GISD
GUIDANCE & COUNSELING

CHOICE OF SUBJECT FOR SIXTH GRADE

DATE: March 2025
TO: Parents of Fifth Grade Students
SUBJECT: Choice of Subject for Sixth Grade

Sixth grade choice requests are available in Skyward Family Access. Access to view course selections will be available beginning **Wednesday March 26th, 2025** and choices must be made in Skyward by **Tuesday April 8th, 2025.**

Core Classes (required courses)

All 6th grade students will be enrolled in:

1. **English**
2. **Math**
3. **Reading**
4. **Science**
5. **Social Studies**
6. **PE/Health**

When logging into Skyward Student or Family Access you will see these required core courses preselected. These recommendations were made by teachers using student test scores and grades. For any questions or concerns regarding the core recommendations contact your student's counselor.

Electives Classes

6th graders will select two terms of an elective (1 full year). Some schools allow for students to select a combination of 1 term (1 semester) of different electives.

** Assessment test scores may alter elective choices.

** Students are encouraged to take band in the sixth grade if they are interested in pursuing this area. Beginning band is only offered in the sixth grade. Please call the band director at the middle school to inquire about instrument costs.

You can understand more about each course by accessing the *GISD Middle School Course Guide*. It can be found on-line at http://www.garlandisd.net/courseguide

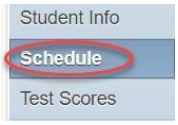
To complete their course requests for sixth grade, login to your Student or Family Skyward Access Account and make selections online. Please see the second page for directions.

If you have any specific questions about your student's course requests, please call your student's teacher or school counselor.

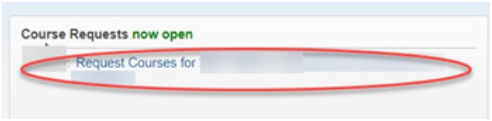
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Course Requests Selection

1. Login to your **Family Access** Account for **Skyward** and click on **Schedule** **on the left side.**



2. Click on the blue link on right under **Course Requests** **now open.**



3. Review **"Selected Courses"** on the right. Required classes have been added based on teacher recommendations and assigned middle school programs. These cannot be removed from Selected Courses, please see the Verification of Course Requests section below.



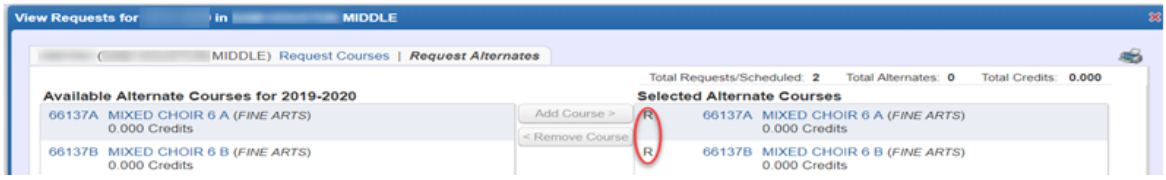
4. Review **"Total Requests/Scheduled"** on the right. If less than 16 are noted, additional Elective classes should be added. To add Electives, select the desired course on the left and click the **Add Course** button.



5. It is recommended that you indicate at least 4 semesters of alternate elective courses for your child. To do so, click on the "**Request Alternates**" link at the top of the popup box.



6. The original elective courses selected in Course Requests will be listed on the right with R for Requested and the "Available Alternate Courses" are on the left. Use the same process as above to add each semester of the desired Alternate courses.



7. Click on the red x in the upper right of the popup when you are finished.