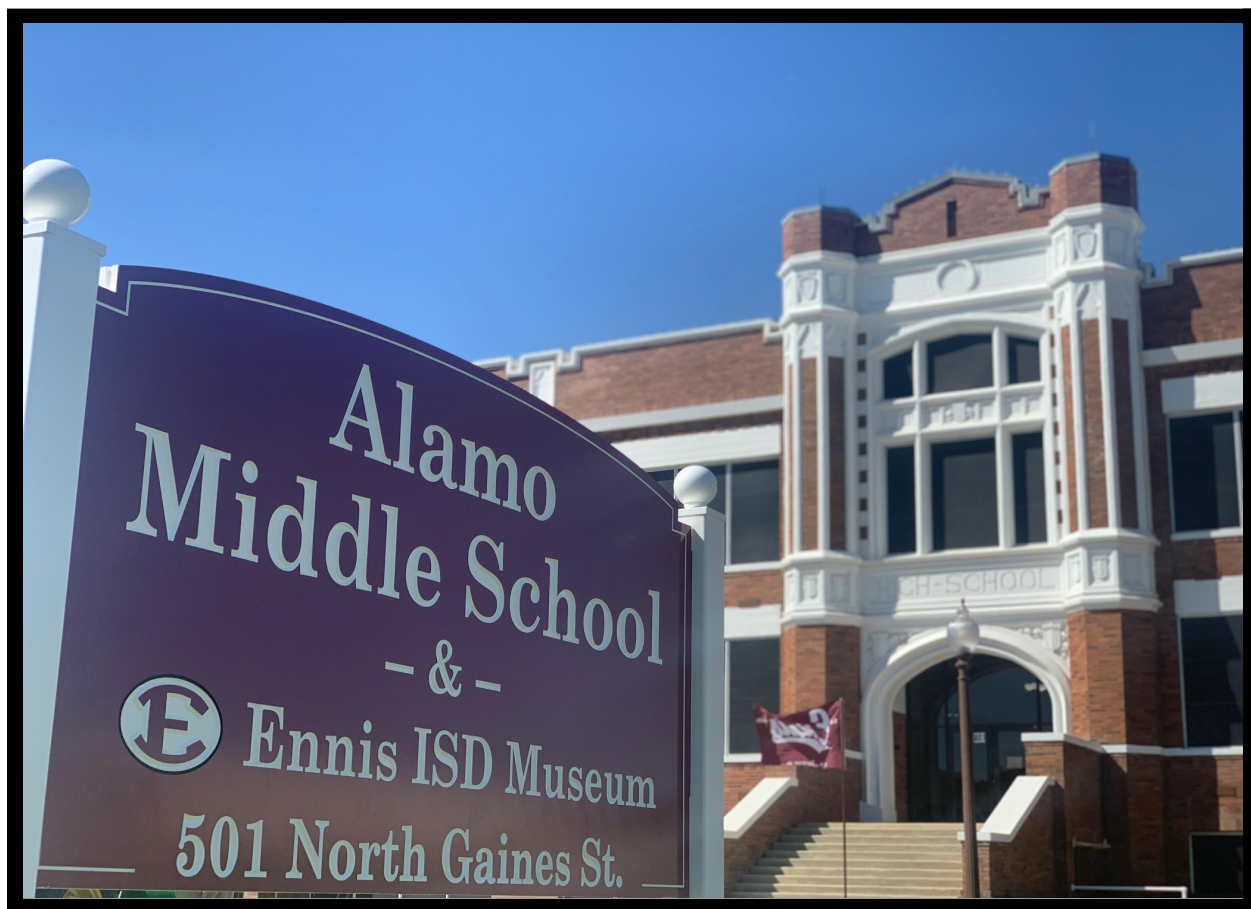


The Alamo Middle School

Course Selection Catalog



2022-2023

501 North Gaines St.

Ennis, Texas 75119

Dear Parents:

The faculty at Alamo Middle School feel that it is very important that you have the opportunity to be involved in the planning process for your child's education. One important step in the education of students at the Alamo is selecting the courses that are best suited for them. Aside from the required four core course subject classes, the students will have the opportunity to select and rank two electives of their choosing. Attached is a course description booklet that you and your family can look over to get a clear picture of what courses are required and electives offered for them to choose from.

Once you and your child have had the opportunity to read the booklet and view the electives offered, please complete the [Course Request Google Form-](#) by clicking on the highlighted link here. The core classes do not have to be selected because they are already set. Two electives have to be chosen in the area of Fine Arts and P.E. We will work hard to provide every student at Alamo Middle School the courses that they have requested. However, it is important to understand that it is not always possible to honor every request. Please keep in mind that you are completing a course request form and students should not assume they are enrolled in any class until they receive their class schedule. Please submit the Google Form **no later than Friday, April 29th.**

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact the Alamo Middle School Counselor, Erika Bishop:

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Sincerely,
Alamo Middle School

CORE SUBJECTS-6th

****Required for all 6th Grade Students***

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND READING

This course teaches comprehension skills and vocabulary within the context of small group guided and independent reading. Ennis ISD utilizes a “workshop” model which is facilitated in the context of authentic literature and learning experiences which may be content-specific, traditional, contemporary, or student selected texts rich in culture and/or diversity. Process writing provides practice in a variety of purposes and models and the context for instruction in the grammatical and mechanical skills of language.

SCIENCE

Science in sixth grade provides students with the skills to apply science concepts to their daily life. Science instruction involves teaching students to answer questions and be a problem solver, to become skilled in collecting information and data, to organize it in an effective manner, draw conclusions by analyzing this data, and to become knowledgeable in the content of science.

SOCIAL STUDIES

This course studies the people and places of the contemporary world. This course is multidisciplinary and draws its content and concepts from history, geography, government, citizenship, economics, culture and technology. It also includes elements of the arts, humanities, and language arts.

MATH

Students will start pre-algebra, solving one step equations and inequalities, and work with exponents and order of operations. Students will compare, order, add, subtract, multiply and divide with positive and negative rational numbers. Our work will be extensively with Proportional Reasoning including ratios, percents, fractions, decimals and mixed numbers. In addition students will work with Geometric Formulas and measurement and wrap up with Data Analysis and Personal Financial Literacy.

ELECTIVES--6th Grade

****Fine Arts Requirement - All students are required to complete a fine arts elective in 6th grade. Options at the Alamo include the following:***

★ Art

This course is designed to develop critical thinking and the imagination and to introduce students to various media through the exploration of different art forms. Students will also have the opportunity to study and apply the elements and principles of design. In addition, students will explore various art movements in history and the visual arts of world cultures.

★ Band

This course is designed for students who wish to learn to play a wind or percussion instrument. The course will focus on the basic techniques of tone production, reading notation, and ensemble performance.

★ Choir

This course introduces students to the basics of choral singing. Students learn proper singing posture, basic vocal technique, skills for sight reading music, and concert performance and etiquette. Students will have an opportunity to display their talents through performances in the community and at school functions.

★ Music Appreciation

The music appreciation class is designed to give students a basic understanding of music and to inspire an appreciation for music from a variety of genres and cultures. We will apply the elements of music to our favorite music, learn how to read and apply rhythmic notation through bucket drumming, and investigate how music has changed throughout history. Students will create musical compositions and write lyrics to songs using various genres of music. Students will explore music through technology, the film industry, video games, as well as creating music and sound effects for their own video production.

****Physical Education Requirement – All students are required to complete a P.E class. Options at the Alamo include the following:***

★ Physical Education

This course assists students in developing lifetime recreational interest and fitness habits that improve their quality of life. Through developmental and movement activities, students are provided opportunities to interact with other students, in both cooperative and competitive activities, develop skills necessary to participate in games, team sports (volleyball, basketball, soccer, baseball/softball), gymnastics, and rhythmic activities, and increase perceptual awareness, develop a positive self-image.

★ Pre-Athletics

6th grade Pre-Athletics is designed to prepare students for athletics at Ennis Junior High. Pre-Athletics is offered to male students who are planning to participate in **football and/or basketball** in 7th grade. Students who choose to participate in Pre-Athletics should expect daily workouts during the class period that are significantly more physically, mentally, and athletically demanding than regular P.E. Pre-Athletics will focus on skills, drills, and basic concepts of football and basketball. Students will also be expected to participate in conditioning, strength training, and agility training.

★ Pre-Tennis

6th Grade tennis is designed to introduce students to the game of tennis. Tennis will be offered to both male and female students. It is our goal that after 6th Grade Tennis, students will want to be on the 7th grade tennis team. 6th Grade tennis students will be provided transportation to and from the Lion Tennis Center for the course. NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE OR RACQUET REQUIRED.

Interested in being a student aide or leader on campus: In addition to the options above, you can express your interest in being a part of our Lion Pride Way Character/Leadership Program. There are very limited spots available and your request will be considered. If you are selected, it will replace your Fine Arts Elective choice.

★ Lion Pride Student Helper/Aide

The Alamo is looking for responsible, reliable, well behaved students to perform assigned duties in the front office, library and museum. As a Lion Pride ambassador, we will consider grades, attendance and behavior to exemplify the Lion Pride Way.

★ Lion Pride Productions: Broadcast Media Program

The Librarian is looking for enthusiastic news anchors to join her team to participate in creating news reports for the Alamo Middle School. Auditions will be held so that the Librarian can find her outstanding news crew. Only a handful of students will get the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of what it takes to create the news. These lucky few will learn the basics of media production, such as photography, film, video, audio, and interactive media sites. Do you have what it takes?

**Reminder availability of courses listed is contingent upon student requests, availability of staff and available campus funding. Electives are assigned according to priority order and availability. If an elective is not available, students will be placed in the next available elective choice.*