

Course Guide for 8th Grade — 2022-2023

Altamont's eighth grade curriculum consists of the following courses:

Seven Periods

- 8th Grade English
- American Civics & Government
- Integrated Physical Science
- Algebra 1¹
- World Language Level 2²
- Two Arts/Electives³
- 7th/8th PE

Fine Arts and Electives

- Art
- Drama
- Photography
- Beginner Band
- Orchestra
- Jazz Band
- Creative Writing
- Speech & Debate
- Exploring Computer Science
- Web Design

¹ The standard course for eighth graders at Altamont is Algebra 1. Taking Algebra 1 in eighth grade sets a student up for the greatest range of possibilities in high school. After Algebra 2 in tenth grade, the subsequent two years can be any of the following:

11th: Honors PreCalculus or Honors Statistics;

12th: AP Calculus BC, AP Calculus AB, Honors Statistics, Finite Math.

Any deviation from this curriculum must be approved by the head of the math department.

² All eighth graders take a year-long course in one of four languages: French, Latin, Mandarin, or Spanish. Most will take the Level 2 course in the language they had in previous years. Students are welcome, however, to start anew in a different language at Level 1.

³ Students will take two of these courses. They should request the two they want, and then add at least two back-up choices for each (you can repeat a course as back-up for both top choices if you'd like).