HCPSS Connect Online Course Requests – Rising 6th – 8th grade



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About Online Course Requests

Students and their parents/guardians will make course request selections through HCPSS Connect. On the Course Requests screen, you will see your teacher's course recommendations for the next school year.

- **Rising 6th Grade Families (Current 5th Grade)** must add one course in the Primary Request section. Additionally, two (2) courses must be added to the Alternate Requests section in priority order. Alternates are courses that replace your primary choice if there is a scheduling conflict or if a course is not available.
- **Rising 7th/8th Grade Families (Current 6th and 7th Grade)** must add two courses in the Primary Request Section. One of these courses must meet the fine arts requirement (Band, Chorus, Orchestra, General Music, Theater, or Visual Arts Studio). Additionally, two courses must be added to the Alternate Requests section in priority order. Alternates are courses that replace your primary choice if there is a scheduling conflict or if a course is not available.

To make adjustments to teacher course recommendations, families may use the drop down to select the preferred course level. Before making any adjustments, consider speaking to your teacher. This conversation can help clarify the expectations and demands of the course, ensuring that your choice aligns with your academic goals and abilities.

Students and parents must understand that it may not be possible to transfer out of the course once they are scheduled for it due to scheduling limitations. In addition, note that level changes will only be permitted in accordance with Policy 8020. For further information please refer to <u>Policy 8020</u>.

To review course selections and prerequisites, refer to the Middle School Course Catalog.

If you do not have access to a computer, need assistance, or want to make changes after the course request selections are due, please contact the counseling office at your student's school.

View/Edit Recommended Courses

- 1. Access the HCPSS Connect website.
- 2. On the Home page, click on **More Options** in the left panel, and click on **Course Requests**.

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3. A page displays an introductory paragraph. Please read this information carefully.

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t is recommended t orm and submit to recommendation of	hat all course placement reques your child's school counselor. Sui the school-based G/T Placement	ts are submitted through Synerg bmit this Course Placement Revi t Committee, and/or a teacher. F	y. If you do not see a course option available ir ew form electronically by Saturday, February orms received by this date will be given priorit	n the drop down menu, complete the fillable 15, 2025 if you wish to request a different p y. Requests received after this date will be a	e course placement request placement than the accommodated if space is
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- 4. In the **Primary Requests** section, view the recommended courses. The recommended course has an asterisk (*).
- 5. Click the drop-down arrow to select the preferred course.

Primary Requests (Total Credits: 4.00)				
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Course	Credits			
LA-101-1 English Language Arts (ELA)* v	1.00			
MA-303-1 Pre-Algebra G/T 🗸	1.00			
MA-201-1 Mathematics 7* MA-303-1 Pre-Algebra G/T	1.00			
SO-100-1 Geography/World Cultures* 🗸	1.00			
* Teacher recommended course				
	st Save Changes Undo Course LA-101-1 English Language Arts (ELA)* ~ MA-303-1 Pre-Algebra G/T ~ MA-201-1 Mathematics 7* MA-303-1 Pre-Algebra G/T ~ SO-100-1 Geography/World Cultures* ~ * Teacher recommended course			

- 6. Click **Save** to save your requests or **Undo** to cancel without saving.
- NOTE: You will be able to delete a second level of world languages. If you opt to delete the world language Level 2 recommended course, you will be prompted with the below message. Select the checkbox to acknowledge this message and continue.

If the student no longer wishes to take a world language course, the student should explore other program choices to fulfill their graduation requirements. Program choices include two years of the same World Language or 3 or more credits in a Career Academy (State-approved Career and Technical Education Program) for additional information please see the <u>course catalog</u>.

Please click here to acknowledge that you wish to drop your World Language request

Add Elective Requests

1. To add elective requests, click the **Add Request** button in the **Primary Requests** section.

NOTE: The current number of saved credits displays. Rising 6th graders will have a maximum of 5 Total Credits. Rising 7th and 8th graders will have a maximum of 6 Total Credits.

Primary Requests (Total Credits: 5.00)					
Add Request	Save Changes Undo				

Select the course from the below available list to add the primary request				
Filter By Department:	Filter By Credits:			
Select All v	Select All 🗸			
Available Course	Selected Course			
MU-100-1 Concert Band (1.00) MU-110-1 Chorus (1.00) MU-120-1 String Ensemble (1.00) MU-130-9 Music (General) (1.00) VA-100-9 Art Grade 6 (1.00)	DT-100-9 Theatre Arts Grade 6 (1.00) Image: Comparison of the state of			
Primary Requests (Total Credits: 5.00*)				
Close List Save Changes Undo				

- 2. Review the list of available courses in the Search Courses area. Use the **Filter By Department** and **Filter By Credits** fields to locate specific courses.
- 3. Click the arrows to add or remove individual or all elective courses.
- Click Save to save your requests or Undo to cancel without saving. If you save, a message displays indicating that the save was successful.

Successfully saved your requests!

5. To remove a request, select the checkbox for the request to delete and click **Save**.

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Add Alternate Requests

 To add alternate requests, click the Add Request button Review the list of available courses. Use the Filter By Department and Filter By Credits fields to locate specific courses. Students must select 2 alternate course requests.

Select the course from the below available list to add the alternate request				
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Alternate Requests (Total Credits: 1.00*)				
Close List Save Changes Und	0			

- 2. Click the arrows to add or remove individual or all elective courses.
- 3. Click **Save** to save your requests or **Undo** to cancel without saving. If you save, a message displays indicating that the save was successful.
- 4. Set the **Priority** for each alternate request to indicate the order of preference.

Alternate Requests (Total Credits: 2.00*)			
Add Alter	nate Save	Changes Undo	
Delete	Priority	Course	Credits
	2	MU-100-1 Concert Band	1.00
	1	VA-100-9 Art Grade 6	1.00

- 5. Click **Save** to save the priority change or **Undo** to cancel.
- 6. To remove a request, select the checkbox for the request to delete and click **Save**.