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Emerson Junior High Parent Night

Rising 8th and 9th Grade Families



Introductions

Emerson Front Office Team

Mike Dufresne, Principal

Kandi Golightly, Vice Principal

**Macara Nicoll, Head Counselor (grade 8
last names M-Z, & grade 9)**

**Emily Ferguson, Counselor (grade 7,
grade 8 last names A-L)**

Deziree Sutliff, Site Secretary

**Stephanie Yandel, Attendance &
Registrar, Counseling Secretary**



Required Core Classes 8th Grade

English:

- English 8
- American Studies English

Math:

- CC3
- Integrated Math 1

History:

- United States History
- American Studies History

Physical Education

Science 8

Up to 2 year long electives

Required Core Classes 9th Grade

English:

- English 9
- English 9 Humanities

Math:

- CC3
- Integrated Math 1
- Integrated Math 2

History:

- Ethnic Studies

Physical Education

Science: (considered an elective choice)

- Biology
- Sustainable & Integrated Agriculture Biology

Health 9 (graduation requirement)

Up to 2 year long electives

Math Pathway

7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10 Grade	11 Grade	12 Grade
Common Core Math 2	Common Core Math 3	Common Core Math 3 Repeat course or advance to common core Integrated 1-see below	Integrated 1	Integrated 2	Integrated 3 <u>Accelerated Integrated Math 3</u>
Common Core Math 2	Common Core Math 3	Integrated 1	Integrated 2	Integrated 3 <u>Calculus AB</u>	Precalculus <u>Calculus AB</u>
Common Core Math 2/3	Integrated 1	Integrated 2	Integrated 3 <u>Accelerated Integrated Math 3</u>	Precalculus <u>Calculus AB</u>	Calculus AB <u>Calculus BC</u>

Elective Classes

World Language

- Spanish 1P
- Spanish 2P
- Spanish Immersion
- French 1 (Freshman only)
- Japanese 1 (Freshman only)
- Chinese 1 (Freshman only)

Visual & Performing Art (VAPA)

- Concert Band
- Advanced Orchestra
- Concert Choir
- Drama
- Art 1 P
- Jazz Band

Elective Classes

CTE

- Leadership (yearlong)
 - Application Required
- Ag Engineering A
- Ag Engineering B
- Yearbook
- Computer Programming/Robotics
- Computer Science Discoveries (DV yearlong course)

Other Electives

- AVID 8
 - Application Required
- AVID 9
 - Application Required
- Foods
- Peer Helping
 - Application Required
- Free 1st
- Free 7th
- Reading support lab
- Study Transition Skills (IEP required)

NAME: (last) _____ (first) _____

Emerson Junior High School 2024-2025
 8th GRADE COURSE REQUEST SHEET
 Due: March 15, 2024



Steps to Fill Out Your CRS:

1. **Review** the DJUSD Junior High Catalog and course list (on back). Courses marked with an (*) may have prerequisites, and/or require teacher recommendations.
2. **Discuss with Parent/Guardian.** Teachers and counselors are also available to answer questions.
3. **Select up to 7** courses. A minimum of six (6) courses must be taken. (Five core classes, and up to 2 electives)
4. **Obtain Parent/Guardian signature.**
5. **Enter your first-choice courses** in the Student Portal. Instructions on Reverse.
6. **Turn in** this course request sheet to your **ENGLISH** teacher before **March 15, 2024**.
7. Take the time to select classes, knowing schedule changes are not always possible.

Circle your CHOICE of each set of classes from the rows below			
Core Classes	English 8 United States History 8 Science 8 PE 8	American Studies English 8 American Studies History 8 Science 8 PE 8	
Math	CC3	Integrated Math 1 P	
World Language, VAPA (Visual and Performing Arts), CTE (Career Tech Education) and/or other Electives:	1.	3.	5.
	Choose 6 more electives in order of preference.	2.	4.
			6.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Questions? Email your student's Counselor: Emily Ferguson (Last Names A-L) or Macara Nicoll (Last names M-Z)

eferguson@djUSD.net mnicoll@djUSD.net
 We look forward to planning your future success!

All courses offered at Emerson are on the back of the CRS.

If it isn't on the CRS Course List, it isn't being offered at Emerson.

Required Courses

ENGLISH

English 8
American Studies English 8*

SOCIAL SCIENCE/HEALTH

US History 8
American Studies History 8*

MATHEMATICS

Common Core Math 3*
Integrated Math 1 P*
Integrated Math 2 P*

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE 8

SCIENCE

Science 8

Keep in mind:

- Courses with an asterisk (*) have a prerequisite.
- Courses with (P) fulfill a-g requirements to determine eligibility for 4-year colleges/universities.
- Availability of elective courses is dependent upon the number of course requests.
- Only enter first choice requests in Student Portal. Consider your course selections permanent.

Steps to put your courses in the Student Portal and to select your first-choice courses:

- Complete the front side of this course request sheet, which includes alternate elective choices.
- In the Emerson Counseling Canvas Course, find module labeled "2024-2025 Course Request Planning Materials"
- Click on Student Portal link
- Using your Google Student Log in Information, log into the Student Portal
- Select the correct school year, 2024-2025. Click on Requests (on the left-hand side, under your picture.)
- Click Add Requests (on the right-hand side.)
- Find the class that you want to select. Click on the course and click "Add selected class". Only enter your first- and second-choice courses. Do not enter alternative courses.

Credits should add up to either 60 (for 6 classes) or 70 (for 7 classes). If you are choosing Free Period (1st or 7th), please make sure to add that to your selections. If you have more or less than that, please review selections to make sure you have everything you need.

Electives

CAREER TECH ED (CTE)/Practical Art

Agricultural Engineering A (semester)
Agricultural Engineering B (semester)
Computer Programming/Robotics (semester)

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS (VAPA)

Advanced Orchestra P
Art/Ceramics (semester)
Art/Survey (semester)
Concert Band P
Concert Choir P
Drama P
Mariachi JH P (may need to travel)

WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish 1 P*
Spanish 2 P*
Spanish 3 P*
Spanish Int. 1st P* (Spanish Immersion 45)

OTHER ELECTIVES

AVID 8 (Application & Interview required)
Computer Science Discoveries (DV Yearlong course)
Foods (semester)
Free 1st Period (arrive for 2nd period)
Free 7th Period (leave after 6th period) (approval required)
Leadership (Application & Interview required)
Library Assistant (semester) (Interview required)
Multimedia Journalism (DV Yearlong Course)
Office Assistant (semester) (Interview required)
Peer Helping (Application & Interview required)
Reading Support Lab
Study Skills (IEP required)
Teaching Assistant (PE Department)
Yearbook

NAME: (last) _____ (first) _____

Emerson Junior High School 2024-2025
 FRESHMAN COURSE REQUEST SHEET
 Due: March 15, 2024



Steps for Filling out your CRS:

1. **Review** the DJUSD Junior High Catalog and course list (on back). Note prerequisites, graduation, and UC/CSU a-g requirements.
2. **Discuss with Parent/Guardian.** Teachers and counselors are also available to answer questions.
3. **Select up to 7** courses. A minimum of six (6) must be taken. (Four core classes, and up to 3 elective classes)
4. **Obtain Parent/Guardian signature** and **complete your four-year plan** (found in catalog).
5. **Enter your first-choice courses** in the Student Portal. Instructions on Reverse.
6. **Turn in** this course request sheet to your **ENGLISH** teacher before **March 15, 2024**.
7. Take the time to select classes, knowing schedule changes are not always possible.
8. **Playing a sport for DSHS does not guarantee a non-academic course (i.e., elective) for 6th or 7th period.**

Circle your CHOICE of each set of classes from the rows below

Core Classes	English 9 P Ethnic Studies/Health PE 9	English 9 Humanities P Ethnic Studies/Health PE 9	
Math	CC3	Integrated Math 1 P	Integrated Math 2
Science	Biology P	Biology & Integrated Agriculture P	No Science
**World Language, VAPA (Visual & Performing Arts), CTE (Career Tech Education) and/or other Electives:	1.	3.	5.
Choose 6 more electives in order of preference.	2.	4.	6.

****May need to travel to a different school site**

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Questions? Email Counselor: Macara Nicoll at mnicolld@djUSD.net

We look forward to planning your high school success!

EMERSON FRESHMAN COURSE LIST
2024-2025

Required Courses

ENGLISH

English 9 P
English 9 Humanities P*

SOCIAL SCIENCE/HEALTH

Ethnic Studies (semester)
Health (semester)

MATHEMATICS

Common Core Math 3*
Integrated Math 1 P*
Integrated Math 2 P*

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE 9

Keep in mind:

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Agricultural Engineering B (semester)
AVID 9 P (Application & Interview required)
Computer Science Discoveries (DV Yearlong course)
Computer Programming/Robotics (semester)
Foods (semester)
Leadership (Application & Interview required)
Library Assistant (Interview required)
Office Assistant (Interview required)
Yearbook

SCIENCE (recommended)

Biology P* (must have completed or be enrolled in CC3)
Integrated Agricultural Biology P*

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS (VAPA)

Advanced Orchestra P*
Art 1 P
Concert Band P
Concert Choir P
Drama P
Jazz Band P (audition required) (may need to travel)
Miyachi JH P (may need to travel)

WORLD LANGUAGES

Chinese 1 P (may need to travel)
French 1 P (may need to travel)
French 2 P* (may need to travel)
Japanese 1 P (may need to travel)
Spanish 1 P
Spanish 2 P*
Spanish 3 P*
Spanish 4 Honors P* (may need to travel)
Spanish Int. 2H P* (Spanish Immersion 55)

OTHER ELECTIVES

Free 1st Period (arrive for 2nd period)
Free 7th Period (leave after 6th period) (approval required)
Multimedia Journalism (DV Yearlong Course)
Peer Helping (Application & Interview required)
Reading Support Lab
Study Skills (IEP required)
Teaching Assistant (PE Department)

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Be mindful of courses that may require your student to travel, ex. Japanese, or French 1.

Important Dates

- **March 13:** In Spanish Parent Night IN PERSON
- **March 15th:** Course Request Sheets due to **ENGLISH** teachers (CRS)
- **May 9:** Open House
- **June 6:** Last Day of School

- **August ??:** TBD! WEB Leader training, and Orientation
- **August 26:** First Day of 24/25 School year!
- **Schedule pickup:** TBD! Will occur the week before school begins

Eagle Activities

- **Clubs!**
 - **Art, Baking, Black Student Union, Chinese Culture Club, Los Cantantes, Disney, Dungeons and Dragons, Mariachi Puente, Sexuality and Gender Acceptance, R.E.A.D., AND MORE!**
 - **You can start your own club if you don't find one you want!**
- **School Events**
 - **Dances, Rallies, Spirit Weeks, Spring Play Day**
- **Intramural Sports**
 - **Organized activities during lunch**
- **Athletics**
 - **Fall: Cross Country, Volleyball**
 - **Winter: Wrestling, Basketball**
 - **Spring: Track & field, Soccer, Boys Volleyball**
 - **All athletes must turn in a current physical yearly to participate in school sports as well as fill out the k12 Junior High Athletics Packet available on the Emerson website**

Food Time!

- **Breakfast and Lunch Service**
 - Breakfast is available before and after first period and during first period to those students that do not have a first period.
 - Lunch is served after 4th period ends daily.
 - Adding money onto student accounts
 - Applications for Free/Reduced lunch available in front office, or online at [https://www.djUSD.net/applications for lunch](https://www.djUSD.net/applications_for_lunch)
- **Lunchtime**
 - Cafeteria in Indoor Commons (IDC)
 - Outdoor Commons (ODC) and Picnic Tables
 - All campus areas supervised
- **Stay hydrated!**
 - Bring your water bottle to school to refill at any stations
 - Filtered Water Stations available for all students around campus

Online Connections

- Canvas Observers
 - <https://djUSD.net/departments/technology/digitaltools/canvas/family>
- Google Calendar on Website to stay up to date with events
- The Emerson Website
 - <https://emerson.djUSD.net/home>
- The bulletin
 - [https://emerson.djUSD.net/about/News/emerson weekly bulletin](https://emerson.djUSD.net/about/News/emerson_weekly_bulletin)

Online Connections

- **Social Media (social media informational form)**
 - **Instagram**
 - **Emerson Counseling: @emerson_counseling**
 - **Campus Events: @emerson.davinci**
- **Athletics**
 - **<https://emerson.djUSD.net/programs/athletics>**

Proper Communication Channels and Behavior Expectations

In an effort to help students advocate for themselves and gain independence, Emerson Staff requests that the proper communication channels be followed.

It is the Emerson Expectation that all students, staff, teachers, and parent/guardians treat each others with mutual respect and civility in a commitment to maintain orderly conduct among district employees, parents, and the public. This is not intended to deprive any person of their right to freedom of expression, but only to maintain, to the extent possible and reasonable, as safe, harassment-free workplace for our students and staff.

- **All initial questions/concerns for teachers should be initiated by the student either in person or via email or Canvas**
- **After a first attempt by the student to communicate with the teacher has occurred, it is then appropriate for the parent/guardian to communicate with the teacher.**
- **If a parent has a concern, before contacting administration and/or counseling, our hope is that the parent will reach out to the teacher as their first step.**

Attendance

School Attendance Is Vital To Success!

- **Later start times designed specifically for students!**
 - **Students need adequate sleep!**
 - **Students should contact teachers/school with parent support if homework or other things are getting in the way of learning – we can help!**
- **We need students to be on-time (especially their first class of the day!)**
 - **If you have transportation issues, please check in with the office for support**

Attendance

- While illness is the #1 reason for an excused absence, please be aware that excused absences are outlined specifically on the DJUSD website at:
 - [http://djUSD.ss18.sharpschool.com/departments/student support services/attendance engagement](http://djUSD.ss18.sharpschool.com/departments/student_support_services/attendance_engagement)
- If you receive a robocall from the office, please carefully listen to the entire call, this will be helpful for specific class periods your student might have missed. If it is a mistake, the student needs to contact the teacher.
- Please call the office or send a note with your student when they are absent or late!
- If your student is not feeling well and texts you from class, please advise them to come immediately to the office to see the nurse where we can support them and are aware if a parent/guardian comes to pick them up.

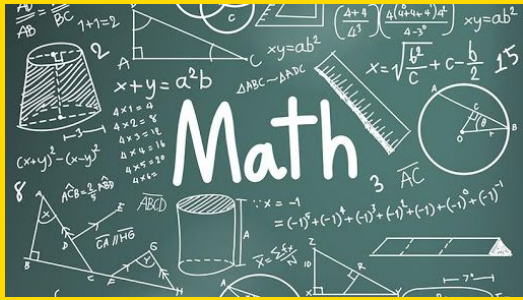
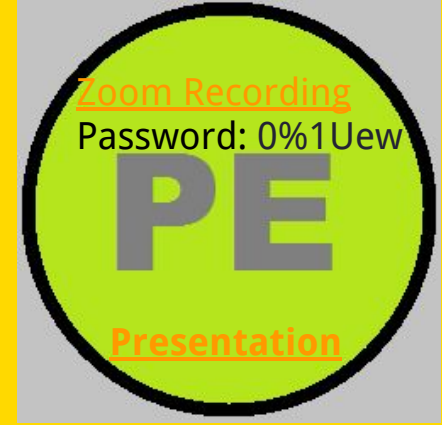
Safety & Discipline

- **If the school site administrator determines a violation of education code has occurred, a suspension may be delivered. If the parent/guardian does not agree with the suspension, they may file an appeal. Specific information about the appeal process can be found on the suspension form.**
 - **Emerson administration and counseling have been trained and practice a restorative style of discipline as a part of our discipline strategy.**
- **If students are continually late to class, teachers may assign detention. Please see tardy policy in the Emerson planner.**
 - **Students are allowed two free tardies per quarter per class.**
 - **Once a student reaches their third tardy they will have earned one detention for the third and one detention for every tardy thereafter until the end of the quarter.**
- **Students are not do be using cell phones during classes. It is a teacher's discretion to allow phones during work time. If cell phones become disruptive or a distraction, the teacher will contact the office. Detention may be assigned if this is a continual problem during class.**

Academics

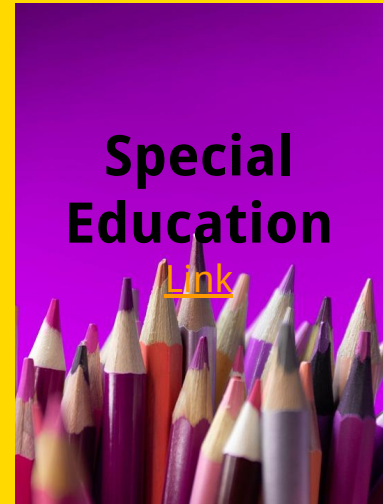
On the yellow slides below, department chairs have created a short video or a slide deck for students and families to let them know what to expect from their courses for rising 8th and 9th grade students

- ❖ **After watching the short informational video, if you still have more questions, please email the department chair for that specific subject.**

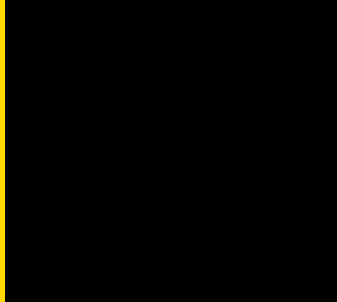




8th and 9th grade!



Application open until 3.15



Pro Tips & Tricks

- **Keep your Google Drive organized**
- **Use your Emerson planner or a planner that works for you to stay organized with your classes, assignments, and to help with time management**
- **Bring your student ID to school daily**

Pro Tips & Tricks

- **Bring items to class daily that you will need to be successful in school. For example: pencils, graph paper, pen, lined paper, calculator, PE clothes**
- **Self-Advocacy and communication is key: encourage your student to talk to their teachers and counselors!**
- **Paying attention and checking into your student's social media accounts can be very helpful to knowing what is going on with your student at school**

Contact Information



Counselor Contact Information

Please keep these in mind when considering schedule changes:

- Counselors do not make schedule changes to accommodate teacher preferences
- Counselors do not make schedule changes to accommodate preference of time of day (i.e. PE at the end of the day)
- Any schedule change requests after the first two weeks of the school year are not guaranteed and require administrator approval. Students should assume that the schedule they choose now is the one they will have all of next school year, as not all schedule changes can be accommodated.



Please allow for (at minimum) a 48 hour return time to voice and emails, especially during program planning and scheduling.

*Counseling staff does not respond on weekends

It'll Be Okay!!

- **Welcome to Emerson Junior High!**
- **We'll ask you for support; you'll ask us for support**
- **We don't know what we don't know**
 - **Better to communicate and share what you need than not say something**
 - **If you see something, say something**



**Thank you
for
joining us
tonight!**