



***SHEPHERD MIDDLE SCHOOL
COURSE OPTIONS***

**SHEPHERD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
2017 – 2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

“Inspiring success through passion and P.R.I.D.E.”

CORE		
6th ELAR 6th ELAR AI	7th ELAR 7th ELAR AI	8th ELAR 8th ELAR AI
Credit - 1	Credit - 1	Credit - 1
6th Math 6th Math AI	7th Math 7th Math AI	8th Math 8th Math AI
Credit - 1	Credit - 1	Credit - 1
6th Social Studies	7th TX History	8th US History
Credit - 1	Credit - 1	Credit - 1
6th Science	7th Science	8th Science
Credit - 1	Credit - 1	Credit - 1
ELECTIVES		
6th Beginning Clarinets 6th Beginning Flutes/Sax 6th Beginning Low 6th Beginning High Brass 6th Beginning Percussion	7th/8th Boys/Girls Athletics 6th /7th/ 8th PE	6th Tech1*** 7th Tech2*** 8th Tech3***/Health ** 7th/8th Tech4 21st Century Learning
Credit - 1	Credit - 1	Credit - 1
7th Intermediate Percussion 7th Winds 8th Winds 8th Advanced Percussion	6th Art 7th/ 8th Art 6th /7th/ 8th Dance	7th/ 8th Inspire1 7th/ 8th Inspire2 8th Office/ Library Aide
Credit - 1	Credit - 1	Credit - 1
6th /7th/ 8th PreAP ELAR* 6th /7th/ 8th PreAP Math * 7th/ 8th PreAP Art	8th PreAP Algebra 1** 8th Language Lab **	7th/ 8th Outdoor Adventures 6th /7th/ 8th Interventions 7th/ 8th We Will
Credit - 1	Credit - 1	Credit - .5

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COURSES DESCRIPTIONS

6th Grade Courses

6th ELAR*

Credit - 1

In 6th grade, students refine and master previously learned knowledge and skills that make up the basic foundation blocks of language arts. This course will strengthen knowledge and increase the academic challenge of all students.

6th ELAR/Math AI

Credit - 1

The primary focus of this course is remediation and is intended for students designated as RtI-Tier3.

6th Math*

Credit - 1

In 6th grade, students focus on proportionality. Students use ratios to describe direct proportional relationships found in numbers, geometry, measurement, and probability. These relationships are described using algebraic thinking through numbers, graphs, symbols and verbal representations. Problems are solved using mathematical concepts learned by connecting them to everyday life experiences.

6th Social Studies

Credit - 1

In sixth grade Social Studies, students study people, places, and societies of the contemporary world. A variety of primary, secondary, and ancillary materials support the learning of required content and skills. The focus of the course is to examine contemporary societies as the basis for learning specific concepts of geography, history, culture, government, economics and religion.

6th Science

Credit - 1

Sixth grade science consists of general science, ecology, earth & space, plate tectonics and energy & motion. The class is 60% dissemination of information and 40% labs.

7th Grade Courses

7th ELAR*

Credit - 1

In 7th grade, emphasis is placed on developing literary, composition, grammar, vocabulary, and spoken skills. This course will strengthen knowledge and increase the academic challenge of all students.

7th ELAR/Math AI

Credit - 1

The primary focus of this course is remediation and is intended for students designated as RtI-Tier3.

7th Math*

Credit - 1

The primary focal points at grade 7 are using proportional relationships I numbers, geometry, measurement and probability; applying addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of decimals, fraction and integers; and using statistical measures to describe data. Students will learn the necessary skills to critically think at a higher-level and to meet the standards.

7th Texas History

Credit - 1

This course is a study of the history of Texas from early times to the present. It focuses on the full scope of Texas history including the cultures of Native Americans living in Texas prior to European exploration and colonization. Major themes of revolution, independence, republic, and statehood are emphasized.

7th Science

Credit - 1

Science for grade 7 is an integration of life, earth and physical sciences but will focus more strongly on life science. Students will conduct investigations to learn about the natural world through questioning observing, and drawing conclusions.

6th/7th/ 8th PreAP Courses

Credit - 1

PreAp (Advanced) courses are those courses with specific entry criteria for highly motivated students. These courses include a wider range and greater depth of subject matter than that of the regular course. Students must meet the selection criteria for these courses.

8th Grade Courses

8th ELAR*

Credit - 1

In 8th grade, emphasis is placed on varied sentence structure and other conventions of written language. This course will strengthen knowledge and increase the academic challenge of all students.

8th ELAR/Math AI

Credit - 1

The primary focus of this course is remediation and is intended for students designated as RtI-Tier3.

8th Math*

Credit - 1

This course builds a foundation of basic understanding in number operation and quantitative reasoning; patterns, relationships, and algebraic thinking; geometry and spatial reasoning; measurement; and probability and statistics. Students will learn the necessary skills to critically think at a higher-level and to meet the standards.

8th PreAP Algebra I**

Credit - 1

Includes all of the Algebra I objectives with both independent and guided extensions in evaluating expressions, solving one-step equations and inequalities, solving multi-step equations and inequalities, study of functions and graphing, study of ratio, proportional reasoning, and percents, study of probability and statistics, study of geometry and measurement, applying algebra to geometric concepts, and study of monomials and polynomials. Students must qualify to be enrolled in this course.

8th US History

Credit - 1

Students study the history of the United States from colonial times through Reconstruction. The course focuses on the political, economic and social events and issues related to the eras. The class incorporates a wide variety of primary sources and biographical information to develop an understanding of the past.

8th Science

Credit - 1

Science for grade 8 is an integration of life, earth and physical sciences but will focus more strongly on earth science. Students will conduct investigations to learn about the natural world through questioning observing, and drawing conclusions.

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++Shepherd Middle School completion requires all students to have taken 3 years of ELAR/Math/Science/History, 2 years of Physical Education, 1 year of Fine Art, 2 year of Technology, 1 year of Health, ½ year of Career Explorations.

6th/7th/8th PE

Credit - 1

Students will participate in activities to increase their cardiovascular endurance and flexibility. They will learn aspects of different team and individual sports. The goal is to improve a student's physical and social skill level and to provide students with a positive experience to prepare them for a lifetime of exercise.

6th Pre-Athletics

Credit - 1

The focus of the pre-athletics program is to provide students with a preview of upcoming UIL sports which they will be eligible to participate in next year. The classes teach values that include: sportsmanship, responsibility, and leadership, participation within rules, performing under pressure, physical well-being and team work.

7th/8th Athletics

Credit - 1

Students who sign up for the athletics program are making a commitment to remain in that program for the entire year. Please read the athletic information prior to participation and talk with a coach if you have questions.

8th Health**

Credit - .5

This course helps student acquire the information necessary to become healthy adults and learn behaviors in which they should or should not participate. Students use problem solving, research and goal setting to gain knowledge and skills useful in making decisions in the areas of nutrition, CPR and First Aid, maturity, diseases (including STDs) and drug use.

6th/7th/8th Art

Credit-1

Through a variety of two and three-dimensional mediums, students build a strong foundation in the elements and principals of art. The curriculum allows each student to build on previous art experiences and prepares them for more advanced levels of art.

7th /8th Dance

Credit - 1

This course is an introduction to dance techniques, vocabulary and history. Students will use fundamental movements from dance technique to stretch, strengthen the body, and put movement sequences together. No previous dance experience is required.

6th/7th/8th Band

Credit - 1

A performance based course in which students will learn to play an instrument. Brass includes: Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, and Tuba. Woodwinds includes: Flute, Clarinet, and Saxophone. Percussion includes: All percussion instruments. First year students must enroll in beginning band regardless of grade level. Students who have chosen band must remain in the class for a semester before dropping.

7th/8th Inspire 1, 2

Credit - .5

The course includes an introduction to the world of mass media, basic photojournalism concepts and skills, and exploration of journalistic writing. Students will create and distribute a school newspaper.

6th Tech1

Credit -1

This course builds upon and supports skills from academic subjects, information technology, and interpersonal communication. This course will work in conjunction with the core content teachers to create projects, develop presentations, and advance students' knowledge of current technology. This course will emphasize effective communication, making responsible decisions, and the importance of goal setting. Students will develop skills to promote a successful transition into middle school.

7th Tech2

Credit - 1

This course allows teachers to provide grade-level rigor through the use of complex text to teach Technology, Science, and Social Studies. Leveled libraries of informational text and a carefully structured technology project-based learning format provide the differentiated support needed to ensure every student is successful.

8th Tech3

Credit - .5

This course is the beginning of the career development process in which students will practice decision-making and problem-solving skills for college and career planning. Students will explore educational and career information to learn more about themselves, their interests and abilities.

7th/8th Tech4 21st Century

Learning

Credit - 1

This course investigates the tools, materials, and processes utilized in today's technical career fields. An emphasis on math, science and reading to explore valid, current educational and career opportunities will drive this program.

6th/7th/ 8th Interventions

Credit - .5

These courses are designed to assist students in areas of academic weakness as determined by district data points. Several factors will be examined to determine student need.

7th/8th Outdoor Adventures

Credit - 1

Students are taught life-long skills by using integrated curriculum of science, math, writing, critical thinking skills, and computer technology. The focus is on outdoor activities including: archery, orienteering, survival skills, first aid/CPR, trip planning, angling, tackle crafts, hiking, backpacking, camping, outdoor cooking, conservation/environmental issues and certifications through the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the American Heart Association

7th/8th We Will

Credit - .5

Students will develop and reinforce attitudes, skills, and knowledge to successfully complete their educational choices.

6th/7th/ 8th Gifted and Talented

Credit - 1

This course allows for students identified in the Gifted and Talented program to meet daily. Among their peers, students will tackle problem solving projects to meet the Gifted and Talented Program requirements.

8th Office/Library Aide

Credit - 1

Students will assist the various offices and library staff in daily paperwork, running errands, and basic office duties.

8th Language Lab**

Credit - .5

The student will explore and experience the linguistic skills of a language of their choice through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. This course uses a blended learning environment and may not count toward high school graduation requirements.

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