



# Trivium Academy

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Middle School Planning and  
Course Selection



# Welcome to Trivium Middle School!

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## Goals:

- Trivium Middle School Requirements
- Outline of Middle School Grade Courses
- Electives
- What to Expect in Middle School

# Middle School Requirements

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Students must pass and be in attendance 90% of the time in each of the following courses to move on to high school:

2 Courses English/Language Arts

2 Courses Math

2 Courses Science

2 Courses Social studies

1 Course Music

2 Courses PE

# Middle School Course Progression

## Humanities

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### *On Level*

7th: English 7/Texas History

8th: English 8/U.S. History

### *Advanced*

Honors English 7/Texas History

Honors English 8/U.S. History

# Middle School Course Progression Math

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	<i>On Level</i>	<i>Advanced<sup>^</sup></i>	<i>Accelerated<sup>*</sup></i>
7th:	Math 7	Honors Math 7	Honors Math 8 Honors Algebra I
8th:	Math 8	Honors Math 8	Honors Algebra I Honors Geometry

<sup>^</sup>Recommendations based  
on MAP, STAAR, Grades, Work Ethic

<sup>\*</sup>based on placement tests

# Middle School Course Progression

## Science

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*On Level*

7th: Science 7

8th: Science 8

# Elective Requirements

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## Music Options: (1 year required)

- Treble Choir
- Tenor/Bass Choir
- Beginner Band (No experience)
- Middle School Concert Band

## PE Options: (2 years required)

- PE
- Dance Performance/Cheer\*
- Athletics\* (Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer)

*\*Must try out and have a physical*

# Electives

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- On course request sheets, students may rank their elective choices 1-4.
- There are 8 class periods.
  - 7th graders will get two elective periods.
  - 8th graders will be able to have 3 elective periods.
- Every effort will be made to honor student/parent requests as expressed in the registration process. However, please be advised that the final student schedule may not be an exact match to expressed interest due to placement in intervention classes, course enrollment numbers, or teacher availability.



# Electives

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7th Grade:

Students will take TWO courses and rank 1-4.

- Art I
- Theatre I
- Speech and Debate I
- Technology Applications I

8th Grade:

Students will take THREE courses and will rank 1-6.

- Art I
- Beginning Band
- Treble Choir
- Speech & Debate I
- Yearbook I
- College & Career Readiness
- Technology Applications I
- Art II\*
- MS Concert Band\*
- Tenor/Bass Choir
- Speech & Deb. II\*
- Yearbook II\*
- Theatre I

*\*Must have taken prerequisite course*

# High School Credit

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- 8th grade students have the opportunity to take one high school credit course with counselor approval.
- High school credit courses will go on the student's high school transcript and will be factored into their GPA. Students should try to maintain an 85% or higher.
- Health (.5) / Professional Communications (.5) **OR** Spanish I

# STAAR

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7th: RLA, Math

8th: RLA, Math, Science, Social Studies

If a student does not pass one or more of the STAAR tests, that student will be required to participate in state-mandated tutoring (HB 1416) and may lose an elective period.

# What to Expect

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- Grading Policy
- Discipline Policy
- Parent Communication and Involvement
- What to Expect with Teens

# Middle School Grading Policy

2023-2024 School Year\*:

1. Classwork and homework that is turned in late may result in a maximum of 10% penalty per calendar day. The late penalty is capped at a 30% deduction so that students have the opportunity to demonstrate mastery. Students with the relevant accommodation will be given extra time without penalty. After an assessment, a teacher is not required to accept late work related to that assessment unless unusual circumstances arise, such as illness, family emergency, or death in the family.
2. **At a minimum**, any daily grade below 85 that is submitted on time can be corrected for up to an 85, and any late work may be corrected for up to a 70. After an assessment, a teacher is not required to accept corrections on a daily assignment related to that assessment unless unusual circumstances arise, such as illness, family emergency, or death in the family.
3. Test Retake Policy: **At a minimum**, anyone scoring below an 85 can retake the test for up to an 85. The retake can include a test with different questions covering the same content but may also take on various forms (ie: test corrections, written component, oral discussion, etc.) If the test retake is lower than the original score, the higher of the two scores will be recorded. Students must coordinate times for tutorials and a retest. Anyone scoring below a 70 on a test **MUST** schedule tutoring. All test retakes must be completed prior to the closing of the quarter in which the test was originally given.
4. Students and parents should understand that teachers might delay grading and posting grades of late work beyond the normal 3-4 days.

\*Subject to change each school year

# Positive Behavior

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2023-2024 School Year\*:

Students will earn positive behavior points from teachers. These points can be earned for behavior such as being orderly in the hallways, getting to class on time, contributing to the betterment of their class and school, respecting their peers and teachers, or going above and beyond in schoolwork/organization.

Incentives:

- Student Rewards
- Class Rewards
- Dojo Points
- Student Awards

\*Subject to change each school year

# Behavior Consequences

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2023-2024 School Year\*:

1. After a warning, students who engage in poor behavior will be written up on the Student Discipline Log.
2. Teachers will describe the poor behavior choices on the Student Discipline Conference Log and contact the parent once an entry is made into the log.
3. After the second entry in the Discipline Conference Log, students, parents, and the teacher will discuss possible remedies of the behavior.
4. After a student has THREE entries on Discipline Conference Log(s), they will have one day of required detention and a parent/teacher conference.
5. Detention duties will be to wipe desks of each room within their hallway, pick up classrooms, or as determined by the teacher. It will NOT be free time.
6. After TWO detentions (five entries into the discipline log), the student will be referred to the SSST (Safe and Supportive Schools Team) for further disciplinary action.
7. The procedure will continue for every entry after that. On the 9th entry, they will have another detention.

\*Subject to change each school year

# Trivium Code of Conduct

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All students are required to follow Trivium's Code of Conduct.

Three Strike Policy or Expulsion Policy Found on Trivium Academy's Website:

<https://triviumacademytx.com/student-handbookcode-of-conduct>



# Parent Communication

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Parent involvement is very important during a student's middle school years. There are multiple opportunities to volunteer with each grade level during the year, and our Partners in Education (PIE) group provides opportunities to volunteer at the school level. We love having parent volunteers on campus and welcome your involvement .

## 2023-2024 School Year Communication Procedures:

1. All grade level updates will be made through the grade level Bloomz page. Bloomz will be the location for updates on dress up days, wish lists, supplies needed, pictures, etc.
2. Each subject will have their own Google Classroom page. This is where teachers will update about tests, projects, and what we are currently working on.

# What to Expect with Teens

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Pushing Boundaries = Accountability and Setting Strong Boundaries/Limits

Hormones = Patience :)

Independence = Healthy Independence vs Not Healthy Independence/Dependence



Q & A