

FAIRFIELD WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear 7th Grade Parents,

Infinite Campus is the tool used for grade 7 to 8 articulation. When your child logs on to the Infinite Campus portal and goes to the registration section, his or her “Required Courses” for 8th grade are listed. These courses include language arts, social studies, science, math, world language or reading, health, physical education, and music.

Under the section titled “Required Courses,” there are two additional sections, “Requested Courses” and “Alternate Courses.” This is where your child enters his or her preferences for elective classes. Students should watch this [unified arts presentation](#) which explains each elective course (this is also posted on FWMS website). A complete list of courses is also attached to this letter for reference. Please use the step-by-step directions provided below, as well as watch this [tutorial video](#), to ensure your child’s 8th grade elective course preferences are successfully entered. Although we do our best to honor requests, we cannot guarantee any specific classes.

It is very important that you review the Required Courses listed in Infinite Campus and that your child has made his or her preferences for Elective Courses, **by Wednesday, May 13th**.

Please note, changes will not be made after the end of the current school year, so it is imperative that you address any questions, concerns, or desired changes at this time.

Logging into the Portal

1. From the portal login screen, students log-in using their **Username** and **Password**.
2. This will bring students to the main portal page where district/school notices are listed.
3. Select **More** from the index on the left. Then select **Course Registration**. Finally, select **2020-21 Fairfield Woods Middle School**.
4. Any required courses that have been recommended by teachers and inputted by school administrators will be listed in the **Required Courses** list. Students cannot change any required courses listed for them.

Requesting Elective Courses

1. Under **Course Requests**, click **Add Course**.
2. A list of all available courses (8 total) for 8th graders will appear.
3. Click on your **first choice elective** and then click **Add Request**.
4. Click **Back**
5. Click on your **second choice elective** and then click **Add Request**.

6. Click **Back**
7. **Click on your third choice elective and then click Add Request**
8. Click **Back**
9. For the remaining elective courses, please add each one ***in order of preference*** using the **Add Alternate** button. When you are done, there should be five (5) alternate courses listed.
10. Click **Back...** and you will see all of your courses, elective requests and alternates listed,
11. **Congratulations, you are all set! You may print this for your reference, if you wish.**

Google Form Confirmation

Once you've reviewed the courses on Infinite Campus and entered your electives selections, please use [this link](#) to confirm that you have seen your child's 8th grade courses. If you are experiencing trouble opening the link, try hovering the cursor over the link then click Control + Click to open it.

If you see any errors or omissions, or wish to request a course change, please make note of it on the google form. Additionally, you can always contact your child's current teacher or seventh grade counselor, (Mrs. Cerny or Mrs. DiStefano), if you have any questions or concerns.

Please note, the completion of the google form indicates a commitment to the courses listed for your child. Changes will not be made after the end of the current school year. So please address any questions or concerns at this time. We are here to help if you have any difficulty.

We ask that you complete elective selections, review the courses and complete the google form by Wednesday, May 13th.

Thanks and regards,

Dr. Gary Rosato, Principal

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See below for UA course descriptions

Fairfield Woods Middle School - 8th Grade Program

Students will be placed on heterogeneously mixed teams that are comprised of four core teachers.

The Typical Day:

- 1 period of English/Language Arts
 - 1 period of Mathematics
 - 1 period of Science
 - 1 period of Social Studies
 - 1 period of World Language or Reading Strategies
 - 1 period of "Unified Arts" -a quarterly rotation of Health and three additional elective courses
 - 1 period of Music (3x/week) and Physical Education (2x/week) meeting all year.
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MUSIC COURSE INFORMATION

1. Chorus (3x/week)
2. Orchestra (3x/week)
3. Orchestra and Chorus (2x Orch. & 1x Chorus)
4. Band (3x/week)

5. Band and Chorus (2x Band & 1x Chorus)
6. Keyboard Music (formerly Music Tech) – Non performing (3x/week)

All students participating in orchestra and band will continue to have weekly small group lessons which meet during the school day. We attempt to schedule lessons on a rotating basis so that no single class is missed more than once per month. Music choices are a full year commitment and cannot be changed after the start of school. Students in performing ensembles are expected to participate in all concerts.

QUARTERLY UNIFIED ARTS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

****HEALTH** This **required** health class has been designed to offer eighth grade students the skills and information to better cope with the teenage years. The course will stress personal responsibility for managing their well-being, good decision making abilities and practices that are health enhancing. Eighth graders will study wellness, substance abuse prevention and human sexuality.

8860 – TEXTILES & DESIGN: This full marking period class is for students who like sewing and want to develop advanced skills. The main focus is the design and creation of a quilt. Students may choose a traditional quilt pattern or design their own quilt incorporating pictures of their friends/family or computerized embroidery designs. Students may also have the time to make extra credit mini projects such as pillows to match their quilt, Normans, & “Cat in the Hat” hats!

8870 - FOODS In this class, students will learn various food preparation skills using a “hands-on” approach in the Foods Lab. A variety of small kitchen appliances are utilized. Students will explore a number of recipes to make meals that taste good and are good for you.

8850 – DRAWING/PAINTING (2D) This course offers the student an opportunity to develop skills in several of the following areas: design; drawing (pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, pastels); and painting (acrylic on canvas, tempera and watercolor).

8820 – CERAMIC/SCULP (3D) (ceramics and sculpture art) This course is the exploration of three-dimensional art using many different materials. Every student will have the opportunity to form ceramic pieces with clay and glazes. In addition, the students will create sculptures from a variety of materials such as paper mache, wire, plaster and metal foil.

8880 - MFG/CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY (Manufacturing/Construction) This course gives students the opportunity to learn how products are manufactured, including design and assembly. Students will use hand and power tools to design and create their own projects using wood, metal and plastic. Students also experience aspects of the construction field, working in teams to learn how buildings are constructed, and to create engineered scale models to be tested for efficiency.

8890 - TRANS TECH (Transportation Technology) This course is designed around utilizing problem solving techniques to overcome challenges put forth by the instructor. Students will delve into the major systems and components that allow various vehicles to effectively travel in the world around us. The two major sections of the course will involve aerospace and automotive engineering. Students will use hand and power tools to design, build, test, and complete working models of rockets and dragsters.

8840 - COM TECH (Communications Technology) This course allows students to explore the wide array of technologies that help communicate ideas around the world. Students will learn the engineer/architect’s trade skill of manual and computer-aided drafting to create a custom 3D printed project. They will also study the power of printed media by designing and printing various types of graphic materials such as t-shirts, mouse-pads, posters and three dimensional packages through the use of modern printing technology.

8830 - COMPUTER CODING & GRAPHICS 8 In this course students will learn the concept of computer programming and how it relates to coding. Students will learn basic coding commands to create graphic images, interactive programs and games. In addition, students will use social media applications to enhance their technology communication skills.