



CORE COURSES

English Language Arts (ELA) is a daily language arts class designed to support students in building their reading, writing, listening, speaking, and research skills. English essential knowledge and skills are taught in reading/writing workshops as well as other related language arts activities and projects. Students build skills in reading through a variety of genres including media literacy and informational texts. **Pre-AP** is an advanced ELA course designed for the above-average language arts student. **Pre-AP** students may be required to complete a summer reading assignment.

Math is focused on mathematical operations, relationships, and problem-solving skills taught through the state-mandated essential knowledge and skills along with math reasoning and thinking skills. **Pre-AP** is an advanced math course designed for the above-average math student. This course is taught on an accelerated curriculum which combines 7th and 8th grade TEKS.

***NOTE:** Due to the accelerated curriculum, students must have successfully completed 6th grade Pre-AP math in order to take 7th grade Pre-AP math. 8th Math STAAR will be administered in March to all Pre-AP students.

Life Science studies organisms and how they interact with the environment, including botany, ecology, genetics, and human

body systems. **Pre-AP** is an advanced science course designed for the above-average science student. Students will have independent projects assigned.

Texas History is a concise study of the geography and history of Texas from Native Americans through the Republic of Texas ending with the modern era. **Pre-AP** is an advanced history course designed for the above-average history student.

PRE-AP SUGGESTED CRITERIA

Overall average of an 88 or better

Above average performance on STAAR

Parent/Guardian signature of approval

Please note that classes are subject to change based on personnel and availability. **Any request for changes in course selections must**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES

P.E. - All students are expected to suit out and to participate each day.

Athletics is for the serious-minded athlete who has a desire to participate in athletic competition with other schools.

Requirements include:

- Physical form must be on file before first practice.
 - Required to attend practice.
- (Please note the time below are approximate and are subject to change due to weather, facility use, and available daylight.)

Start time for Girls: 6:15 a.m.

Start time for Boys: 7:00 a.m.

- Parents must provide transportation to practices, and home from practice and events.
- Student-athletes must meet UIL standards of eligibility by maintaining a 70% average or above in all subjects.
- Student-athletes must maintain a clean discipline record in all classes and extracurricular activities.
- Student-athletes must comply with all MFISD drug testing policies.
- Student-athlete must have followed pre-athletic guidelines through-out the 6th grade year.

Student-athletes are required to commit to playing **two sports** within the MFMS athletic program.

- Volleyball, Basketball, Track - main sports for girls
Cross country, tennis, golf, soccer - other sports
- Football, Basketball, Track - main sports for boys
Cross country, tennis, golf, soccer - other sports

(Students interested in cross country, tennis, golf, or soccer as a single sport are not required to register for Athletics, although participating in off-season workouts may help develop their overall strength and athleticism.)

The boys' or girls' MFMS Athletic Coordinator will grant entry into the athletic program taking into consideration the items listed above. Athletic Coordinators have discretion over admission to and dismissal from the athletic program. Please see District Website/Parents-Students/Student Code of Conduct-Extracurricular Handbook on school website:

English: <http://marblefallsisd.org/common/pages/Displayfile.aspx?itemId=5671943>

Spanish: <http://marblefallsisd.org/common/pages/Displayfile.aspx?itemId=5671947>

***Note:** All Extra-curricular participants fall under the Extra-Curricular Handbook regarding expectations, discipline, and removal.

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MARBLE FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL



ELECTIVE COURSES

MS Art class is based around the elements of art and design. These elements are the basics to most art programs and are a great starting point for understanding the how and whys of art. The class explores projects and the vocabulary associated with the projects that will lead to a better understanding in future art classes; most of the projects are drawing-based.

Mustang Band is a performance-based instrumental ensemble open to second and third year players. Students must have completed Beginning Band in order to participate. Public performances are **required**. Students will also take part in some competitions, both as individuals and as an ensemble.

Jazz Band consists of a small ensemble whose emphasis will be the study of various jazz elements (i.e., swing, funk, etc). Students must have completed beginning band and **must also be concurrently enrolled** in Mustang Band in order to participate in this band. Director approval is required.

MS Theatre is designed to build the student's development of self-confidence and sensory memory, and increase emotional awareness through the use of movement, vocal expression, improvisation, and dramatization. The nature of performance is explored through dramatic interpretation and includes an introduction to basic acting techniques.

Multimedia Production builds upon and uses the skills and techniques learned in Multimedia to extend learning to deeper levels. Students will explore further into various multimedia careers while building a portfolio. Students will give back to the school by creating projects including posters, video announcements, and slides for Marble Falls Middle School. Prerequisite – passing grade in prior Multimedia class or audition with Mrs. Jett.

Women's Choir is for those who want to improve their singing abilities and who love to sing. Students will perform at UIL competition and other fun performances throughout the year. They will also learn how to sight-read music. All students will have opportunities to compete at Region/UIL events and to go on field trips. Students do **NOT** have to audition to be in Women's choir; however, **experienced singers can audition for Advanced Choir**. Auditions and selection for **Advanced Choir** will be held in April and May. If students plan to audition for **Advanced Choir**, select **Women's Choir** on the selection sheet. The choir directors will place students in Advanced Choir based on results of audition. (Public performance is required in Women's Choir and Advanced Choir.)

Men's Choir is for those who want to improve their singing abilities and who love to sing. Students will learn sight-reading basics and will be a part of many fun performances throughout the year. All students will have opportunities to compete at Region and UIL events and to go on field trips. This choir class requires public performances.

GT Explorations is designed for students who are identified as **gifted and talented** by a prescribed profile. Students will participate in a variety of instructional methods including discovery, problem solving, independent research and presentations.

Note

Dyslexic students being served through the Wilson program will be enrolled in Dyslexia class in lieu of his/her elective choice.

Students who require reading, writing, math, or language intervention will be enrolled in an intervention course/s in lieu of his/her elective.

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