

8th GRADE

Course Selection Worksheet



SOMERSET ACADEMY
BROOKS

Rising 8th Grade Parents & Students:

Students will be entering course requests into the **ASCENDER STUDENT PORTAL**. Once their courses are submitted, ASCENDER STUDENT PORTAL course selections cannot be changed or edited. Be sure to review and select the correct courses. **This course selection worksheet is for planning purposes.**

Please note, by entering selected courses into the ASCENDER STUDENT PORTAL, I agree with my child's selections, and I am aware of Honors/AP/Dual Credit requirements (Student & Family Handbook, Page 63, Section 3.11 & 3.19). If the student does not meet the criteria for a particular course, the CCMR counselor will make the appropriate change. I am also aware that the electives chosen are not guaranteed and there is a chance that students can be scheduled into an elective other than the ones chosen to best accommodate the classes that meet the requirements for grade promotion or graduation.

Deadline to submit ASCENDER COURSE SELECTION: Friday, March 20, 2026.

PLEASE NOTE: Course selection priority will be given to students who have re-enrolled for the 2026-2027 school year. Courses for high school credit will have mixed grade levels of middle and high school students.

ENGLISH - REQUIRED EVERY YEAR (SELECT ONE)

✓	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	0816	ELAR 8	Language Arts	English 8th Grade
	0817	ELAR 8 HONORS	Language Arts	English 8th Grade Honors (Advanced)

MATHEMATICS - REQUIRED EVERY YEAR (SELECT ONE)

✓	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	0821	MATH 8	Mathematics	Math 8th Grade
	2012	ALG 1 8GR	Mathematics	Algebra 1 - (STAAR EOC) One (1) High School Credit (Advanced)

SCIENCE - REQUIRED EVERY YEAR (SELECT ONE)

✓	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	0831	SCIENCE 8	Science	Science 8th Grade
	3110	BIOLOGY 8 GR	Science	Biology - (STAAR EOC) One (1) High School Credit (Advanced)

SOCIAL STUDIES - REQUIRED EVERY YEAR (SELECT ONE)

✓	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	0841	SOC STUDIES 8	Social Studies	Social Studies 8th Grade

	0840	SOC STUDIES 8 HONORS	Social Studies	Social Studies 8th Grade Honors (Advanced)
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ELECTIVES: We will try our best to enroll you in electives of your choice, but they are not guaranteed.

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT ELECTIVES MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION AND SOME HIGH SCHOOL ENDORSEMENTS. HIGH SCHOOL ENDORSEMENTS ARE CHOSEN IN THE SPRING OF 8TH GRADE. REFERENCE THE GRADUATION & ENDORSEMENT PROGRESSION SHEET FOR FUTURE PLANNING.

OTHER LANGUAGES

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	8011	SPANISH 1 8 GRD	Other Languages	Level 1 Spanish - One (1) High School Credit
	8024	SPANISH 2 8GRD	Other Languages	Level 2 Spanish - One (1) High School Credit Prerequisite is Level 1.

P.E./EQUIVALENT

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	5310	PE FIT WELL GR8	P.E./Equivalent	Physical Education - One (1) High School Credit
	5313	PEAOA	P.E./Equivalent	Middle School Athletics - One (1) High School Credit. (\$)Requires coach approval, a commitment to a sport, and Athletic Fee.

FINE ARTS

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	0860	MS ART 1	Fine Arts	Middle School Art 1
	0757	MS ART 2	Fine Arts	Middle School Art 2 Prerequisite is Level 1
	0863	MS ART 3	Fine Arts	Middle School Art 3 Prerequisite is Level 2
	0870	MS BAND 1	Fine Arts	Beginners Middle School Band. (\$)Requires \$30 yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
	0875	MS BAND 2	Fine Arts	Advanced Middle School Band. Prerequisite is Level 1. (\$)Requires \$30 yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
	0876	MS BAND 3	Fine Arts	Middle School Band Level 3 (Marching Band). Prerequisite is level 2 and Band Director approval. (\$)Requires yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
	6049	MODERN BAND 1MS	Fine Arts	Modern Band Beginners. Middle School Instrumental Ensemble. (\$)Requires \$30 yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
	7049	MODERN BAND 2MS	Fine Arts	Modern Band Advanced. Middle School Instrumental Ensemble. Prerequisite is Level 1. (\$)Requires \$30 yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
	6074	MS ORCHESTRA 1	Fine Arts	Beginners Middle School Orchestra. (\$)Requires yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.

	0773	MS ORCHESTRA 2	Fine Arts	Middle School Orchestra Level 2. Prerequisite is Level 1. (\$) Requires yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
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CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) ELECTIVES

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	3401	PRINP HLTH SCI	Career/Tech Ed	Principles of Health Science - Public Service (Health Care Therapeutics) Level 1 Course. One (1) High School Credit.
	7418	DIMEDIA	Career/Tech Ed	Digital Media -Business & Industry (Graphic Design & Multimedia Arts) Level 1 Course. One (1) High School Credit.
	3406	PRIN APPL ENGR	Career/Tech Ed	Principles of Applied Engineering - STEM (Engineering) OR (Advanced Manufacturing & Machinery Mechanics) Level 1 Course. One (1) High School Credit.
	3407	PRINARCH	Career/Tech Ed	Principles of Architecture - STEM (Architectural Design) Level 1 Course. One (1) High School Credit.
	7314	PRIN OF INFO TE	Career/Tech Ed	Principal of Information Technology - Business & Industry (Web Development) Level 1 Course. One (1) High School Credit.

GENERAL ELECTIVES

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	0895	HLTH & WELL 8	Miscellaneous	Health & Wellness 8th Grade

Advanced courses: Honors Courses, Algebra I, and Biology course selections will be reviewed and approved by administration.

High School Credit Courses: High school credit level courses require a passing grade of 70 or higher and 90% attendance. All high school credit courses are used for graduation requirements.

Electives: Athletics and Level 2-4 Electives may require instructor approval. Elective courses will NOT be offered if not enough students choose them. It is important, therefore, to consider alternative elective choices very carefully. If you choose an academic elective, it will be in addition to your academic classes.