

Student Last Name: _____ Student First Name: _____ Student ID #: _____
 Science Teacher: _____ Science Period: _____ ~ Due by Friday, March 14th to Science teachers.

Heatherwood Middle School 8th Grade Pre-Registration for 2025-2026

In order to complete student registration for 8th grade, please do the following:
 1. Review the English and Math placement information below.
 2. Complete the course sections below. Refer to your course catalog for course descriptions.
 3. **Parent and student signatures are required. Students, return completed forms to Science teachers by Friday, March 14th.**
 _____ *I will not be returning to Heatherwood next year.* _____ *Parent initials indicating not returning to HEA 2025-26.*

7th Grade Courses

All 8th graders will take: English, Math, Science, History, PE, and three semesters of electives. English and Math placements are based on a student's current 7th grade placement. See below for course progressions.

<u>Current 7th Grade Course</u>		<u>8th Grade Course Placement</u>
English 7	>	English 8
Honors English 8	>	Pre-AP English 1
Math 7	>	Math 8
Accelerated Math 7	>	Algebraic Concepts
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Science

All students will take a Science class (see page 40 in course catalog). Choose 1:
 Science 8: _____ Coordinated Science^: _____ (Coord Sci is high school credit bearing)

Electives

Students need 3 semesters of electives (1 semester must be a visual/performing art class*). Choose 1 year-long AND 1 semester elective **OR** 3 semester-long electives.

Year-long classes (2 semesters):	Semester-long (1 semester):
_____ AVID 8+	_____ Lifetime PE
_____ Band I*	_____ Team Sports
_____ Band II*	_____ Art 8*
_____ Band III*	_____ General Music*
_____ Choir I*	_____ Performing Arts*
_____ Choir II*	_____ Yearbook*+
_____ Choir III*	_____ Integrated Technology I
_____ Prelude Orchestra*	_____ Integrated Technology II
_____ Intermezzo Orchestra*	_____ Digital Manufacturing (CAD)^
_____ Chamber Orchestra*	_____ Exploring Graphic Arts^*
_____ Spanish^	_____ Robotics Tech I
	_____ Robotics Tech II^

*** fulfills visual/performing arts elective requirement**

^ high school credit bearing course

+ application required

Alternates

Please list 3 alternate electives in case you do not get into your first choice electives:
 Alternate 1: _____ Alternate 2: _____ Alternate 3: _____

Request to be excused from Physical Education 8 (PE 8)

Do you want to apply to be excused from PE 8 in order to take additional electives? (not guaranteed; turn page over for more info)
 ___ Yes ___ No If yes, what additional elective would you like to take? _____

Course Selection Confirmation

Students and Parents/Guardians: Please sign to indicate these choices are your official requests for the 2025-26 school year.

 Student Signature Parent Signature Date

Frequently Asked Questions:**⇒ I am interested in being excused from PE 8...what do I need to know?**

PE 8 is part of the core subject requirement for students. An application process exists for those seeking an exception from PE 8 to allow another semester elective to their schedule. Refer to page 7 in the course catalog to determine eligibility to apply based on medical, religious, or participation in directed, organized athletics. Typically, students request to be excused from PE 8 because they want to take 4 semesters of electives...for example, wanting to take year long course (such as Band, AVID, Choir, Orchestra) and high school level courses (such as, Spanish 1 or Digital Manufacturing, Graphic Design and Robotics 2).

Applications can be picked up in the main office. Ms. Smith will also bring hard copies of applications to Science classes the week of March 17th. These applications are due Wednesday, March 26th to the front office (Ms. Smith's box). Applications turned in by March 26th will be given priority for approval; approval is not guaranteed and will be based on eligibility and staffing/seat availability. Scheduling over 1,000 students is complex; the first priority is to ensure all students have their 3 semesters worth of electives on their schedules before placing students who are requesting to be excused from PE 8 to add electives to their schedule.

⇒ Can I take a PE elective class (Lifetime PE or Team Sports) without taking PE 8?

No. Students cannot be excused from PE 8 and take Lifetime or Team Sports. PE 8 is a pre-requisite for PE electives.

⇒ Can my student move from Math 7 to Algebra?

Students can move from Math 7 to Algebra by successfully completing the Everett Public School (EPS) Summer Academy course (Bridge to Algebra). This course covers 8th grade math concepts, allowing students to be prepared for the Algebra curriculum. More information can be found on the EPS Summer Academy website. Before enrolling in Bridge to Algebra, it is recommended to let your Math 7 teacher and school counselor know.

⇒ Can my student go from English 7 to Pre-AP English?

Please let your student's English teacher and school counselor know if this is something you are considering. This will be dependent upon student academic progress, test scores, and teacher recommendations.

⇒ I'm interested in AVID 8 and/or Yearbook. How do I apply?

You can find the application forms for AVID 8 and Yearbook on the Heatherwood Counseling website. They will also be sent out to all students and families.

⇒ What happens next with 8th grade registration for the 2025-26 school year?

Upon completion of this form, please have your student turn it in to their Science teacher by Friday, March 14th. Ms. Smith will work with all 7th graders in their Science classes the week of March 17th so they can input their course requests into the Home Access Center (HAC).

⇒ When will I receive my schedule for 8th grade year?

Student schedules for the 2025-26 school year will be available in late August.

⇒ What if I change my mind about my course requests?

Students will have the opportunity to request a schedule change after the first three days of school (these requests are not guaranteed). Counselors will open their schedule change request forms on Tuesday, September 2nd on the HMS counseling website.