

8th Grade High School Credit Course FAQ

My child wants to take Spanish at 7:30am. Can he/she ride the elementary bus?

- No, any student that takes a 7:30am class must have his/her own transportation to school. Middle school students are not allowed to ride the elementary load bus.

If my child has to move out of Algebra, but has a really strong grade in Biology, can he/she stay in Biology?

- Unfortunately, no, a student must be enrolled and remain in honors ELA and Algebra to remain in Biology. If the honors ELA or the Algebra is dropped, the Biology must also be dropped.
- Generally, students who leave Biology will be placed in Honors Physical Science for high school credit, if the student moves within the first 4 weeks of school. After the end of the 4th week, students will be placed in Honors 8th grade science due to the amount of curriculum that will have been missed in Physical Science.

If my child has to have a schedule change, will all of the teacher and classes stay the same and only the one class change?

- When a schedule change is made, we make them with the least amount of disruption possible. However, at times a change in one class will change multiple classes and can change the teachers as well.

Do these credits mean that my child gets finished with the graduation requirements faster?

- While your child is earning required high school credits, the expectation is that this is being done so your child will have the opportunity to take additional, higher level courses in the STEM field. For example, all students will take 4 math credits in high school. Algebra in 8th grade does not count as one of the 4. For Physical Science and Biology, students earn a lab science credit, but they are expected to take an additional 3 and continue with additional science credits as well. This program is intended to support students who are looking toward a career in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Medical) field.

What are the student expectations in high school credit classes during the 8th grade year?

- Students in high school credit classes are treated as if they are high school students. They are held to the same requirements as high school students, and are graded in this manner as well. If your child requires tutoring every day to be in the class(es), finds the rigor overwhelming, studies for excessive amounts of time each night, etc., these classes may need to be reconsidered. Students should maintain a healthy balance of school, family, and extracurricular activities. Universities, colleges, and other institutions look for well-rounded students. We want your child to have a healthy balance and experience during middle school and beyond.