

8th Grade Skyward Student Registration 2024-2025

1. Students: Please login to Skyward Family Access using your **STUDENT USERNAME AND PASSWORD** (you cannot use your parent's login information for this). You may use a computer or iPad to follow this process. You may use the Skyward APP from your iPad (click on desktop version) or go to LISD.net and click on the Skyward link on the top right side of the page.
2. Once you are logged in choose the Schedule tab on the left side of the page.
3. Choose Request Courses for 2024-2025 Downing MS on the right side of the page.
4. You should now see all the courses available to you next year. You can click on the courses to get a brief course description. You may also refer to the [Middle School Course Description Guide](#) for more detailed course descriptions.
5. To choose a course you will highlight a course, click "Add Course", and it will move your selection over to the right side. Students will choose 4 core classes, 1 Physical Education course, Advisory course, 2 electives, and 3 alternates.

CORE CLASSES:

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS
SCIENCE

MATH
SOCIAL STUDIES - US HISTORY

6. Choose a Language Arts class:
ELAR 8 or ELAR HONORS 8
Students in the Gifted and Talented program may select ELAR LEAP 8.
7. Choose a Math Class:
MATH 8 or MATH HONORS 8/ALGEBRA (must have successfully completed MATH HONORS 7 to take MATH HONORS 8/ALGEBRA)
8. Choose a Science class:
SCI STEM 8 or HONORS SCI STEM 8

9. Choose a Social Studies class:
US HISTORY 8 or US HISTORY HONORS 8.
10. Choose your Physical Education course:
- Boys Athletics – Sports Boy 8
 - Girls Athletics – Sports Girl 8
 - Physical Education – Phys Ed 8
 - Tennis – If trying out for Tennis at Marcus High School (information available in the Spring), students will be placed in PE or Athletics pending tryout results.
 - External PE – If applying for external PE, you will be placed in the campus PE course pending application approval.
 - *If you want to apply for External PE, please sign up for another physical education course and once you are approved you will be placed in External PE. It is strongly recommended this application process be completed prior 5/15. Applications completed after that date may not be approved prior to the beginning of the school year. [Here](#) is more information about External PE.*
11. Choose your Advisory class. ADVISOR 8
12. Choose two electives and 3 alternates:
- Students take 2 electives
 - In middle school, all students are required to take one full year of a fine arts elective.
 - Fine Arts courses are marked with an (*).
 - Band* – II Band Symp
 - Boys Choir* – III Choir T/B NV
 - Girls Choir* – III Choir Tre NV
 - Orchestra* – II Orch Sym
 - Middle School Art* – Art 1 MS 7-8
 - High School Credit Art* (must have taken art in 7th grade to be eligible to take HS Credit Art in 8th) – Art 1 HS8
 - Theatre Arts* – Thtr Arts 1 7-8
 - Gateway to Stem 2 – Gateway Stem 2
 - Principles of Human Services (HS credit) – Prn HumSvc HS8

- Outdoor Trails 1 – OutdoorTrls 8
- Spanish 1 – Span 1 HS8
- Spanish 2 (must have successfully completed Spanish 1 to be eligible) – Span 2 HS8
- Yearbook – Yearbook 8

You must select 3 "Alternate" elective choices. Select the "Request Alternates" tab and choose courses the same way you listed the main request. Alternate requests will have an "R" next to them and they will be listed as 1, 2 and 3.

When you have chosen 7 classes **AND** 3 alternates **AND** advisory, you have successfully completed your course selection for 8th grade.

You may review, select, and change course selections anytime before registration closes on January 19th.

Please keep in mind there is not a submit button!! Everything is saved in Skyward as you make changes.

*Link to video Directions: [How to Enter Skyward Course Requests](#)