



# MOUNTAIN SKY JUNIOR HIGH EAGLES

## 2020-21 8TH GRADE REGISTRATION



Student Last Name		Student First Name	
Previous School (if not Mountain Sky)		Primary phone	Phone Number
Parent Name(s)		Primary e-mail	1
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<b>Welcome to 8th Grade</b>		Select Course (X)	<p>Each student is allowed 7 periods for their schedule. They must have a class for each of the four core areas. Classes with an (*) must have a teacher signature showing eligibility.</p> <p><b>Note: Regular Language Arts is two periods. Advanced Language Arts is one period and therefore have one extra period for an elective (See group B).</b></p>
<b>Core Classes</b>			
8th Grade Math		Notes: *If a student wishes to move into an advanced track for math, and is qualified by showing strong academic progress, and/or takes summer school, they may take 8th Grade Math while taking Algebra instead of one elective. **Regular Language Arts is two periods.	
8th Grade Science			
8th Grade Social Studies	X		
8th Grade Language Arts **			
Advanced Math - Algebra *			* Teacher Signature Required
Advanced Science *			* Teacher Signature Required
Advanced Language Arts *			* Teacher Signature Required
<i>Total Core points</i> →		← <i>May not exceed 6 periods</i>	
<b>Exploratory Paths - Choose ONE path</b>			
<b>S.T.E.A.M. Path</b>			<b>MARK HERE</b>
STEM-Robotics		Students in this path will take <b>Both STEAM classes</b> and <b>1 semester P.E.</b> and <b>Art - Production Lab 1 semester</b>	X
STEM-Engineering			
Physical Education - 8th Grade Semester			
Art - Production Lab			
<b>Entrepreneurial Path</b>			<b>MARK HERE</b>
Entrepreneurship 1		Students in this path will take <b>Both Entrepreneurial classes</b> and <b>1 semester P.E. and one class from the</b> <b>Group A Other Choices (Below)</b>	X
Entrepreneurship 2			
Physical Education - 8th Grade Semester			
Other Choice From Group A (Below)			
<b>Music Path</b>			<b>MARK HERE</b>
Band Concert		Students in this path can: Choose <b>2 full year music classes</b> Or Choose <b>1 full year and 1 semester P.E. and one semester from the</b> <b>Group A Other Choices (Below)</b>	X
Chorus			
Orchestra Concert			
Piano Keyboarding 1/2 year			
Piano Keyboarding Full year (Adv.)			
Instrumental Ensembles -Guitar Semester			
Physical Education - 8th Grade Semester			
Other Choice From Group A (Below)			
Instrumental Ensembles - Jazz Band*		*	*Music Signature Required
Chorus Advanced - 8th Grade*		*	*Music Signature Required
<b>Other Choices (if needed for above path)</b>			
G r o u p A	Piano 1/2 year		If the path you chose above allows for an "Other Choice" students may choose semester-long classes from this list (Group A). Write in order 1,2,3 next to top three choices.
	Guitar 1/2 year		
	Digital Media (Art)		
	Art - Production Lab and Design		
	Teacher Assistant		
G r o u p B	Entrepreneurship 1		Note: <b>If a student is taking Advanced Language Arts</b> they can take two more semester electives including something from a different path (such as Entrepreneurship) or One Full-Year Class (such as Advanced Math or a Performance Music)
	Entrepreneurship 2		
	STEM-Robotics		
	STEM-Engineering		
Parent Comments:			

School Comments:

### Registration Information

#### Language Arts

For the 2020-21 school year, Language Arts will be a two hour block of time so on the registration it counts as two periods. Advanced Language Arts will remain one period. That means students in Advanced Language Arts will have one period left to fill with an extra elective.

#### Mathematics

This information is only for students who are not already in advanced math.

Given the increased rigor and standards of math in the State of Arizona, it has become increasingly difficult for elementary students to move an entire year ahead in the curriculum. Since it is unwise and not recommended for a student to skip over the entire 8th grade year of math, there are only **two options available for those who wish to move into an advanced math track:**

1. Students may take the 8th Grade Post Test during the summer to show they have mastered the 8th grade math.
2. The student may give up an exploratory, and take the Algebra math course while also taking the 8th grade math course, essentially taking two periods of math.

It is recommended that only qualifying students attempt these options. Students who qualify do so by showing strong academic progress in the 7th grade math as evidenced by their 7th grade District Post Test scores, 7th grade math grades, and teacher recommendation.

#### Music

**There are three levels of music available to 8th grade students:**

1. **General/Beginning Music:** Students will have the option to try either guitar or piano or chorus
  2. **Performance Music:** Students must have at least one year of music - Concert Band, Strings, Chorus
  3. **Advanced Performance Music:** Students must have 2-3 years of performance music. A current music teacher's signature is required to sign up for these classes - Jazz Band, Show Choir
- \*There are limited instruments provided by the school, some may have to rent or purchase an instrument of their choice. Students with a strong interest can work to become part of a full year performance music class.

### Language Arts

#### Course Title: Advanced Language Arts

- 1 Qualifies as verbally gifted (97% on Cognitive Abilities Test – CogAT)  
*Students coming from other districts/states receiving a qualifying score on one of the approved tests for gifted placement.*
- OR
- 2 Has shown mastery on the 8th grade district assessment (if available) and teacher's recommendation.
- OR
- 3 Exceeded on the Reading portion of the AzMERIT test. (Pending class size, scores falling within 5 points of the exceeding range may be considered)

### Mathematics

#### Course Title: Algebra

- 1 Has mastered 8<sup>th</sup> grade district assessment and qualifies as quantitatively gifted (97% on Cognitive Abilities Test – CogAT).
- OR
- 2 Has shown mastery on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade district assessment (if available) and teacher's recommendation.

### Science

#### Course Title: Advanced Science

- 1 Qualifies as non-verbally gifted (97% on Cognitive Abilities Test – CogAT).
- OR
- 2 Highly recommended from previous science instructors and shows a strong aptitude for science reflected in their previous grades.
- OR
- 3 Students coming from other districts/states receiving a qualifying score on one of the approved tests for gifted placement may be enrolled in the class.

Teacher recommendations are not a guarantee for advanced placement. Students will first be placed based on above criteria, then any interested students will be placed on a waiting list.