



Gulf Middle School 2018-2019 8th Grade Course Selection Sheet

Last	First	Homeroom
ID #		

Eighth grade students will be assigned the 6 REQUIRED COURSES checked below. The remaining 4 courses will be filled with a combination of semester and/or yearlong ELECTIVE COURSES. Students who are required to take Intensive Reading and/or Math Learning Strategies may not have room in their schedules for exploratory courses.

REQUIRED COURSES	NOTES
✓ Reading ¹	¹ Students who receive a Level 1 or 2 on the FSA Reading and/or Math tests will be scheduled into Intensive Reading and/or Math Strategy class. ² Pursuant to Florida Statute 1003.4156 middle school students must earn 12 credits comprised of three each of the following core courses: LA, Math, Science and Social Studies. A minimum final average of 60% must be earned to successfully complete each core course. Students who do not pass a core course must retake the course. ³ Course has costs or fees associated with taking it. ⁴ Must have successfully taken 2-D or 3-D Art
✓ Language Arts ²	
✓ Math ^{1,2}	
✓ Science ²	
✓ Social Studies ²	
✓ PE (each course is one semester)	
ELECTIVE COURSES <i>Rank ALL exploratory courses #1-6 in priority order. 1 for your 1st choice; 2 for your 2nd choice, etc.</i>	

COURSE	Sem./Year	Course Code	Priority	Teacher Signature/Recommendation
Exploring 2-D Art	Semester	01010050		
Exploring 3-D Art	Semester	01010100		
Visual Art ¹⁴	Semester	01011005		
Chorus 1	Year long	13030000		
Chorus 2	Year long	13030100		
Exploring Mus. Perf. (STOMP)	Semester	13000805		
Band 1 ³	Year long	13020000		
Band 2 ³	Year long	13020100		
Band 3 ³	Year long	13020200		
Jazz Band ³	Year long	13021100		
Acting 1	Semester	04000405		
Acting 2	Semester	04000455		
Acting 3	Semester	04000505		
Theatre	Year long	04000000		
Intro to Technical Theatre	Semester	04001005		
Film and Literature	Semester	04000355		
Intro to Culinary	Semester	88093005		
Yearbook	Year long	82002120		
TV Studio	Semester	82093605		
Student Aide	Year long	05000000		
Exploring Spanish	Semester	07081005		
Health 6	Semester	08000505		
Gulf Fit	Semester	15080005		
Gulf Leadership (MS JROTC)	Semester	21040405		
Spanish- Students who successfully complete Intermediate and Advanced Spanish over 2 years will earn 1 HS Foreign Language Credit				
Advanced Spanish	Year long	07080200		Must have successfully completed Intermediate Spanish
STEAM 3 year progression plan- Students who have successfully completed STEAM Academy will be recognized at 8th grade Awards ceremony.				
Fund. Of Web and Software Development (CIW)	Year long	9009500		Must have a "B" average or higher in Math/Science
Exploring 2-D Art	Semester	01010050		
Exploring 3-D Art	Semester	01010100		Must have successfully completed 2-D Art
Visual Art ¹⁴	Semester	01011005		Must have successfully completed 2D or 3-D Art



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Acting 1- Foundational acting skills are introduced in this action packed class. Students will learn about scripts, performance projects, and improvisation.

Acting 2- For students that have taken Acting 1 and are ready to apply their skills to the stage. Students will further develop their script study and character analysis skills in a culminating performance.

Acting 3- For students that have taken Acting 1 and are ready to apply their skills to the stage. Students will further develop their script study and character analysis skills in a culminating performance. Students must be approved by the teacher for Acting 3.

Intro to Technical Theatre- If lighting, costuming, makeup, and set design are the things you love about drama then this is the class for you. The technical side of drama students will learn about safety, publicity, sound, and all other aspects that don't include performing on stage.

Theatre- This YEARLONG class requires commitment and dedication. Students in this class will be eligible to participate in Jr. Thespians and take their talent to state competition.

Audio/Visual- Students that have an interest in television and communications will be interested Audio/Visual. During this semester long class, students will be part of the FIN News crew.

Art – Students in this class will explore their artistic side. Art projects may include, but are not limited to: drawing, painting, collages, pottery, and sculpture. This course incorporates hands-on activities and consumption of art materials. Art 1 is a prerequisite for Art 2 in future years.

Band – (full year course and 1 year commitment) Students with little or no instrumental experience develop foundational skills in instrumental technique and music literacy. The fundamentals of music notation, sound production, rehearsal strategies and instrument care are reinforced through musical performance. Students will perform in concerts during the year, some which take place outside of the school day, to support, extend and assess learning in the classroom. This course may require students to obtain a musical instrument (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) from an outside source.

Chorus – (full year course and 1 year commitment) Students with little or no choral experience develop vocal technique, music literacy and an appreciation for music through study in music theory, sight singing and the performance of music literature. Students will perform in concerts during the year, some which take place outside of the school day, to support, extend and assess learning in the classroom.

Exploring Musical Performance- This one semester course will be an introduction to music. Students will learn about rhythm, beats, tempo, etc. Students will be introduced to STOMP and other types of musical performance.

Gulf Fit- Gulf fit will use different tactics to build functional fitness for anyone. This strength and conditioning program is constantly varied, high intensity, and has functional movement. The training will consist of aerobic and anaerobic conditioning, plyometrics, & strength training.

Gulf Leadership (MS JROTC) - The Gulf Junior Leadership Program is designed to teach character education, student achievement, wellness, leadership, and diversity.

Health Education- Students will learn about how the body functions and its systems including what it means to be healthy and how to live a healthy lifestyle.

Intro to Culinary Arts- This semester long class will introduce students to food preparation, cooking, and nutrition. Students will have opportunities to use our school kitchens to create delicious recipes.

Physical Education (P.E.) - Students will actively participate in various athletics and physical activities. Students are required to dress out. Uniforms are available for purchase. All students will be enrolled in at least one semester of PE..

Visual Arts- Students will learn about digital arts, photography, and digital design as it pertains to the art world. Students will extend their learning of Art concepts and apply that learning to the digital world.

Yearbook- Students will create the GMS yearbook. Students will learn about photography, page set-up and action shots. Students in this class will be expected to attend some after school events in order to capture the entire GMS school experience.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS at GMS

FOREIGN LANGUAGE- Students who successfully pass 3 years of Spanish at the Middle school level will be earn 1 HS credit towards the foreign language graduation requirement.

Exploratory Spanish- Students will be introduced to the Spanish language and culture.

Intermediate Spanish- Year 1 of the two year requirement for HS credit. Students continue building their skills and knowledge base of the language and culture.

Advanced Spanish- Year 2 of the two year requirement for HS credit. Students will leave with one credit toward their HS graduation requirement.

STEAM- GMS offers a 3 year track of STEM. 6th grade students will be on track to take STEM 2, 3-D design, and coding. Students that follow this three year track will receive special recognition in 8th grade.

Fundamentals of Web and Software Development (CIW)- Successful completion of this course will allow students to take the Industry Certification Exam. Upon passing this exam, students will receive a CAPE Industry Certification.

Visual Arts- Students will learn about digital arts, photography, and digital design as it pertains to the art world. Students will extend their learning of Art concepts and apply that learning to the digital world.