



Course Selection
Incoming 7th & 8th Grade
2025-2026

BRISCOE JUNIOR HIGH



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Canvas

-create a parent account

Skyward

- create a family access account

Teacher emails

- on Briscoe website

Briscoe weekly newsletter

- sent out through Skylert when you have an email in Skyward

Athletic dept.

- lcisd.org or Briscoe website
- Rank One info & schedules

Briscoe website

-lcisd.org/schools/Briscoe

Helpful Ways to Gain Information



LCISD - Students and Parents Home

lcisd.org/students-parents/family-access

Family Access ClassLink Find My Bus/School Register Online District Calendars School Menus

STUDENTS PARENTS SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DEPARTMENTS EMPLOYEES CAREERS ABOUT

Menu

- Students/Parents Home
- After School Program Providers
- Attendance, Truancy and Dropout Prevention
- Bullying, School Safety and Crisis Resources
- Calendars
- Character Counts
- Career Exploration-6th/7th/8th
- College and Career Information
- Common Threads
- Directories and Maps
- Discipline and Placement
- Family Access
- Find My Bus/School

Family Access

Home / Students & Parents / Family Access

About Family Access

Family Access is a free service and will be available to all parents and guardians with children enrolled in the District.

Family Access is a secure Internet-based website that allows parents and guardians to easily track their students' progress. There are even applications for Apple IOS and Android devices available from the appropriate stores. Among other things, this new service will allow you to view student attendance, grades, schedule, progress and assignments.

Family Access Link

Login

Family Access Help

- Forgot Username/Password
- Other Family Access Issues
- Beginning of Year Forms
- Beginning of Year Forms

**Phone app is available

Everyone must have their Beginning of Year Forms completed in Skyward – Family Access

No Shots? No Records? No Schedule.

Incoming 7th Grade Immunization Requirements

There are two additional vaccines that are required for incoming 7th graders:

- Tetanus Booster (TDap)
- Meningitis (MCV) vaccine.

These shots are not given until the child turns 11 years old and are not required until 7th grade.

As a reminder, your student will not be able to attend school in the Fall of 2025 until all immunizations are updated!

Please make sure that your child has received the additional immunizations, AND that the updated record is on file with Wertheimer Nurse's Clinic **BEFORE THE END OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR.**

You may email the record to Nurse Dillard at KDillard@LCISD.org or fax it to 832-223-4116.

If you have questions, please contact Nurse Dillard in the Wertheimer Clinic at 832-223-4106.



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**SECONDARY
COURSE SELECTION
CATALOG**

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL

FOR MOST CURRENT INFORMATION VISIT:
<https://www.lcisd.org/students-parents/>

Electronic Version of the 2025-2026 Course Catalog

(provides brief descriptions
of the courses offered)

7th Grade Course Selection



7 classes



ELAR, Math, Science &
Social Studies, AVID



PE, Color Guard, Cheer
or Major Sports



1 Elective - Full Year

7th Grade Math Options

Academic Math

- Teaches the objectives for 7th grade math.
- Student will take the 7th grade STAAR Math test.
- 50/50 grade calculation

Pre-AP Math

- Teaches a few of the 7th grade math objectives and all the 8th grade math objectives.
- Sets the student in motion to take PAP Algebra in the 8th grade.
- Student will take the 8th grade STAAR Math test.
- 70/30 grade calculation

7th Grade – Full Year Electives

****Students take 1 elective****

Band

Art

Choir

Orchestra

Theatre

Yearbook

*Application Required

Career
Investigations

Journalism

High School Credit

- French I
- Spanish I

8th Grade Course Selection



7 classes



English, Math, Science
& Social Studies



PE, Color Guard, Dance,
Cheer or Major Sports



2 Electives - Full Year

8th Grade – Full Year Electives

****Students take 2 electives****

Intermediate
Theater

Theater
Production

Orchestra

Band

Art 8

Yearbook
*Application

Choir

Career
Investigations

Journalism

High School Credit

French I or French II

Spanish I or Spanish II

Art I

Introduction to Culinary Arts

Applied Engineering

Principles of Agriculture

Major Sports



Must dress out & participate



Must be passing ALL your classes in order to participate in major sports events

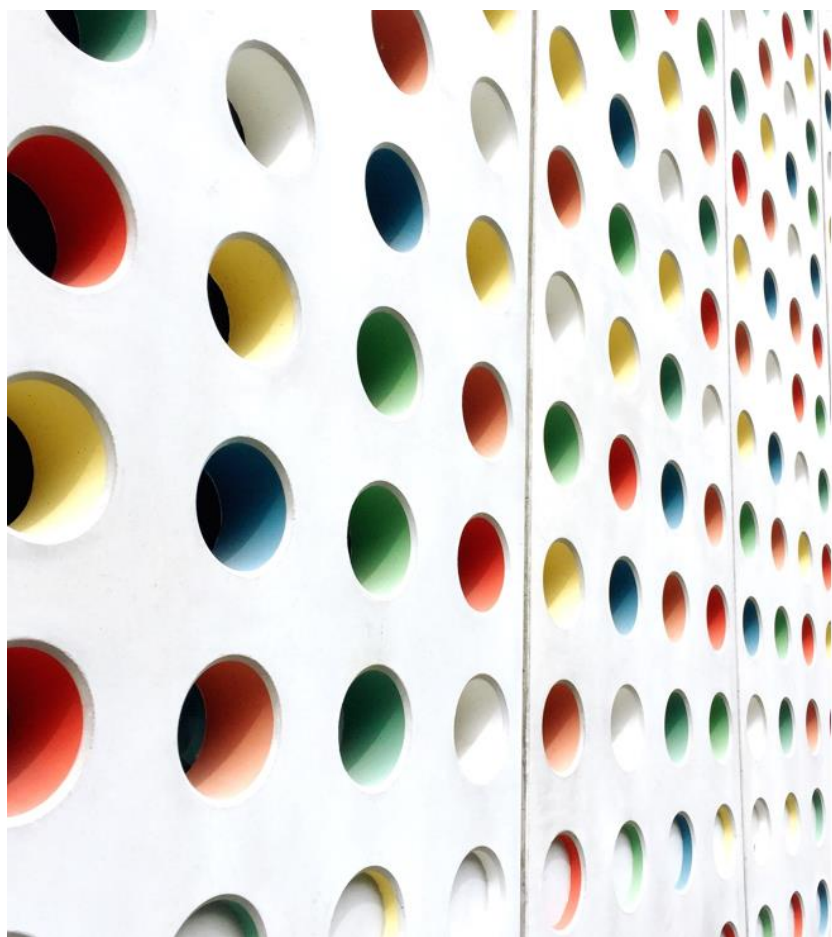


Must have **physical from** doctor and complete **RANK ONE** online forms prior to receiving equipment or trying out



RANK ONE can be found on the LCISD website under the Athletic Department

- Physicals will be held in May at Foster HS for approximately \$25
- **Boys** only sign up if you are playing football or cross country
- **Girls** only sign up if you are playing volleyball, cross country/track or basketball
- Cheer is also under Major Sports



Briscoe JH Electives and PE/Major Sports

Detailed Elective Power Point available on Canvas & main BJH webpage



- **Band:** ahendrix@lcisd.org
- **Choir:** ssaunders@lcisd.org
- **Orchestra:** kathy.riley@lcisd.org
- **Theater:** german.garay@lcisd.org
- **Art:** paloma.garrido@lcisd.org or afeuge@lcisd.org
- **Spanish:** mcastillo@lcisd.org or stephanie.pelegrina@lcisd.org
- **French:** sarah.alnahaoi@lcisd.org
- **Journalism:** lvargas@lcisd.org
- **Yearbook:** michaela.pleasant@lcisd.org
- **Introduction to Culinary Arts:** jennifer.smith@lcisd.org
- **Principles of Agriculture:** jacy.claybaker@lcisd.org
- **Applied Engineering:** michelle.dilday@lcisd.org

Athletics/PE:

- tbristol@lcisd.org
- david.striping@lcisd.org
- nina.hawkins@lcisd.org
- jknesek@lcisd.org

Color Guard:

- ballmond@lcisd.org

Dance:

- juvelasquez@lcisd.org

Cheer:

- james.kendrick@lcisd.org

AVID 8TH GRADE ELECTIVE CLASS

Briscoe JH





AVID IN LCISD



01

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a college-preparation program implemented in Lamar Consolidated Independent School District (LCISD) to ensure students are academically and socially prepared for success in college and their future careers.



02

The program focuses on academic preparation by providing rigorous coursework and support to develop critical thinking, literacy, and math skills. AVID emphasizes college readiness by helping students understand the college application process, financial aid, and scholarship opportunities, often including visits to colleges and universities.



03

Additionally, AVID prepares students for various career paths by teaching essential skills such as time management, goal setting, and effective communication and connecting them with career exploration opportunities and internships. The program creates a supportive learning environment where students receive guidance from trained AVID teachers and tutors, helping them stay motivated and on track to achieve their academic and career goals.



04

By integrating AVID into the regular curriculum, LCISD aims to ensure that all students graduate with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in college and their chosen careers.



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LCISD AVID IN JH

7TH GRADE ADVISORY

8TH GRADE AVID ELECTIVE



CCMR AWARENESS

PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO BECOME AWARE OF CCMR AND HOW IT IMPACTS THEM



CCMR PREPAREDNESS

Create an opportunity for students to begin preparing for CCMR, including high school-level courses.



COLLEGE AWARENESS

Organize college tours (virtual/in-person); initiate workshops on academic skills.



COLLEGE PREPAREDNESS

Facilitate workshops focused on academic skills and preparation for college readiness.



CAREER AWARENESS

Integrate career exploration in the curriculum and provide assessment tools.



CAREER PREPAREDNESS

Integrate career exploration activities into the curriculum.



HS AWARENESS

Educate on AP, CTE, and Dual Credit options; encourage academic goal-setting.



HS PREPAREDNESS

Conduct transition workshops to prepare for high school. Initiate mentoring programs with high school mentors

This organized plan will give junior high students the essential knowledge and skills required for future academic and career achievements.

Jr. High Grade Calculation

- ✓ Academic grade weight for major grades – 50%
- ✓ Academic grade weight for minor grades – 50%

VS.

- ✓ PreAp grade weight for major grades – 60%
- ✓ PreAp grade weight for minor grades – 40%

Each six weeks:
Minimum # of Major Grades: 3
Minimum # of Minor Grades: 6

Jr. High Students Taking High School Credit

High school credit courses count toward high school grade point average (GPA).

Electives:

Academic: 60/40 – Major/Minor

- Art I
- Spanish I/II
- French I/II
- Career/Technology courses

Core Subject:

PAP:70/30 –

Major/Minor

- Algebra I PAP

- During course selection, students enter their course requests. These requests are **not** guaranteed.
- All course requests are subject to availability and certain courses have criteria that must be met.





Online Course Selection

- Online student/parent access opens January 21st and closes January 31st.
- Students use their Skyward login and select year 2025-26 course request.
- Students are required to enter their course request online in Skyward by January 31st.
- Please use the Incoming 7th or Incoming 8th Planning Guide to help with your course selection.
- Once you have entered your choices into Skyward, all students will need to turn in their Planning Guide to the counseling office. **This helps us know your back up electives.

Planning Guide

2025-2026 BRISCOE JR. HIGH SCHOOL COURSE SELECTION PLANNING GUIDE – INCOMING 7th GRADER



NAME: _____ STUDENT ID#: _____ CURRENT GRADE: 6

PARENT NAME: _____ PARENT PHONE: _____ PARENT EMAIL: _____

Directions: This planning guide helps you select your classes. For each subject, please check one class level for English/Reading, Math, Science & Texas History. As a 7th grader you will also take either PE/Major Sports/Color Guard, AVID **AND** one elective.

**** You will need to enter your selections into Skyward by: January 31st.** Once courses are entered in Skyward, turn this planning guide into the counseling office. **

Select One:

- ___ 634 PE
- ___ 634 Color Guard
- ___ 636 Cheer (tryouts)
- ___ 636 Major Sports

Mark interested sport/s:

- ___ Cross Country
- ___ Volleyball
- ___ Football
- ___ Basketball
- ___ Tennis
- ___ Track
- ___ Soccer

High School Credit in Junior High (* denotes high school-level course)

- Students may receive credit toward high school graduation requirements for high school-level courses. The student will earn 1 credit for a yearlong class with a yearly average of 70% or above.
- High school-level courses taken in junior high are included in GPA computation to determine high school class rank.
- For placement into Spanish I or French I, student needs to have an end of year grade average of an 85% or higher in Language Arts in 6th grade.

Elective - Order 1,2,3,4 with top choice as 1:

- | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| ___ 739 Beginning Band | ___ 023 Yearbook | ___ 825 Career Investigations |
| ___ 740 Concert Band | ___ 750 Boys Choir | ___ 737 Beginning Orchestra |
| ___ 748 Symphonic Band | ___ 751 Girls Choir | ___ 738 Int. Orchestra |
| ___ 749 Honors Band | ___ 735 Mixed Choir | ___ 741 Int. Theatre |
| ___ 734 Art 7 | ___ 013 Journalism | |
| ___ 5533 Spanish I * | ___ 5733 French I * | |

Academic/On-Grade Level:

On grade level courses. These courses incorporate critical thinking skills, concept-based subject matter, and written and oral communication skills based on the state standards. Recommended if you earned below 90% in that subject area.

Pre-Advanced Pathway (PAP):

On grade level courses but are more complex and abstract. These courses emphasize the academic study and performance skills to help prepare students to continue as an advanced learner to successfully complete the Advanced Placement (AP) classes in that subject area in High School. Recommended if you earned a 90% or above in that subject area.

Core Subject Level Selection

ELAR: ___ 132 Academic OR ___ 138 Pre-AP

SCIENCE: ___ 334 Academic OR ___ 337 Pre-AP

HISTORY: ___ 434 Academic OR ___ 437 Pre-AP

MATH: ___ 237 Academic OR ___ 238A & 238B Pre-AP
(Take Algebra in 8th grade)

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Skyward directions are on the back of the planning guide.

Log in to Student/Family Access

1. Click the "Family Access" button at the top of the www.lcisd.org webpage.
2. On the Family Access info page click the "Login" button on the right.
3. On the Family Access login page, enter your Login ID and Password and click the "Sign In" button.
4. Select the Schedule option on the left side menu.

Access Course Requests

5. Click the "Request Courses for 20xx-20xx" button in the Course Requests box above the current schedule area.

Selecting Courses

6. Search for the desired course in the search box.
7. Select the course from the "Available Courses" box on the left.
8. Click the "Add Courses" button – the select course will move to the "Selected Courses" box on the right. Total requested courses and credits will update with each course that is added.*

*If there is a course that you are trying to request that is not available on the course request list, your counselor will be able to assist you in choosing appropriate courses.

Removing Selected Courses

To remove selected courses, select the course in the "Selected Courses" box to the right and click the "Remove Courses" button.

Requesting Alternate Courses

To request alternate courses in the event your primary requests are not fulfilled, select the "Request Alternates" button and follow the same process as requesting courses. Alternate courses can be re-arranged by preference using the green arrows to move them up or down in order.

Schedule Changes in August

- At the beginning of the year, counselors will only make approved schedule changes during the 1st week of school.
- If high school credit classes are not dropped before the first progress report date, students will not be able to drop until the end of the semester – 1st semester grade will remain on the high school transcript.





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