – In the Honors pathway, students will be assigned additional mathematics lessons featuring multi-step extensions, alternative assignment selections, and curriculum compacting.

Science – Within the Honors track, students have access to independent inquiry opportunities, increased involvement in engineering projects, and curriculum compacting.

## COMPULSORY COURSES

All eighth-grade students are required to enroll in the following courses, which are compulsory and offered annually:

1. **\*\*MS Moral Education/UAE Social Studies\*\***
2. **\*\*United States History 8 Regular\*\***
3. **\*\*Physical Education/Health Grade 8 \*\***
4. **\*\*MS Research Skills 8\*\*** This course is offered to all students not enrolled in either Islamic A or B.
6. **\*\*Engineering Investigation & Inquiry Internship 8\*\*** This course is offered to all students not enrolled in either Islamic A or B.

## **SPECIAL AREA COURSES**

French is an annual course that meets twice, weekly.

The courses “Maker Innovators: Grade 8 Independent Exploration/Studies” and “Technology & Innovation: Grade 8 Coding & Digital Art” are semester courses held once a week.

Utilizing our carouseling system introduced this academic year, students will have the opportunity to engage in further study of the arts. Digital Animation will be offered Term 1, Instrumental Ensemble will be offered Term 2, and Debate & Public Speaking will be offered Term 3.