



# Academic Guide

## Course Offering for the 2023-2024 School Year

Subject	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
<b>Math</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAI Math 6*</li> <li>CC Math 6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAI Math 7*</li> <li>CC Math 7</li> <li>Accelerated Math**</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAI Math 8*</li> <li>CC Math 8</li> <li>Accelerated Algebra**</li> </ul>
<b>English Language Arts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAI ELA 6*</li> <li>CC ELA 6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAI ELA 7*</li> <li>ELA 7</li> <li>ELA Honors***</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAI ELA 8*</li> <li>ELA 8</li> <li>ELA Honors***</li> </ul>
<b>Science</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science 6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science 7</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science 8</li> </ul>
<b>History</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History 6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History 7</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History 8</li> </ul>
<b>Inquiry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inquiry 6</li> </ul>		
<b>Physical Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE 6 (alternates days with Band)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports Specific PE</li> <li>Lifestyle PE</li> <li>Alternative PE</li> <li>Traditional PE</li> </ul>	
<b>Elective Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning Band (alternates days with PE)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intro to Art and Advanced Art</li> <li>Concert Band and Symphonic Winds</li> <li>Digital Media- SunTV</li> <li>Computer Science</li> <li>Yearbook</li> <li>S-Cubed</li> </ul>	

**Middle School Promotion: Course Requirements (SMUSD Board Policy 6146.5):** All students attending San Marcos Unified School District middle schools are required to be enrolled in in six semesters in each of the following courses: Language Arts, Math, History, Science, PE, Electives

\* Students who currently have an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) and are eligible may be enrolled into these classes based on their IEP.

\*\* Students moving from 6th grade into 7th grade have the option to take Accelerated Math 7/8 with teacher recommendation, excellent work habits, and a strong grasp of 6th grade Common Core math standards as evidenced by multiple measures. This demanding sequence compresses three years of standards into two years. Students experience all the 7th grade standards and much of the 8th grade standards during their 7th grade year. If successful, students can take Accelerated Algebra in 8th grade, and experience the rest of the 8th grade standards and all of the Algebra 1 high school course. Once in high school, students may move into Honors Geometry and Honors Algebra 2 that include enhanced standards.

\*\*\* Students who select ELA Honors are committing to a year-long course that will be challenging and require perseverance. Recommendations for 7th grade ELA Honors: Lexile above 1200, excellent work habits, strong grasp of Common Core 6th grade ELA reading/writing/speaking standards as evidenced by multiple measures, and teacher recommendation. Recommendation for 8th grade ELA Honors: Lexile above 1400, excellent work habits, strong grasp of Common Core 7th grade ELA reading/writing/speaking standards as evidenced by multiple measures, and teacher recommendation.