

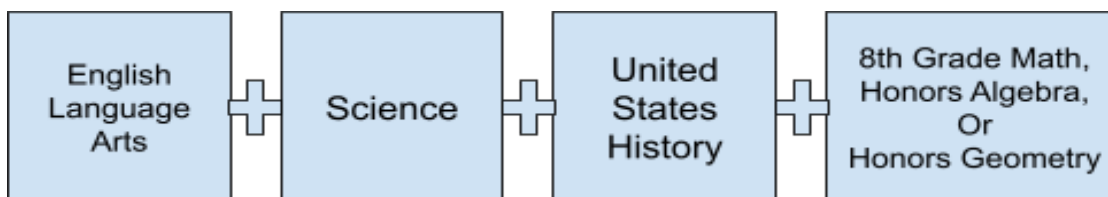


Indian Trails Middle School
~Home of the Mustangs~
8th Grade Courses 2023-2024



In order to be promoted to the 9th grade, all students must successfully complete and pass four core subject areas in grades six, seven and eighth. Placement into reading or advanced classes is determined by the following criteria: FAST score, grades, I-Ready and placement test(s). These decisions are made internally after reviewing student information.

Core Content



Indian Trails Acceleration Track

8th Grade Core Academics	8th Grade Electives for High School Credit	Leads to...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra 1 (High School Credit) Geometry (High School Credit) 8th Advanced ELA Advanced United States History 8th Advanced Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish Drawing 1 Digital Information Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dual Enrollment Cambridge Program IB Program AP Courses

Acceptance into courses is determined by an academic review of grades and test scores from the last two years

Operation Mustang Graduation

All 8th Grade students take Operation Mustang Graduation as a year long course. This course is designed to provide students with support as they transition to middle school and beyond. Through this course, scholars will be provided with the skills and tools necessary for them to be socially and academically successful.

To Register for Elective Courses

Step 1: Review the Elective Courses that we offer.

Step 2: Fill out the Google Form before April 28, 2023

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Digital Informational Technology: This high school credit class places emphasis on social media marketing strategies. Scholars will be prepared to use social media to promote products and organizations. Scholars will be able to analyze social media campaigns and critically evaluate social media outcomes to develop and implement evaluation methods for measuring social media success.

Journalism This Year Long Journalism course to develop fundamental skills in the production of journalism across print, multimedia, web. (application required)

Future Problem Solvers An international program that encourages critical and creative thinking. The four components of Future Problem Solving are Global Issues Problem Solving, Community Problem Solving, Scenario Writing, and Scenario Performance.

Fine Arts: One semester of **2D Art** designed to allow scholars to explore drawing and painting. One semester of 3D Art designed to focus on shapes, molding, sculpting and artistic creation.

Drawing: A high school credit class that explores how to draw with various mediums.

Theater Year-long **Intro to Theater and Theater 2** course designed to explore various theater roles and functions. Students will learn about pantomime, improvisation, and effective speaking.

Band Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Jazz Band is made up of students who have been playing an instrument for at least a year. Beginning band is for scholars who are new to playing.

Guitar Scholars will learn the basics of how to play a guitar.

Chorus 1 and 2: The focus of this advanced class is on sharpening students' musicianship skills and embedding within them a lifelong appreciation of music.



Marine and Outdoor Science: One semester of **Marine Science** designed to integrate the components of marine biology and STEM activities. Students will study the ocean, the ecosystems, and marine animals. One semester of **Outdoor Science** is a program that provides students with foundational knowledge and appreciation for the wildlife, flora, and fauna of Florida, and the conservation of such. Scholars are exposed to a wide range of career opportunities that are related to the natural environment. Upon successful completion of the program, scholars are eligible to earn a Boating Safety Education ID Card.

Ag Science: This course allows students to explore agricultural areas such as: agricultural safety, environmental conservation, machinery, and agricultural businesses. Students will participate in STEM activities that allow them to explore the process of growing crops. Students will have the ability to earn industry certification.

Spanish: A high school credit class that introduces students to Spanish through a linguistic, communicative and cultural approach. Students are offered insight into the culture and civilization of the countries where the language is spoken.

Physical Education: This course is designed to provide a foundation of knowledge, skills, and values necessary for the development of a physically active lifestyle through Individual and Team Sports.

Wellness Education - This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to become health literate and practice responsible behaviors to promote healthy living. This comprehensive course focuses on making wise personal decisions through both health and fitness.

Leadership Development- This course is designed to provide a basic introduction to leadership by focusing on what it means to be a good leader. Emphasis in the course is on the practice of leadership. The course will examine topics such as: understanding leadership; recognizing leadership traits; decision making; time management; team building/development; developing mission statements; public relations; developing leadership skills; creating a vision; establishing a constructive climate; presentation skills; addressing ethics in leadership and overcoming obstacles. This course is designed to develop and improve the leadership skills each person possesses.

Dance - Students develop dance technique and movement vocabulary in two or more dance forms. In the process, dancers demonstrate use of class and performance etiquette, analytical and problem-solving skills, and studio practices in a safe dance environment.

Indian Trails Mustang Scholars have the opportunity to take high school courses while in middle school. There are benefits to taking accelerated courses and implications students and their parents need to consider when choosing an accelerated path. When students take advantage of these acceleration opportunities, this starts their high school transcript. That means that their Grade Point Average (GPA) also begins. GPAs are used to determine eligibility for graduation, athletics eligibility, scholarships (including Bright Futures), class ranking, and admission to college.

