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DISCOVERY MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

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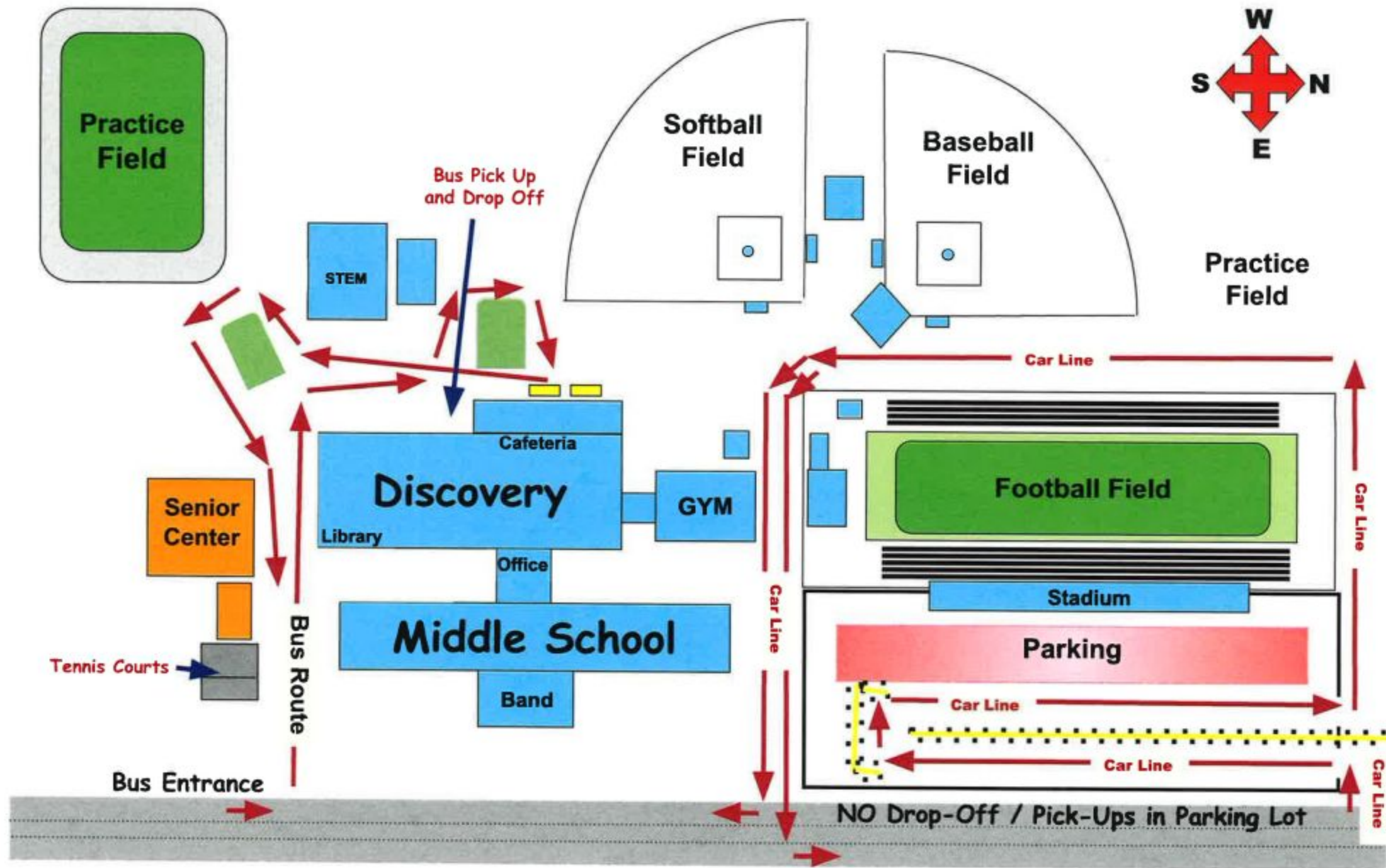


**DISCOVERY MIDDLE
SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

School Start and End Times

- School starts at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 3:20 p.m.
- Doors are opened for students to enter at 7:40 a.m.
- Student check out will end at 2:45 each day so that the bus line can be cleared of all vehicles before dismissal.

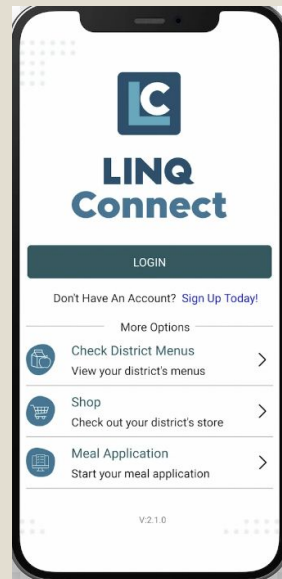




DMS Bus & Car Traffic Flow (am and pm)

Lunch

- Parents cannot have lunch with students or bring in outside food.
- Students sit at assigned tables, but not assigned seats.
- Please do not send cash for lunch. Teachers do not handle lunch money, students give their lunch money directly to the CNP staff.
- Send a check or sign up for [LINQ Connect](#) to manage your student's lunch account online.



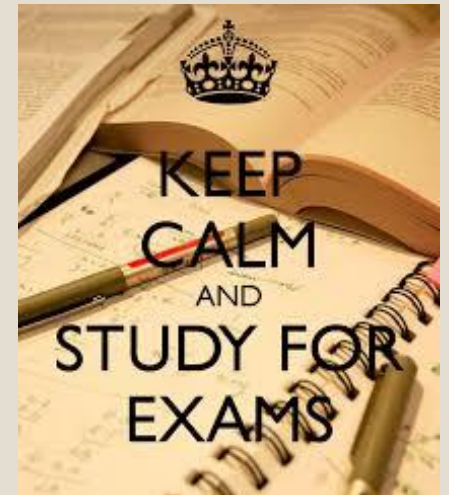
Attendance



- Attendance is very important at the secondary level.
- All excuse notes **MUST** be turned in within 3 days.
- Students will receive a zero for any work missed if they have an unexcused absence.
- Parents are only allowed 5 absence notes per semester. Any absences beyond this limit will require a doctor's note to be excused.
- Absenteeism is a part of our school report card. Poor attendance impacts student success in the classroom and the school.
- If you have extenuating circumstances with your child, i.e. hospitalization, chronic illness etc. please be sure to contact the counselor as soon as possible.
- Attendance notes should be turned in electronically by emailing them to dmsattendance@madisoncity.k12.al.us or loading in PowerSchool portal account.

Grading Policy

- Student grades consist of 60% test grades and 40% daily grades. High school credit courses are 70% test grades and 30% daily grades. Final exam is 20% of grade.
- Students must complete make-up work as soon as possible after an excused absence.
- Make-up working and missing assignments count as a 0 until turned in and graded by the teacher.
- All students will take a mid-term and/or final exam at the end of the fall semester and a final exam at the end of the spring semester. These are cumulative exams.
- There are no early exams. If a student misses an exam, they will receive a zero until it is made up. Make up dates for missed exams will be posted on the website.



Dress Code

- All students must adhere to the dress code.
- Students who are in violation of dress code will be asked to change to appropriate attire.
- Most common dress code violations include the following:



- Inappropriate pictures, advertising or symbols on clothing
- Pajama pants
- Holes in jeans too far above the knee
- Leggings, yoga pants with tops that are not “fingertip length”
- Shorts, skirts that are more than shorter than “fingertip length”

Technology

- Students must be responsible for their own personal devices (iPad, cell phones, computer, AirPods). DMS is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen devices.
- Students are allowed to use their cell phones between classes and at lunch.
- Students are not allowed to use cell phones in the classroom and must follow the teachers' policies regarding cell phone use.
- If you need to get an immediate message to your student, please call the front office.
- Students are not allowed to talk on the phone during instructional time. They cannot step out of class to answer a call from parents.



Social Media

- Major distraction
- Teach appropriate use
- Monitor Regularly
- Set Limits



Vaping

- Talk with your students about the dangers of vaping
- 1 in 4 middle and high school students use e-cigarettes daily.
- Increased 78% in high school students, 48% in middle school students
- U.S. Surgeon has called e-cigarette/vape use among youth an “epidemic”
- In MCS, the consequence is **5 days of out of school suspension followed by 15 days of Alternative School, 5 days ISS** for the first offense.
- A **second offense** and/or a **positive drug test** will result in a disciplinary hearing resulting in a more severe punishment, which could include expulsion.



Fighting

- In MCS, the consequence is **5 days of out of school suspension followed by 15 days of Alternative School, and 5 days ISS** for the first offense.



5 Block Schedule

8:15 – 9:33	1st Block
9:37 - 9:37 9:37 – 10:53	Transition 2nd Block
10:53 – 10:57 10:57 – 12:40	Transition 3rd Block (Includes Lunch)
12:40 – 12:44 12:44 – 2:00	Transition 4th Block
2:00 – 2:04 2:04 – 3:20	Transition 5th Block

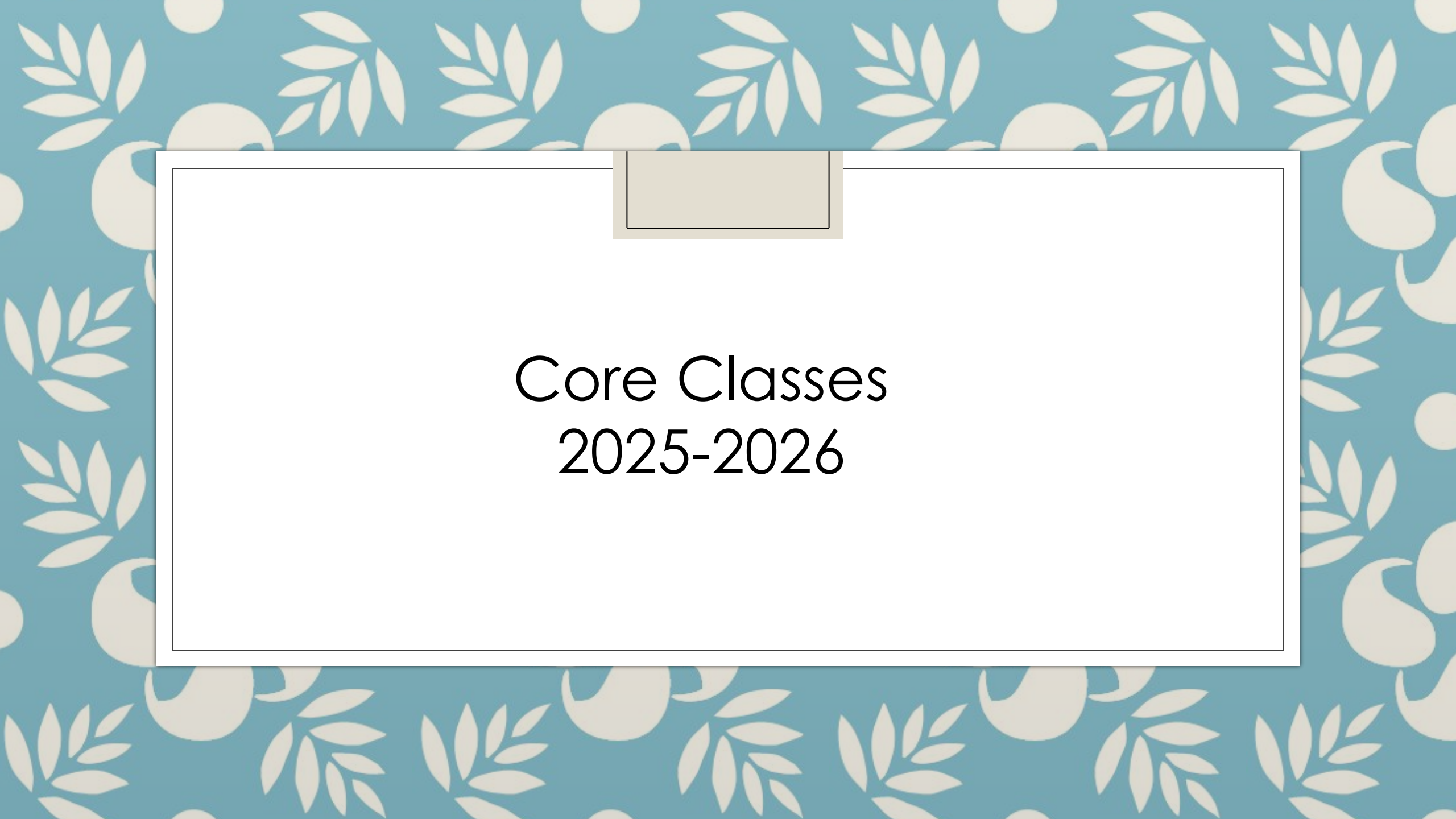
*Math and ELA are year-long courses that are one 74-minute block

*Science and SS are semester-long classes

*Students have two full 74-minute blocks for electives with the opportunity to have up to 8 different electives

Weekly Rotation of Blocks

	WEEK 1 ABCDE	WEEK 2 EDCBA	WEEK 3 BACED	WEEK 4 DECAB
8:15-9:33	A Block	E Block	B Block	D Block
9:37-10:53	B Block	D Block	A Block	E Block
10:57-12:40	C Block	C Block	C Block	C Block
12:44-2:00	D Block	B Block	E Block	A Block
2:04-3:20	E Block	A Block	D Block	B Block



Core Classes 2025-2026

7th Grade Core Classes

Language Arts Options

Language Arts 7

Honors Language Arts 7

Math Options

Math 7

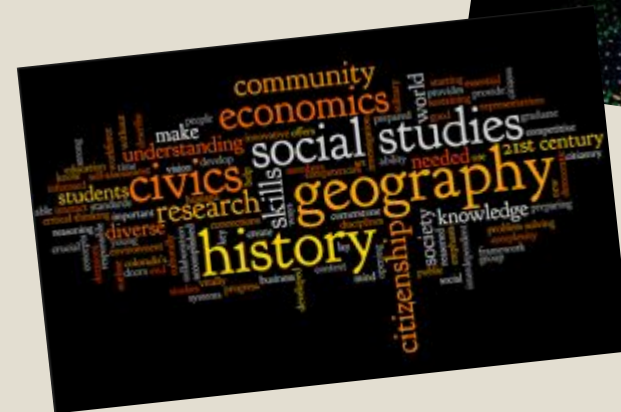
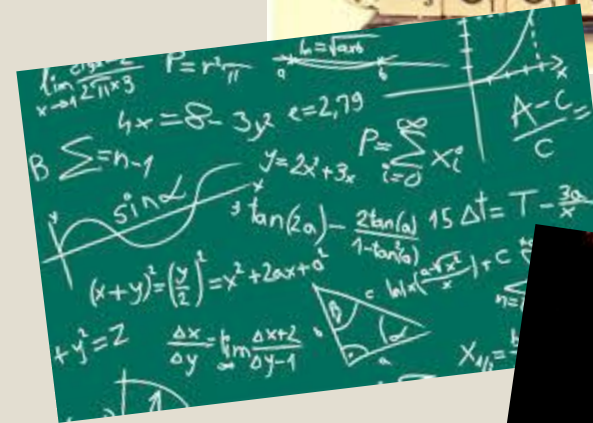
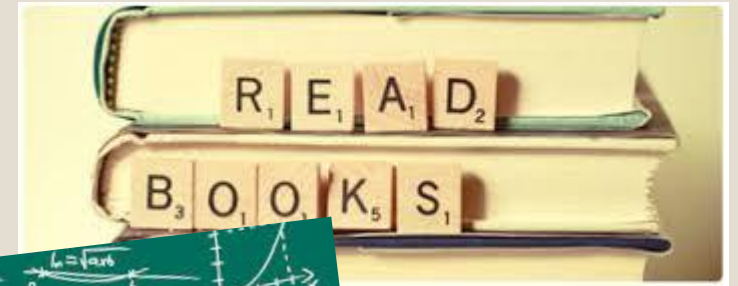
Accelerated Math 7

Math Team Accelerated Math 7

Required for all 7th Grade Students

Life Science 7

Geography/Civics



8th Grade Core Classes

Language Arts Options

Language Arts 8

Honors Language Arts 8

Math Options

Math 8

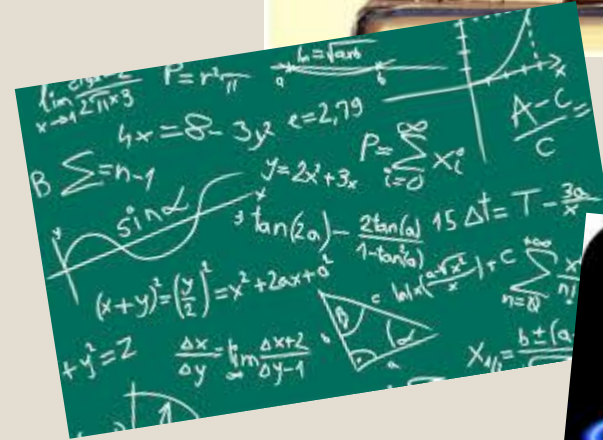
Accelerated Math 8

Math Team Accelerated Math 8

Required for all 8th Grade Students

Physical Science

World History or World History Pre AP



7th & 8th Grade Math Team Courses

These courses are designed for students who desire the opportunity to compete on DMS's Math Team through their Accelerated Math courses. Students will be expected to attend inside and outside of school competitions.



Recommendation made by school based on data.

There will be fees associated with this class for tournament costs.

Tournament attendance is expected, and the schedule is to be determined.

Honors Language Arts

These courses are designed for students who enjoy reading and writing and desire the opportunity to take either Honors Language Arts in the 8th grade or Pre-AP English 9 in the 9th grade.

The primary goals of the course are to foster independent learning, encourage in-depth exploration of the content, and develop academic habits of mind. Outside and summer reading are required.

Summer Reading



Pre AP World History

8th Grade Option



This semester course is designed to prepare 8th grade students for their transition into AP World History in the 9th grade.

This class will require a large amount of out of class preparation in line with that of a high school AP World History class. The goal of this class is for students to learn and apply the skills necessary to be successful in AP World History while also transitioning students to the rigor of an AP class.

7th Grade Elective Options			
9 Weeks		Semester	Year
Fine Arts Electives	STEM Electives	Fine Arts Electives	Fine Arts Electives
Intro to Visual Arts	Innovators & Makers (Comp Sci)	Advanced Art - App	Beginning Band
Visual Arts	App Creators (Comp Sci)	Intermediate Theater	Concert Band
Sculpting Art	Intro to Python with CodeX	Advanced Theater - Audition	Symphonic Band
Interior Design	Energy & the Environment PLTW		Intermediate Chorus
Beginning Theatre	Flight & Space PLTW		Advanced Chorus -Audition
Technical Theatre	Magic of Electrons PLTW	Language Arts Electives	
Language Arts Electives	Medical Detectives PLTW	Digital Communications - App	Language Arts Electives
Composition Workshop	Health Science Discovery		Yearbook - Application
Creative Writing I	Healthcare Career Explorations	STEM Electives	
Creative Writing II	Green Architecture PLTW	Automation & Robotics PLTW	
Intro to Public Speaking	Science of Technology PLTW		
Math Electives	STEM	General Electives	
Money! Money! Money!	Survey World Language Electives	Innovations/Inq Based Learning	
Math Meets Art	French A/B		
General Electives	Latin A/B		
Introduction to Chess	German A/B		
Competition Chess	Spanish A/B		
Digital Publishing Tools			

8th Grade Elective Options			
9 Weeks		Semester	Year
Fine Arts Electives	STEM Electives	Fine Arts Electives	Fine Arts Electives
Intro to Visual Arts	Innovators & Makers (Comp Sci)	Advanced Art - App	Beginning Band
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Interior Design	Design & Modeling PLTW		Intermediate Chorus
Beginning Theatre	Energy & the Environment PLTW	Language Arts Electives	Advanced Chorus
Technical Theatre	Flight & Space PLTW	Digital Communications - App	
Language Arts Electives	Magic of Electrons PLTW		Language Arts Electives
Composition Workshop	Medical Detectives PLTW	STEM Electives	Yearbook - Application
Creative Writing I	Green Architecture PLTW	Automation & Robotics PLTW	
Creative Writing II	Health Science Discovery	Computer Science Essentials PLTW	World Language (year)
Intro to Public Speaking	Healthcare Career Explorations		French I (1 credit)
General Electives	Science of Technology PLTW		Latin I (1 credit)
Digital Publishing Tools		Other Electives	Spanish I (1 credit)
Introduction to Chess	Survey World Language Electives	Career Prep A (0.5 credit)	German I (1 credit)
Competition Chess	French B		
Math Electives	Latin B		
Money! Money! Money!	German B		
Math Meets Art	Spanish A/B		

Foreign Languages



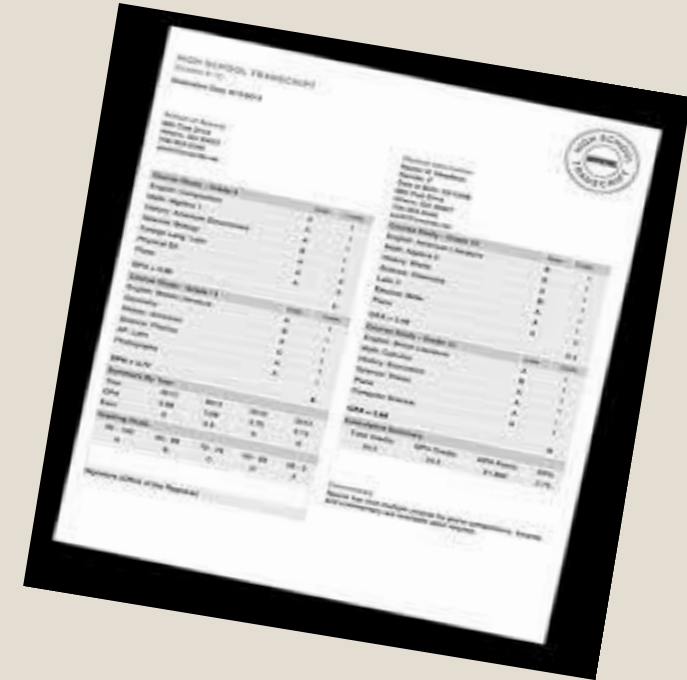
Spanish I French I Latin I German I

- 8th Graders ONLY
- Foreign Languages are year-long challenging courses
- A high school credit is earned
- These courses **CANNOT** be dropped from a transcript
- These courses should **NOT BE CONSIDERED** lightweight; they **REQUIRE** a commitment to studying.

High School Credit

Courses that earn high school credit:

- **Year-Long World Language**
- **Career Prep A (0.5 credit)**



The image shows a high school transcript from Madison City High School. The transcript is titled "HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT" and "Madison City High School". It lists various courses and grades. The courses are organized into sections: "Required Courses", "Elective Courses", and "Advanced Courses". The transcript includes a table with columns for "Course", "Grade", and "Credit". The transcript also includes a section for "GPA" and "Total Credits".

Course	Grade	Credit
English I	A	1
English II	A	1
English III	A	1
English IV	A	1
Math I	A	1
Math II	A	1
Math III	A	1
Math IV	A	1
Science I	A	1
Science II	A	1
Science III	A	1
Science IV	A	1
History I	A	1
History II	A	1
History III	A	1
History IV	A	1
Physical Education I	A	1
Physical Education II	A	1
Physical Education III	A	1
Physical Education IV	A	1
Art I	A	1
Art II	A	1
Art III	A	1
Art IV	A	1
Music I	A	1
Music II	A	1
Music III	A	1
Music IV	A	1
Foreign Language I	A	1
Foreign Language II	A	1
Foreign Language III	A	1
Foreign Language IV	A	1
Health I	A	1
Health II	A	1
Health III	A	1
Health IV	A	1
Career Prep A	A	0.5

- **26 credits** are required to graduate from a Madison City High School
- Grade Point Average (GPA) is affected by performance in these classes

PE Options and Requirements

- All students are required to take at least one PE elective.
- Only **one** PE elective **per term** (9 weeks) is allowed.
- Students may take up to 3 PE electives per year.
- New PE uniforms are required.

Fitness and Aerobics
Health and Wellness
Indoor Recreational & Team Sports
Outdoor Recreational & Team Sports
Strength and Conditioning (Boys)
Strength and Conditioning (Girls)

BJHS Academies



Medical Academy

Engineering Academy

Business Academy

Computer Programming Academy

Human Services Academy

Building Construction Academy



Registration Forms 2025-2026

Registration Forms

7th Grade Registration Request Form

8th Grade Registration Request Form

Applications

Registration Steps

- DMS course catalog and registration packets are available on the DMS website under Registration.
- Parent and student sign request forms!
- **All registration packets are due February 26th.**
 - **Turn in to English Language Arts teacher**
- 7th graders will enter requests on March 6th at DMS.
- 8th graders will enter requests on February 27th at DMS.
- No schedule changes after March 5th.
- Completed registration forms will become the student schedule for the entire 2025-26 school year.
- Request courses and alternate courses carefully as there are no changes to either requests or schedules after **March 5, 2025** deadline.

Sample Schedule

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
1	Math			
2	Language Arts			
3	Science		Social Studies	
4	PE			
5				

Sample Schedule

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

1

Math

2

Language Arts

3

Science

Social Studies

4

**Outdoor
Sports**

Visual Art

**Indoor
Sports**

**Creative
Writing**

5

**Intermediate
Theater**

**Digital
Communications**

Sample Schedule

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

1

Math

2

Language Arts

3

Science

Social Studies

4

**Outdoor
Sports**

**App
Creators**

**Visual
Arts**

**Interior
Design**

5

Latin I



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