

Journey Middle School  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration Forms  
2026-2027 School Year



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All students in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be enrolled in the following courses: English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, a 9 Week PE, and electives. Since course selection is based on your pre-registration, please read the course descriptions carefully and make a firm commitment to the courses you mark on the course selection form by **March 30, 2026**. Changes will only be made if a school error exists. Efforts will be made to schedule all courses, including alternates, in priority order. Students will be notified when they can view their schedules digitally.



# Journey Middle School

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Request Form

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_@madisoncity.k12.al.us

### CORE CLASSES

Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical Science	Social Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> 8th World History <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-AP World History
English	<input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Honors English Language Arts 8 (i-Ready 609-800)	
Math	<input type="checkbox"/> Math 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Accelerated Math 8 Prerequisite - Accelerated Math 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Math Team Accelerated 8 Prerequisite – Accelerated Math 7

*Students and families should carefully review ELA data to help determine appropriate class placement. Students who fall within the i-Ready Reading ranges listed above are typically most successful in Honors ELA.*

*All 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will take Physical Science.*

### PE, BAND, & CHORUS

*All 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are required to take a minimum of one 9 Weeks of PE; however, you can request up to 3 PEs. Please refer to the Madison City School Course Catalog for information regarding course fees.*

REQUIRED – Every student should rank 1-3 in the boxes beside the PE classes with 1 being most preferred.

PE		Indoor		Outdoor		Fitness & Aerobics		Health & Wellness
		Boys Strength & Conditioning		Girls Strength & Conditioning				

How many PEs do you prefer? <i>(not guaranteed)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
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Will you be taking BAND?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Will you be taking CHORUS?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Optional Notes for Counselor:

# JMS 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE ELECTIVE CHOICES

*Rank your elective preferences below from 1 (most desired) to 12.*

Access to class offerings will not be denied based on an inability to pay applicable fees. Scholarships or waivers of fees are available based on a showing of need. Please contact your principal or counselor for more information.

\*Audition / Application Required - *You MUST submit the appropriate forms and complete required tasks for consideration to these courses.*

(P) denotes a prerequisite is required to request that course. Please see course catalog for more information.

General Electives	
	AVID*
	Innovations / Inquiry Based Learning
	Digital Publishing Tools
	Introduction to Chess
	Competition Chess

World Language Electives	
	Survey of French B (P)
	Survey of German B (P)
	Survey of Latin B (P)
	Survey of Spanish A
	Survey of Spanish B (P)
	French I – HS Credit
	German I – HS Credit
	Latin I – HS Credit
	Spanish I – HS Credit

Science Electives	
	Environmental Explorations

CTE & STEM Electives	
	Computer Science for Innovators & Makers-PLTW
	Intro to Python with CodeX (P)
	App Creators-PLTW (P)
	Design & Modeling-PLTW
	Automation & Robotics-PLTW
	Energy & Environment-PLTW
	Flight & Space-PLTW
	Building for the Future – PLTW (Previous Name: Green Architecture)
	Magic of Electrons-PLTW
	Health Science Discovery
	Healthcare Career Explorations (P)
	Medical Detectives-PLTW (P)
	Computer Science Essentials-PLTW
	Science of Technology-PLTW
	Career Prep A – .5 HS Credit

Math Electives	
	Math Explore
	Math Meets Art
	Money! Money! Money!

Fine Arts Electives	
	Introduction to Visual Arts
	Intermediate Visual Art (P)
	Advanced Art (P)
	3D Art/Sculpting Art (P)
	Beginning Theatre
	Intermediate Theatre (P)
	Advanced Theatre*
	Technical Theatre (P)
	Soprano/Alto Chorus
	Tenor/Bass Chorus
	Advanced Soprano/Alto Chorus*
	Advanced Tenor/Bass Chorus*
	Beginning Band
	Concert Band
	Symphonic Band

Language Arts Electives	
	Composition Workshop
	Introduction to Public Speaking
	Speech & Debate (P)
	Creative Writing I
	Creative Writing II (P)
	Digital Communications*
	Yearbook*

During the scheduling process, there may be conflicts between core courses and electives. Due to conflicts, I am not guaranteed all of my requested elective courses. I have read the course catalog and understand the requirements. I have reviewed the course selections and chosen requests for both semesters. I approve the courses and alternates my child has selected for the 2026-2027 school year and understand that there are no schedule changes after **April 6, 2026**, even if my child changes his/her mind about a course.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 8th Grade Registration Worksheet

Blocks 5 per day	Term 1 9 weeks	Term 2 9 weeks	Term 3 9 weeks	Term 4 9 weeks	# of Terms
<b>A</b>	<b>Math (year)</b> Required				4 terms +
<b>B</b>	<b>Language Arts (year)</b> Required				4 terms +
<b>C</b>	<b>Physical Science 8 (semester)</b> Required		<b>8th World History (semester)</b> Required		4 terms +
<b>D</b>	<b>Physical Education</b> (9 weeks) Required				4 terms +
<b>E</b>					4 terms =
<b>Total:</b>					20 terms

Blocks = 5 per day	Semester= 18 weeks or 2 terms
Term = 9 weeks	Year = 32 weeks, 2 semesters, or 4 terms
Total: 20 terms per student request/schedule	
<i>8th Grade students have seven terms to fill with elective choices plus choice of required PE.</i>	

Please note that blocks and terms are used only for sample purposes in the above chart. Courses cannot be chosen for specific blocks and/or terms.

Each student has 20 terms; 13 are filled with required courses. Students may choose from 9 week, semester, or year-long electives to fill their remaining seven terms. One PE class is required, but you may request your preference and can request up to 3 PEs.

Students should choose several alternates.

<b>Alternate Elective Choices</b>				

**Notes:**

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## **Important Dates for School Year 2026-2027**

- March 30 – All rising 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Registration Forms due

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