



Incoming 7th & 8th Grade

PARENT MEETING

For parents of current 6th grade and 7th grade students

**Welcome to
Junior High!**

Agenda

- JH Transition Guide
- Daily Schedule at Junior High
- 7th Grade Curriculum
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- Honors and High School Credit
- Elective Courses
- Course Selection
- Schedule Change Policy

Junior High Transition Guide

Available digitally on the JH website under “Counselor Corner”

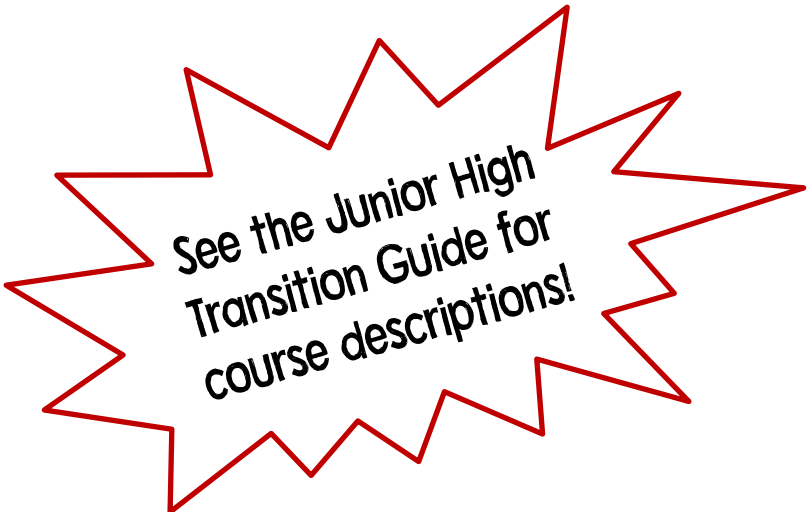
- Contains answers to most questions you have about Junior High:
 - Principal and Counselor contact information
 - Student Services
 - General Policies and Procedures
 - Course Descriptions
 - Transition to High School

Daily Schedule @ Junior High

- Our day at Junior High is split into seven 55-minute class periods and a 30-minute advisory period
- In 2022-2023
 - 7th graders
 - 5 required courses
 - 2 electives
 - 8th graders
 - 4 required courses
 - 3 electives

7th Grade Required Courses (5)

- Language Arts or Honors Language Arts
- 7th Mathematics or Pre-Algebra
- Science or Honors Science
- Texas History or Honors Texas History
- Athletics or PE

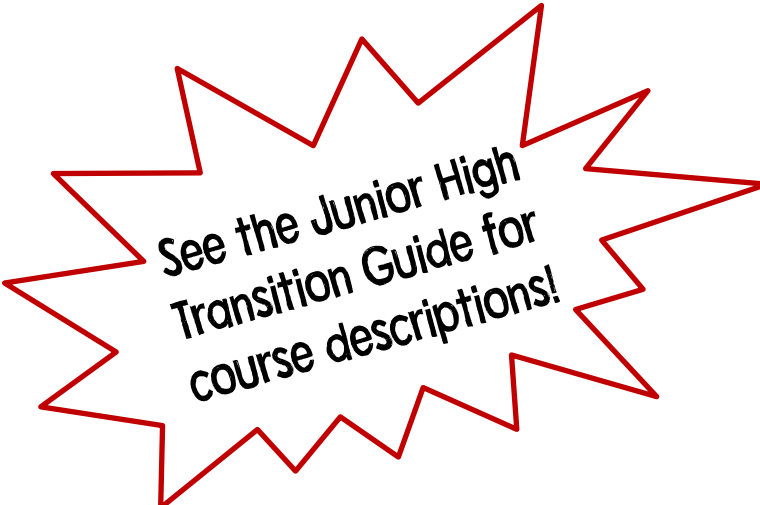


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8th Grade Required Courses (4)

- Literacy or English I (HS credit)
- Mathematics or Algebra I (HS credit)
- Science or Honors Science
- U.S. History or Honors U.S. History

** If 8th graders wish to continue Athletics it becomes one of their elective choices*



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Honors & Pre-AP Courses

OPEN enrollment for Honors & PAP Courses!

7TH GRADE

Pre-Algebra

Honors Reading

Honors Science

Honors TX History

8TH GRADE

PAP Algebra I *

PAP English I *

Honors Science

Honors US History

High School Credit

Elective Courses

- Art
- Athletics (8th)
- Audio/Video Production
- Automation & Robotics with Medical Detectives (7th)
- AVID
- Band
- Choir
- Leopard Leaders
- Robotics II & Computer Science (8th)
- Spanish I and II*
- Spirit Team
- Theater Arts

**High School Credit*

Art—Mrs. Knight



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An introductory course that familiarizes students with various mediums and techniques while focusing on the elements of art and the principles of design. Drawing and painting with several materials is experienced. The course emphasizes artistic composition, color knowledge, and technical discipline.

A/V Production—Mrs. Mansker



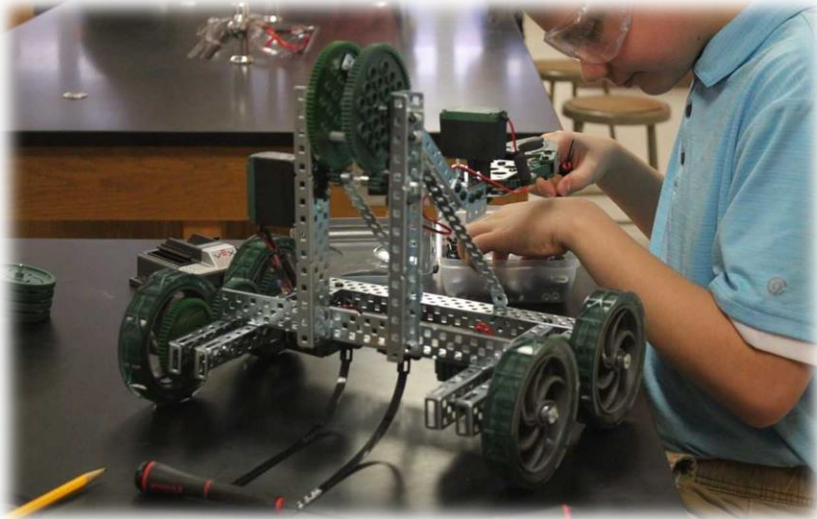
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This course will explore the Audio and Video production industry and career opportunities. Professional grade equipment and software will be used in the creation of student lead productions. Students will be involved in several class and small group audio, video, and film style production projects with emphasis on TV studio broadcasting and news production projects.

Automation & Robotics— Mr. Koroly



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**7th Automation & Robotics with Medical
Detectives**

8th Robotics II with Computer Science

These courses are part of the cutting-edge
Project Lead the Way Gateway
(GTW) program designed to challenge and
engage the natural curiosity and imagination of
middle school students, while incorporating national
standards in math, science and technology.



AVID—Mrs. Kelsey

- For students who possess a desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard, but may not have the opportunity to be college-ready.
 - *Often the first in their families to attend college and from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education*
- Students will receive additional academic, social, and emotional support that will help them succeed in their school's most rigorous courses and prepare them for life beyond high school



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Band—Ms. Spangler



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GJH offers three different band ensembles for students to participate in: Cadet, Concert, and Symphonic



Placement in the specific band class will be based on audition and instructor approval. At all levels, students will participate in the UIL band contests and numerous community programs, and are encouraged to participate in solo and ensemble competition and All-Region Band auditions. Attendance is required for all rehearsals and performances (before, during, or after school).

Choir and Theater Arts—Mr. Hennessy

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GJH offers three different choirs ensembles: Girls Choir for girls with no prior experience, Boys Choir for boys with no prior experience, Varsity Girls Choir for girls with experience or instructor approval.

Theater Arts is designed to introduce the student to the many performing and technical aspects of theater. Students will learn basic acting techniques (stage movement, developing voice, memorizing lines, etc.), improvisation, mime techniques, character development, basic scene study (group and individual monologues), script analysis and performance critiquing.



Leopard Leaders—Coach Thomas



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The role of the Leopard Leader is campus/student-service based; Leopard Leaders mentor a “Little Leopard” at the elementary level based on the students’ needs.

A Leopard Leader’s main task is to listen and provide support to their Little Leopards, whether the support is academic, social, or emotional, or a combination of all three levels of support.

Spanish I & II—Mrs. Hernandez



Meets High School Graduation Foreign Language Requirements

7th & 8th Spanish I

Spanish I is the first course of a required high school two-year sequence designed to develop the fundamental language skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

8th Spanish II

**Must have taken Spanish I in order to take Spanish II*

The emphasis of instruction will be to expand the students' existing oral proficiency through focus on grammatical concepts and to develop the skills of reading and writing Spanish.

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Spirit Team—Mrs. Boswell

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Combined cheerleading and dance team spirit team. Includes conditioning and knowledge of cheers and/or dances. Students are expected represent GJHS in the school, district, and community. Tryouts will be conducted, class size limited to 25 students. Uniforms will be required and are the responsibility of the student/parents.



Course Selection

Incoming 7th Graders—January 11th

Incoming 8th Graders—January 13th

A copy of your student's selections will be sent home with them the day of scheduling.

Changes can be made by contacting your student's Junior High counselor.

Schedule Change Policy

Once the school year starts, changes to a student's schedule may impact other courses, and therefore will be made on a limited basis.

Schedule change requests will be considered during the first 10 instructional days of the 2022-2023 school year and at semester.

- Acceptable reasons for schedule changes:
 - Inappropriate placement
 - Movement between academic and Honors classes
 - An error in enrollment
 - A scheduling conflict
- Unacceptable reasons for schedule changes:
 - Student wants a different teacher
 - Student wants to be with friends
 - Student does not want to do the class work

Questions?

For questions regarding your child's 2022–2023 schedule please contact their junior high counselor.

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