

Spring Branch Middle School

Welcome Future
Wranglers



Middle School Requirements

Students in grades 6-8 are required by the state to take the following courses:

- English Language Arts (3 years)
- Mathematics (3 years)
- Science (3 years)
- Social Studies (3 years)
- Physical Education (2 years)
- Fine Arts (1 year)

6th Grade Schedule

1. ELA – Regular or Pre-AP
2. Math – Regular or Pre- AP
3. History – Regular
4. Science – Regular
5. PE – PE or Pre-Athletics or Dance
6. Youth Leadership/Tech Apps
7. Fine Art Elective – choose from Band, Choir, Orchestra, Art, Theater

Pre-AP Courses

MATH and ELA

- Pre-AP courses are designed to challenge students beyond grade-level work and to prepare them for success in future advanced-level coursework.
- A special focus is made to incorporate the subject-specific activities a student will later encounter in related high school Advance Placement courses.

PE Credit

PE is required for 6th and 7th Grade

Choose from the following:

- * **PE**
- * **Pre-Athletics** – if wanting to play sports for the school in 7th grade
- * **Dance** – to learn different dance types (not dance team)

6th Grade Required Electives

Technology Applications – students will begin to learn a broad spectrum of computer fundamentals

Youth Leadership – middle school transition, study skills, communication skills, problem solving, and citizenship

Fine Art Electives

Full Year

Choose **one** of the following: these are year long electives so please consider carefully

- * MS Band 1
- * MS Choir 1
- * MS Art 1
- * MS Theater 1
- * MS Orchestra 1

Alternate Fine Art Electives

Please number your fine art electives **1-5** in case your first choice is not available, otherwise you may be put in a class you do not want

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(Referred to as SAGE on Elementary Campuses)

Critical Thinking may be taken as an elective class

Critical Thinking takes the place of Youth
Leadership/Tech Apps

Student MUST already be identified by CISD to be
eligible for this class

Comal Advanced Languages Program (CALP)

- Must have been in the Advanced Languages Program in elementary
- Social Studies Course will be in Spanish
- Spanish Language Arts will replace Youth Leadership/Tech Apps
- You will need to choose a P.E. (pre-athletics, dance or PE)
- You will be able to choose one additional elective

Summer Reading

6th graders are required to complete a summer reading assignment

****All middle school campuses will have the same reading assignment**

** Your 5th grade teachers will receive a copy of the assignment in May to distribute

**Please check the SBMS website for updated information about the reading assignment

Helpful Tips for Middle School

Morning tutoring 8:00-8:30

I-Planner

Sign-up for Remind

Sign-up for TxConnect

Monday Grade Checks in Focus

Homework:

- May be assigned
- May be completing unfinished assignments
- Need to ask each teacher their expectations

Middle School Course Guide

- Available online at www.comalisd.org under the students/families, course guides, CISD middle school course guide

SBMS Clubs

- Many opportunities to be involved
- All students will be involved in clubs during focus time on Fridays
- Some clubs meet before/after school

FINAL REMINDER

**Completed Choice Sheets are Due
Back to the Elementary Teacher by**

Friday, March 20th