

**Paris Junior High
8th Grade Elective Courses
2018-19**

Electives Course List: <u>Choose 3</u>					
Note: <u>1 year</u> of Fine Arts must be completed during the 7th OR 8th grade year. Fine Arts includes Art, Band, Choir, or Theater Arts.					
Note: See Page 3	Course Number	Course Title	Course Description	Credit	Deadlines/Notes
**	8621	Art	Art provides opportunities for students to further their awareness of expression, understanding, and appreciation of self and others, and aesthetic growth.	1.0	
*	8522	Athletics (Boys)	Athletics provides opportunities for students to participate and further their physical abilities in such sports as football, volleyball, basketball, tennis, golf, and track. <u>Students wishing to enroll in this course must have been enrolled in athletics in 7th grade or be approved for entry by the coaching staff.</u> A student shall not be enrolled in more than one period of P.E./Athletics in a school day.	1.0	
*	8524	Athletics (Girls)	Athletics provides opportunities for students to participate and further their physical abilities in such sports as cheerleading, volleyball, basketball, tennis, golf, and track. <u>Students wishing to enroll in this course must have been enrolled in athletics in 7th grade or be approved for entry by the coaching staff.</u> A student shall not be enrolled in more than one period of P.E./Athletics in a school day.	1.0	
*	7624- Concert (Intermediate) 7625- Symphonic (Advanced)	Band	Band provides opportunities for students to develop proper instrumental technique, creative self-expression, and leadership abilities through skill development and music theory. <u>Students wishing to enroll in this course must have been enrolled in band in 7th grade or be approved by the band director.</u>	1.0	Band directors will make final decisions as to which band students are assigned.
	8825	Career Prep	Career Prep is a one semester course that provides opportunities for students to learn about and investigate career opportunities.	0.5	Choose another 1 semester course to complete the year.
*	8823	CATv	CATv provides students with the skills necessary to create a weekly broadcast television show for the Junior High Campus. This class stresses creativity and advanced technology skills. <u>Students must complete and submit an application and essay (by deadline) to be eligible for CATv.</u> <u>Students must also attend summer camp in order to be eligible to be a CATv participant.</u> <u>Summer camp attendees are selected based on applications, grades, and conduct. Please note that this course has limited space.</u>	1.0	Application & Essay Deadline: Apr. 27 Turn in to Mr. Watson.
*	7622- Beg Choir 8623- Adv Choir	Choir	Choir provides opportunities for students to: 1) study vocal and choral techniques; 2) learn music theory; 3) develop sight-singing skills; and 4) perform in front of audiences. Attendance at choir concerts is required, and participation in contests is required of students placed in advanced choirs. All choir students are required to purchase a choir t-shirt which will be worn for our "informal" performances. The school will provide a uniform for our "formal" performances.	1.0	Choir directors will make final decisions as to which choir students are assigned.

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**	8824	Computer Literacy	Computer Literacy is a one semester course that provides students with basic skills in a variety of computer applications. Desktop publishing, powerpoint, digital animation, graphics, and photoshop are covered in this 1 semester class.	0.5	Choose another 1 semester course to complete the year.
**	8820	Home & Maintenance Improvement (Shop)	Home and Maintenance Improvement (Shop) prepares students to improve and maintain the urban or rural home. It further prepares students to analyze repair needs and use approved safety techniques.	1.0	Students may take this course once in either 7th OR 8th grade.
**	8821A	Homemaking	Homemaking provides students with skills for successful living with peers, parents, and others, for achieving optimum personal health and appearance, for caring the home, and for managing human and non-human resources. <u>Please note that there is a minimal materials fee for this course that must be paid at the beginning of the semester.</u>	0.5	Choose another 1 semester course to complete the year.
	8926	Impact	This course is a young men's leadership course with character building lessons and activities. Seating is limited.	1.0	
	8826	Keyboarding	Keyboarding is a one semester course designed to help students develop speed and accuracy by learning the touch operation of alphanumeric/keyboard characters	0.5	Choose another 1 semester course to complete the year.
	8525	Outdoor Education	This course will expose the student to outdoor activities such as Hunter Education, Angler Education, First Aid, etc. This course will use curriculum from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the student will have the opportunity to apply for certification from TPWD. <u>The student will pay all certification fees as well as a lab fee. One half page ESSAY REQUIRED on "Why I want to be in Outdoor Ed".</u>	1.0	Essay Deadline: April 27 Turn in to Coach Bradley.
	8526	PE (Boys)	Physical Education provides opportunities for students to participate in individual, dual, team, and lifetime sports activities while developing physical fitness. A student may substitute athletics for P.E. A student shall not be enrolled in more than one period of P.E./Athletics in a school day.	1.0	
	8527	PE (Girls)	Physical Education provides opportunities for students to participate in individual, dual, team, and lifetime sports activities while developing physical fitness. A student may substitute athletics for P.E. A student shall not be enrolled in more than one period of P.E./Athletics in a school day.	1.0	
*	8051	Spanish IB	Spanish I provides opportunities for students to develop skills and concepts related to traveling in another country and to careers. This course is a continuation of Spanish 1A and provides credit for Spanish I at Paris High School when 1A and 1B have been successfully completed. <u>You must have at least an 88% average in English & Literature.</u>	1.0	
	8927	S.T.E.M & Robotics	This course integrates Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. In class, teams compete using a business model that emphasizes the engineering design process. Students participate in hands-on activities such as Robotics. Students will be exposed to technical career opportunities, guest speakers on topics such as computer animated drafting, and CTE opportunities at the high school level.	1.0	Must complete an application form and turn in to Mrs. Napier by Apr. 27.

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	see description column	Student Assistant	8922- Office Assistant 8925- Counselor's Office Assistant 8923- Computer Lab Assistant 8921 - Library Assistant <u>NOTE: You MUST have Principal approval to enter this course as an elective. You will receive an approval certificate from a Principal if you are approved.</u>	1.0	Must complete an application form and be approved by a Principal. Forms are due by Apr. 27 . Approved students will receive approval certificate from a Principal.
	8671	Theater Arts	This course is an introduction to the Theater Arts' program.	1.0	Application & Packet Deadline: Apr. 27 Turn in to Mrs. Logan.
	8928	Yearbook	Students in this course will focus on the preparation, planning, and creation of the PJH yearbook. Students will be involved in taking photos and capturing memories for the school year.	1.0	Application Deadline: Apr. 27 Turn in to Mr. Watson Seating is limited

* Students must meet qualifications standards to enroll in these courses.

** Students may take course once during 7th OR 8th grade year.

Reading Lab will be substituted for an elective for students who do not master the reading section of the STAAR test and whose scores fall within a specific range of the Texas Learning Index.

Math Lab will be substituted for an elective for students who do not master the math section of the STAAR test and whose scores fall within a specific range of the Texas Learning Index.

Important Note: Every effort will be made to give you the electives you choose. However, in order to maintain balance in student/teacher ratio, it is sometimes necessary to alter your elective choices.