

Discovery Middle School
8th Grade Registration Forms
2025-2026 School Year



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8th Grade Course Request Form

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____

Student Email: _____@madisoncity.k12.al.us

CORE CLASSES

Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical Science	Social Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> World History	<input type="checkbox"/> PreAP World History
English	<input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Honors English Language Arts 8 (i-Ready 609 – 800)		
Math	<input type="checkbox"/> Math 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Accelerated Math 8 (Prerequisite of Accelerated Math 7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Math Team Accelerated 8 (Prerequisite of Accelerated Math 7)	

*Students and families should carefully review the ELA data to help determine appropriate class placement.
Students who fall within the i-Ready reading range listed above and who have an
ACAP Level 3 or 4 score are typically most successful in Honors ELA.*

All 8th Graders will take Physical Science.

PE, BAND, & CHORUS

All 8th Graders are required to take a minimum of one 9 Weeks of PE; however, you can request up to 3 PEs.
Please refer to the Madison City School Course Catalog for information regarding course fees.

REQUIRED – Every student should rank 1-3 in the boxes beside the PE classes with 1 being most preferred.

PE	<input type="checkbox"/> Indoor	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor	<input type="checkbox"/> Fitness & Aerobics
	<input type="checkbox"/> Health and Wellness	<input type="checkbox"/> Strength & Conditioning - Boys	<input type="checkbox"/> Strength & Conditioning – Girls

How many PEs do you prefer? <i>(not guaranteed)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
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Will you be taking BAND?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Will you be taking CHORUS?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Optional Notes for Counselor:

8th GRADE ELECTIVE CHOICES

Rank your elective preferences below from 1 (most desired) to 12.

Access to class offerings will not be denied based on an inability to pay applicable fees. Scholarships or waivers of fees are available based on a showing of need. Please contact your principal or counselor for more information.

***Audition / Application Required - You MUST submit the appropriate forms and complete required tasks for consideration to these courses.**

(P) denotes a prerequisite is required to request that course. Please see course catalog for more information.

General Electives	
	Introduction to Chess
	Competition Chess
	Innovations / Inquiry Based Learning
	Digital Publishing Tools

World Language Electives	
	Survey of French B (P)
	Survey of German B (P)
	Survey of Latin B (P)
	Survey of Spanish A
	Survey of Spanish B (P)
	French I – HS Credit
	German I – HS Credit
	Latin I – HS Credit
	Spanish I – HS Credit

CTE & STEM Electives	
	Computer Science for Innovators & Makers-PLTW
	Intro to Python with CodeX (P)
	App Creators-PLTW (P)
	Design & Modeling-PLTW
	Automation & Robotics-PLTW
	Energy & Environment-PLTW
	Flight & Space-PLTW
	Green Architecture-PLTW
	Magic of Electrons-PLTW
	Health Science Discovery
	Healthcare Career Explorations (P)
	Medical Detectives-PLTW (P)
	Computer Science Essentials - PLTW
	Science of Technology-PLTW
	Career Prep A – 0.5 HS Credit

Math Electives	
	Money! Money! Money!
	Math Meets Art

Fine Arts Electives	
	Introduction to Visual Arts
	Intermediate Visual Arts (P)
	Advanced Art (P)
	3D Art/Sculpting Art
	Interior Design
	Beginning Theatre
	Intermediate Theatre (P)
	Advanced Theatre*
	Technical Theatre (P)
	Intermediate Chorus*
	Advanced Chorus*
	Beginning Band
	Concert Band*
	Symphonic Band*

Language Arts Electives	
	Composition Workshop
	Introduction to Public Speaking
	Creative Writing I
	Creative Writing II (P)
	Digital Communications*
	Yearbook*

During the scheduling process, there may be conflicts between core courses and electives. Due to conflicts, I am not guaranteed all of my requested elective courses. I have read the course catalog and understand the requirements. I have reviewed the course selections and chosen requests for both semesters. I approve the courses and alternates my child has selected for the 2025-2026 school year and understand that there are no schedule changes after March 5, 2025, even if my child changes his/her mind about a course.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Email Address: _____ **Parent Cell:** _____ **Date:** _____

8th Grade Registration Worksheet

Blocks 5 per day	Term 1 9 weeks	Term 2 9 weeks	Term 3 9 weeks	Term 4 9 weeks	# of Terms
A	Math (year) Required				4 terms +
B	Language Arts (year) Required				4 terms +
C	Physical Science 8 (semester) Required		World History 8 (semester) Required		4 terms +
D	Physical Education (9 weeks) Required				4 terms +
E					4 terms =
Total:					20 terms

Blocks = 5 per day	Semester= 18 weeks or 2 terms
Term = 9 weeks	Year = 32 weeks, 2 semesters, or 4 terms
Total: 20 terms per student request/schedule	
<i>8th Grade students have seven terms to fill with elective choices plus choice of required PE.</i>	

*Please note that blocks and terms are used only for sample purposes in the above chart.
Courses cannot be chosen for specific blocks and/or terms*

Each student has 20 terms; 13 are filled with required courses. Students may choose from 9 week, semester, or year-long electives to fill their remaining seven terms. One PE class is required, but you may request your preference and can request up to 3 PEs.

Students should choose several alternates.

Alternate Elective Choices				

Notes:

Important Dates for School Year 2025-2026

- February 24th – Parent University at 5:00 pm
 - Parents, guardians, and students are invited to will DMS to learn more about the middle school registration process
 - Overview session for Rising 8th graders will be the cafeteria at 6:00 pm
- February 26th – All Rising 8th Grade Registration Forms due

All 8th grade students will be enrolled in the following courses: English Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science, 9 Week PE, and electives. Since course selection is based on your pre-registration, please read the course descriptions carefully and make a firm commitment to the courses you mark on the course selection form by **March 5th, 2025**. Changes will only be made if a school error exists. Efforts will be made to schedule all courses, including alternates, in priority order. Students will be notified when they can view their schedule electronically.



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