

# HighMark Charter School

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Choices

2026 – 2027

Hello! Thank you for choosing HighMark! We are excited to have you enrolled for the 2026 – 2027 school year! We are excited to offer a lot of class choices for this year. Please read the instructions carefully as some things have changed from previous years.

### Instructions

All class choices will be selected on the back side of this page. Students will have a total of 8 credits for the school year. Required courses have already been selected on the left-hand side of the page. Please choose elective classes **totaling 3 credits**. As part of state requirements, **all students must select AT LEAST ONE of the electives classes listed under the FINE ARTS heading**.

The classes you list on the left-hand electives table will be your first choices. List these in order of preference with 1 being your first preference, as indicated by the column labeled “order”. You do not need to fill out all the slots; you simply need to fill out 3 full credits. For example, if Spanish 1A is my first choice, I will list it under number one and mark that it is a 1 credit class. I now have 2 credits remaining which I can fill with any combination of 1 and/or .5 credit classes. A 1 credit class indicates the class is scheduled for the full year (both fall and spring semesters), while .5 credit classes only last a semester (may be scheduled in the Fall or Spring).

Next, select 3 classes as alternates and list them under the alternate choices heading. These will be scheduled if your first choices are not available. If your student has an IEP, please fill out this registration form normally, and the Special Education team will help schedule your student in the appropriate courses.

This form must be filled out and signed by a parent/guardian and returned to your Business SOAR teacher by **Monday, APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>** (the Monday after Spring Break). The entire course catalog of class descriptions can be found on the Highmark Counseling Website and will also be emailed as an attachment to all students and parents.

Some classes require an audition or application, which will happen after class choice takes place. If your student is interested in one of these classes, simply request it and make sure to do the audition/application when it happens. If the student is not accepted into the class, an alternate class will be used.

Teacher and Office Aides will also be selected based on an application basis and will not be requested on this form. If your student wishes to be an Aide, they will complete the aide application when it becomes available. If they are selected as a teacher or office aide, one of their elective classes will be replaced.

### Honors Classes

Honors credit will be associated with the general curriculum for any core class. A separate “honors” class does not need to be registered for. More information will be provided at the beginning of the school year.

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Code	Required Courses: Class Name	Credits
8010	Language Arts 8	1
8020	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math	1
8030	Integrated Science 8	1
8040	U.S. History	1
8060	PE—Int. Fitness, Team Sport Skills	.5
8070	Health Education	.5
	<b>Total Required Credits:</b>	<b>5</b>

Next: fill in the remaining 3 credits with elective classes from the list on the right. Write the classes in order of preference, with 1 being highest preference. Remember, **one of your courses must be from the Fine Arts (Music or Art) category.**

Order	Code	Elective Courses: Class Name	Credits
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
		<b>Total Elective Credits:</b>	<b>3</b>

### ELECTIVE COURSES

#### Fine Arts (select at least one of these):

<b>7000</b> Art 1	<b>.5 cr.</b>	<b>7300</b> Beginning Band	<b>1 cr.</b>
<b>8000</b> Art Foundations 2 *Art 1 Prerequisite	<b>.5 cr.</b>	<b>7350</b> Symphonic Band *Beginning Band prerequisite, or teacher approval	<b>1 cr.</b>
<b>7200</b> Beginning Choir	<b>1 cr.</b>	<b>7500</b> Music Appreciation	<b>.5 cr.</b>
<b>8200</b> Coro Alato *by audition only	<b>1 cr.</b>	<b>7600</b> Beginning Guitar	<b>.5 cr.</b>
<b>7860</b> Beginning Percussion	<b>.5 cr.</b>	<b>7150</b> Theatre 1	<b>.5 cr.</b>

#### Career and Technical Education:

<b>8300</b> FACS Exploration A Model	<b>.5 cr.</b>	<b>7700</b> Creative Coding I	<b>.5 cr.</b>
<b>8305</b> FACS Exploration B Model	<b>.5 cr.</b>	<b>7725</b> Creative Coding II	<b>.5 cr.</b>
		*Creative Coding I prerequisite	
<b>7750</b> Exploring Tech 1: Engineering and Technology	<b>.5 cr.</b>	<b>7775</b> Exploring Tech 2: Design and Modeling	<b>.5 cr.</b>

#### Foreign Language:

<b>7100</b> Spanish 1A	<b>1 cr.</b>	<b>8100</b> Spanish 1B	<b>1 cr.</b>
		*Spanish 1A prerequisite	

#### Other Electives:

<b>7550</b> Exploring Business and Marketing	<b>.5 cr.</b>	<b>8800</b> Foundations of Forensics	<b>.5 cr.</b>
<b>8600</b> Creative Writing	<b>.5 cr.</b>	<b>8700</b> History Through Sports	<b>.5 cr.</b>
<b>8550</b> Intro to Yoga	<b>.5 cr.</b>		

#### Alternate Class Choices (Fill in all 3):

Code	Class Name	Credits

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

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