



## Middle School Course Guide

### Miscellaneous Electives

<b>A9881</b>	<b>AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination 6 (R)</b>	<b>2 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 6</b>
<b>A9869</b>	<b>AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination 7 (R)</b>	<b>2 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 7</b>
<b>A9870</b>	<b>AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination 8 (R)</b>	<b>2 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 8</b>

**Prerequisite:** Application and acceptance into the program, simultaneous enrollment in at least one Honors or Pre-AP course

**Description:** The AVID class addresses key elements in college preparation: academic survival skills, college entry skills, tutorials, motivational activities, and career and college exploration. Additionally, students will improve their oral communication skills through presentation and Socratic Seminar, participate in writing to learn activities, including note taking, learning logs, and essay writing, prepare for college entrance examinations, including the SAT and ACT, and complete and present a multi-grade level portfolio of their work.

<b>A9882</b>	<b>Professional Communication / AVID (R)</b>	<b>1 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 9-12</b>
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**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** The 8687 Professional Communications course is one of the courses which can be completed to meet the Speech requirement for graduation. This course embeds the TEKS for Professional Communications in to the AVID elective course allowing students to earn 0.5 high school credit and Regular Grade Points for Professional Communications as well as the AVID elective.

<b>A9883</b>	<b>Principles of Human Services/ AVID (R)</b>	<b>1 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 9-12</b>
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**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** The 8116 Principles of Human Services course is a high school CTE elective course. This course embeds the TEKS for Principles of Human Services in to the AVID elective course allowing students to earn 0.5 high school credit and Regular Grade Points for Principles of Human Services as well as the AVID elective.

<b>A0120</b>	<b>G/T Connections</b>	<b>1 Semester</b>	<b>Gr: 6-8</b>
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**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** Designed to meet the special abilities, needs, and interests of middle school G/T students, this course will include opportunities for students to make cross-curricular connections as well as connections to real-world experiences through problem-solving, creative projects and assignments and interest-driven research.

<b>A2714</b>	<b>Path to College &amp; Career Preparation A (NGP)</b>	<b>1 Semester</b>	<b>Gr: 9-12</b>
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**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** The Path-to College & Career Preparation course advances intellectual curiosity, conscientiousness, dependability, emotional stability, and perseverance through tasks that foster deeper levels of thinking and reasoning in the four core content areas. Path courses focus on developing the habits and skills that are expected in college study and the workforce. Students receive high school graduation elective credit for this course.

<b>A2711</b>	<b>PATH COLLEGE CAREER A (NGP)</b>	<b>1 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 8-12</b>
<b>A2712</b>	<b>PATH COLLEGE CAREER B (NGP)</b>	<b>1 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 8-12</b>

**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** These one-semester courses focus on advancing intellectual curiosity, conscientiousness, dependability, emotional stability, and perseverance through tasks that foster deeper levels of thinking and reasoning in the four core content areas. Students will develop personal/interpersonal, cognitive, and reasoning skills that are vital to student post-secondary success in college and in the workforce. Students learn to recognize and analyze their best personal learning styles, and are taught about high school graduation requirements and college entrance requirements. Students prepare a high school and college plan with specific career goals in mind. Instruction on preparing for college entrance and placement exams is emphasized. These courses count as elective credits for graduation.

NOTE: All courses may not be offered on every campus.



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<b>A9724 Activities of Daily Living I (B)</b>	<b>2 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 6</b>
<b>A9725 Activities of Daily Living II (B)</b>	<b>2 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 7</b>
<b>A9726 Activities of Daily Living III (B)</b>	<b>2 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 8</b>

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**Prerequisite:** Eligible for A. L. E. program/placement by the ARD Committee.

**Description:** [Applied Learning Environment (A. L. E.) Course] Self-help skills necessary for success in life are addressed. These courses are primarily for A.L.E. students placed by the ARD committee.

<b>A9730 Community Skills I (B)</b>	<b>2 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 6</b>
<b>A9731 Community Skills II (B)</b>	<b>2 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 7</b>
<b>A9732 Community Skills III (B)</b>	<b>2 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 8</b>

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**Prerequisite:** Eligible for A. L. E. program/placement by the ARD Committee.

**Description:** [Applied Learning Environment (A. L. E.) Course] Coursework includes critical skills necessary for independent functioning in a variety of community environments. These courses are primarily for A.L.E. students placed by the ARD Committee.

<b>A9046 Marketable Skills I (B)</b>	<b>2 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 6-8</b>
<b>A9047 Marketable Skills II (B)</b>		
<b>A9048 Marketable Skills III (B)</b>		

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**Prerequisite:** Eligible for A. L. E. program/placement by the ARD Committee.

**Description:** Course provides students with the opportunity to explore a variety of career clusters and basic vocational skills that will help the student learn more about their interests and abilities. Specific coursework is dependent on students' individual IEP goals and objectives.

<b>A9821 Basic Vocational Skills I (B)</b>	<b>2 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 6</b>
<b>A9822 Basic Vocational Skills II (B)</b>	<b>2 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 7</b>
<b>A9823 Basic Vocational Skills III (B)</b>	<b>2 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 8</b>

(SE)

**Prerequisite:** Electives required by ARD as denoted on ARD Schedule Page.

**Description:** [Base/ABC/PAC] This is a locally designed course aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education and determined by the ARD Committee to be a suitable elective. Instruction is provided at grade level and modified to meet individual student needs.

<b>A9826 Basic Personal Social Skills I (B)</b>	<b>2 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 6</b>
<b>A9827 Basic Personal Social Skills III= (B)</b>	<b>2 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 7</b>
<b>A9828 Basic Personal Social Skills III (B)</b>	<b>2 Semester(s)</b>	<b>Gr: 8</b>

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**Prerequisite:** Personal Social Skills required by ARD as denoted on ARD Schedule Page.

**Description:** [Base/ABC/PAC] The GISD BASE/ABC/PAC Social Skills Program will be used to help students learn self-control, interaction skills, and other personal/social skills necessary for success in school and community life. These course numbers may also be used as determined appropriate by ARD, for students designated to take the In- School Suspension Personal Social Skills class.



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**B9114 AP OFFICE AIDE****1 Semester(s)****Gr: 7-8**

**Prerequisite:** Interview/selection

**Description:** Students wishing to be an office aide should check with the secretary in charge of the office. An aide is chosen on the basis of grades, teacher recommendations, ability, and attitude. Students will receive experience in various aspects of the operation of the attendance office or principal's office. These courses will not count for graduation credit and receive no grade points.

**B9117 CLINIC AIDE****2 Semester(s)****Gr: 7-8**

**Prerequisite:** Interview/selection

**Description:** Students wishing to be a clinic aide should check with the nurse. Aides are chosen on the basis of grades, teacher recommendations, ability, and attitude. Students will receive experience in various aspects of the operation of the clinic. These courses will not count for graduation credit and receive no grade points.

**B9118 LIBRARY AIDE****2 Semester(s)****Gr: 7-8**

**Prerequisite:** Interview/selection

**Description:** Students wishing to be a library aide should check with the librarian. Aides are chosen on the basis of grades, teacher recommendations, ability, and attitude. Students will receive experience in various aspects of the operation of the library. These courses will not count for graduation credit and receive no grade points.

**B9120 LITERARY AIDE****2 Semester(s)****Gr: 7-8**

**Prerequisite:** Interview/selection

**Description:** This course is available if a teacher is working with a group of student on campus publications (yearbook, newspaper) , and an individual student can add this class and still earn all required course credits.

**B9915 OFFICE AIDE****2 Semester(s)****Gr: 7-8**

**Prerequisite:** Interview/selection

**Description:** Students wishing to be an office aide should check with the secretary in charge of the office. An aide is chosen on the basis of grades, teacher recommendations, ability, and attitude. Students will receive experience in various aspects of the operation of the attendance office or principal's office. These courses will not count for graduation credit and receive no grade points.

**B9124 STUDENT AIDE****1 Semester(s)****Gr: 7-8**

**Prerequisite:** Interview/selection

**Description:** This course is available if teachers request a student aide to assist them during one of their assigned class periods, and an individual student can add this class and still earn all required course credits.