

**Incoming 8th Grade Registration
2020-2021**

THUNDERBIRDS



Welcome to 8th Grade Class of 2026

- ▶ Counseling Center: Located in Strike
 - ▶ 7th & 8th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Monroe
 - ▶ 7th & 8th Grade Counselor: Ms. Morales
 - ▶ Counseling Secretary: Mrs. Jennings
- ▶ Counselors Help With:
 - ▶ Academic Support
 - ▶ Personal/Social Emotional Support
 - ▶ College & Career

What Classes Will You Take?

All students will be enrolled into:

- ▶ Academic Block (English & History)
- ▶ Science
- ▶ Math 8
- ▶ PE
- ▶ Elective

MATH PLACEMENT

- ▶ All 8th Graders will be in Math 8 or Advanced Math 8
- ▶ If you are a 7th grader currently in Advanced Math 7 with a B or higher and pass the Adv Math 8 placement test, then you will be you enrolled in Adv. Math 8 (behavior, attendance, work completion, and other considerations may be made).
- ▶ If you are a 7th grader currently in Math 7 you will be placed in Math 8

Science PLACEMENT

- ▶ All 8th Graders will be in a General Science Class or an Honors Science Class
- ▶ If you are a 7th grader currently in General Science 7 you will be placed in General Science 8
- ▶ If you are a 7th grader currently in Advanced Science
 - ▶ with a B or higher, and pass the Adv Science 8 placement test, then you will be you enrolled in Biology (behavior, attendance, work completion, and other considerations may be made).
 - ▶ with a C, poor attendance or work completion, and are not successful on the Adv. Science 8 placement test, you will be enrolled in Honors Science 8, or General Science 8 depending on those other factors (behavior, attendance, etc.)

AB PLACEMENT

- ▶ All 8th Graders will be an Academic Block Class (English & History)
- ▶ Apply to take Honors AB next year.
 - ▶ Need Overall 3.5 GPA
 - ▶ Good Attendance
 - ▶ An A 1st Semester in English and History
 - ▶ Current AB Teacher Recommendation
 - ▶ Complete Honors AB Application Online

Specialized PE Classes

- ▶ **Strength and Conditioning PE-** This class is designed for Student Athletes or Students interested in Strength and Conditioning Training, via weightlifting.
- ▶ **X-Country PE-** Students who are running for the Kastner X-Country Team
- ▶ **Football/Basketball PE-** Students who are participating in Kastners Football or Basketball Programs
- ▶ **PE Dance- Cheer PE** is for anyone who is on the Kastner Pep and Cheer Team.

All specialty PE's still participate in PE Units & PE Testing, still run the mile and play other sports.

0 Period & Lunchtime PE

▶ Zero Period PE

- ▶ M-TH starting at 6:45am
- ▶ No Transportation/Bus
- ▶ PARENT PERMISSION REQUIRED

▶ Lunchtime PE

- ▶ M-F during lunch with the last 10mins of lunch to eat
- ▶ Students need to dress out and show up on time to class
- ▶ PARENT PERMISSION REQUIRED

▶ Requirements for 0 Period & Lunchtime PE

- ▶ Students need to be taking 2 yearlong elective classes.
- ▶ Poor attendance, grades, behavior may result in removal

Intervention Classes

Students may be enrolled in Reading Strategies, Math Strategies, or Study Strategies instead of an Elective.

Due To:

- ▶ Grades (D or F)
- ▶ Reading Below Grade Level
- ▶ Low Foundational Math Skills
- ▶ Not Turning in Homework/Work Ethic
- ▶ Teacher Recommendation

Let's Talk Electives

- ▶ What do you want to take next year?
- ▶ How will you challenge yourself?
- ▶ What are you interested in?
- ▶ What experiences would you like to have?

Online REGISTRATION

StudentConnection

StudentConnection Login

ID:

Password:

District Links


- [Need my Password](#)
- [CUSD Website](#)

Clovis Unified School District

News and Headlines

Student Connection

Five free copies of the Microsoft Office 2016 suite are available for CUSD students! To help provide students with the tools they need to be successful, Clovis Unified is offering the Microsoft Office suite to all students, free of charge.



***** Mobile app now available *****
(for android and iphones)

Download the app from Google Play or App Store--search for Q StudentConnection. Once installed, enter California in the state field, Fresno in the county field then choose Clovis USD as your district. Within the app, click the login button in the upper right of the screen and use your same PIN/Password to login.

After Inputting your Top 3 electives in Student Connect, complete any additional online applications or requirements and Review registration with your counselor when they zoom in to your Science classes.

Electives Requiring Approval

When you complete your Online Registration, it will be submitted for approval from the individuals below.

Need Teacher Approval

- ▶ Intermediate/Advanced Drama Approval from Mrs. Garrison
- ▶ Spanish 1 Need GPA Check from Counselor
- ▶ Academic Assistant/TA Approval from Counselor
- ▶ Jazz Band auditioned/approved by Mr. Paim
- ▶ Jazz Choir auditioned/approved by Mrs. Gaffney

*****Year Long Elective Classes

TA Requirements

- ▶ **Good Grades: NO D or F Grades**
 - ▶ **Good Attendance : No excessive absences or tardies**
 - ▶ **Good Behavior: No Behavioral Referrals to Thunder**
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- ▶ Your counselor will confirm your eligibility to be a TA at the time of registration.
 - ▶ Once determined Eligible you'll be asked to complete an Online TA Application
 - ▶ On the application you will be asked to select 3 choices you'd be willing to TA for whether it be offices or teachers. (No Guarantees)
 - ▶ Final TA assignments will be determined by Mrs. Monroe and Mrs. Morales

Application Electives

Requires an Application, Interview, Tryouts, and Selection

All Applications are Available on the Counseling Center Website
under the Registration Tab

- ▶ Leadership (Mr. Castle, J5) davidcastle@cusd.com
- ▶ Yearbook/Journalism (Mrs. Garrison, J1) AnukinaGarrison@cusd.com
- ▶ Robotics (Mr. Oraze, E4) VincentOraze@cusd.com
- ▶ Peer Counseling (Mrs. McLean, C5) ReggieMcLean@cusd.com
- ▶ Collaborative Mentoring (Mrs. Parks, D7) davaparks@cusd.com
- ▶ AVID (Mrs. McGee, Q5) KeelyMcgee@cusd.com
- ▶ Adv Art (Mr. Lowder K1/K2) RobertLowder2@cusd.com

Other Yearlong Electives

- ▶ Choir
 - ▶ Choral Director will determine appropriate level
- ▶ Band/Percussion
 - ▶ Band Director will determine appropriate level
- ▶ Orchestra
 - ▶ Orchestra Director will determine appropriate level
- ▶ Computer Science
- ▶ Colorguard

Semester Elective Choices

- ▶ Beginning Drama
- ▶ Ceramics
- ▶ Film Studies
- ▶ Computer Applications
- ▶ Art

When you select a semester long elective you may get it for your 1st Semester or your 2nd Semester.

Semester electives are paired together so if you select Art it will be paired with another elective that will automatically be added to your schedule.

Elective Flips aren't finalized at the time of Registration but we can share possible elective flips.

Elective Selections

- ▶ **Must Choose Top 3 Elective Choices**
(Not Guaranteed 1st Choice)
- ▶ **List #1, #2, #3 on your Google Registration Form in Order of Preference**
- ▶ **Make sure at least 1 elective does not require an application or prior approval**
- ▶ **Complete Separate Online Applications for any Application Electives in which you are applying.**

Registration Errors

- ▶ Only select 1 elective. **Top 3 Choices should be selected**
- ▶ Requested Application Electives and did not complete Separate Online Applications. **Complete all requirements**
- ▶ Assume you will get into your 1st Choice elective or Application Electives so don't select a Back Up. **We need at least one elective choice to be from a Non-Application, Non-Prior Approval Course**

Kastner Intermediate School

Incoming 8th Grade Registration Schedule

MONDAY, MARCH 1ST – FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH

REGISTRATION ORIENTATION

	Monday March 1st Location: C3 (All Period)	Monday March 1st Location: C5 (All Period)	Tuesday March 2nd Thursday March 4th Location: C4 1st Half of Class	Thursday March 4th Location: C1 1st Half of Class
Period 1	Johnson	McLean	Lyons <small>(Tues)</small>	
Period 2	Johnson	McLean	Lyons <small>(Thurs)</small>	Warner
Period 3	Johnson	McLean	Lyons <small>(Tues)</small>	
Period 4	Johnson	Peer Counseling	Lyons <small>(Thurs)</small>	Warner
Period 6	Johnson	PREP	Lyons <small>(Thurs)</small>	
Period 7	Guerrero	McLean	PREP	

IN 7TH GRADE SCIENCE CLASSROOMS

STUDENTS WILL HAVE 2 WEEKS TO GET SIGNATURES, APPLICATIONS AND
FEEDBACK REGARDING ELECTIVE CHOICES

Parent Registration Qs & As
Mrs. Monroe & Ms. Morales
Friday March 5th from 8:00-9:00am Via Zoom
Incoming 8th Grade Registration Questions-Elective Selection

MONDAY, MARCH 15TH – FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH

REGISTRATION COLLECTION IN 7TH GRADE SCIENCE CLASSROOMS

	Monday March 15th (All Period)	Tuesday March 16th Thursday March 18th 1st ½ of Block	Tuesday March 16th Thursday March 18th 2nd ½ of Block	Friday March 19th 1st ½ of Block
Period 1	Johnson	Lyons <small>(Tues)</small>	McLean <small>(Tues)</small>	
Period 2	Johnson	Lyons <small>(Thurs)</small>	McLean <small>(Thurs)</small>	Warner
Period 3	Johnson	Lyons <small>(Tues)</small>	McLean <small>(Tues)</small>	
Period 4	Johnson	Lyons <small>(Thurs)</small>	Peer Counseling	Warner
Period 6	Johnson	Lyons <small>(Thurs)</small>	PREP	
Period 7	Guerrero	PREP	McLean <small>(Tue)</small>	