

**Brewster Middle School**  
**8th Grade Elective Course Selection Sheet for School Year 2019-2020**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of this 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Course Selection Sheet is to provide parents an opportunity to review and select Elective Courses with their child for School Year 2019-2020. **All students are required to take Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Elective** courses.

**Advanced Band, AVID, and Reading Lab** are year-long classes with the other Electives being a semester long.

Students choosing to take **Advanced Band** are required to provide their own instruments and participate in a minimum of two evening concerts per year.

Students may request to take **Algebra I or Spanish I for high school credit**. These students will be screened for proper placement in these classes and once enrolled will need to complete the full year of study.

**\*\*If you are requesting Algebra I**, the student must have completed the Accelerated Math 7/8 course in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or the Virtual course during the summer 2019.

**\*\*\*If you are requesting Spanish, there will be two different classes to choose from:**

- One is an Elective Spanish class that is only a semester long. It counts for middle school credit only and will be paired with another Elective choice.
- Spanish I is a **year-long HIGH SCHOOL credit Elective course. To be considered for placement in Spanish I for High School credit, we highly recommend that the student has taken the semester Spanish class in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and has a recommendation from the teacher or administrator.**

**AVID** (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a college-preparatory class designed to increase motivation, organization, and study skills necessary for a college-bound academic track. An application and interview process is necessary for selection for the **AVID** program. Students must meet with their counselor/ AVID coordinator for more information on eligibility criteria for this class.

Placement in **Reading Lab** may be an administrative decision so that students become more successful in their overall achievement. Please discuss with one of our counselors if you feel your child is in need of these courses. **Reading Lab** is a 90-minute course which meets for two Elective periods. Therefore, students scheduled for this course **will not** have an additional Elective class while enrolled in the Reading Lab. In addition we will offer a **Math Support** class as an elective for students to address mathematics mastery. This class will take the place of one semester elective class.

***Although every effort will be made to accommodate these choices, class size will determine placement. Other course offerings will be made based on staff availability. Please check course preferences in the appropriate section.***

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Elective Rotation</b></p> <p>In addition to PE/Health Education, students may choose 2 of the following Elective classes.</p> <p>___ Art</p> <p>___ Graphic Communication</p> <p>___ Piano</p> <p>___ Guitar</p> <p>___ Creative Thinking</p> <p>___ Study Skills</p> <p>___ Health</p> <p>___ Math Support</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Elective Rotation with Advanced Band</b></p> <p>Band is one year-long Elective period with PE/Health Education and 1 of the following as the other.</p> <p>___ Art</p> <p>___ Graphic Communication</p> <p>___ Advanced Band</p> <p>___ Piano</p> <p>___ Guitar</p> <p>___ Creative Thinking</p> <p>___ Study Skills</p> <p>___ Health</p> <p>___ Math Support</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>My child has applied for the AVID Program.</b></p> <p>If accepted students will have AVID as 1 year-long Elective period and PE/Health Ed. and 1 of the following as the other.</p> <p>___ Art</p> <p>___ Graphic Communication</p> <p>___ Advanced Band</p> <p>___ Piano</p> <p>___ Guitar</p> <p>___ Creative Thinking</p> <p>___ Study Skills</p> <p>___ Health</p> <p>___ Math Support</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>I request the following Math class for my child:</b></p> <p>___ Math 8</p> <p>___ *Math 8/Algebra I (HS Credit)</p> <p><i>*(Must have completed the Accelerated Math 7/8 course in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or during the summer 2019)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>I request the following Spanish class for my child:</b></p> <p>___ Spanish I (Semester)</p> <p>___ Spanish I C (HS Credit)</p>
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**I have reviewed my child's selection for his/her Elective classes for school year 2019-2020.**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_