



**ARMSTRONG**  
JUNIOR HIGH

Welcome Class of  
2026 to  
Armstrong  
Junior High School





EXPECT  
**EXCELLENCE**  
EVERY DAY

STARKVILLE  
**OKTIBBEHA**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT



THE PATH TO **EXCELLENCE** BEGINS WITH IGNITING

PASSION.  
PURPOSE.  
POTENTIAL.


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**OKTIBBEHA**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Mission Statement

The mission of the Starkville Oktibbeha School District is to achieve excellence by facilitating the discovery and development of each student's passion, purpose, and potential.



As 8<sup>th</sup> graders, you are on the path to your future. So how do we prepare you for your future?

- Mississippi Diploma and Endorsement Options
  - Individual Success Plan (ISP)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Courses
  - Academic Houses of Starkville High School
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# MS Traditional Diploma and Endorsement Options



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## TRADITIONAL DIPLOMA OPTION

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English I</li> <li>English II</li> </ul>
Mathematics	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra I</li> </ul>
Science	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology I</li> </ul>
Social Studies	3½	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 World History</li> <li>1 U.S. History</li> <li>½ U.S. Government</li> <li>½ Economics</li> <li>½ Mississippi Studies</li> </ul>
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
Arts	1	
College and Career Readiness	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must occur in the student's junior or senior year, or in the student completion of a 4-year sequence.</li> </ul>
Technology or Computer Science	1	
Additional Electives	5 ½	
<b>Total Units Required</b>	<b>24</b>	

### Requirements

- Student should identify an endorsement area prior to entering 9th grade. Endorsement requirements can only be changed with parental permission.
- For early release, students must have met College or Career Readiness Benchmarks (ACT sub scores 17 English and 19 Math or earned a Silver level on ACT WorkKeys or SAT equivalency sub scores). Alternately, a student must meet ALL of the following:
  - Have a 2.5 GPA
  - Passed or met all MAAP assessments requirements for graduation
  - On track to meet diploma requirements
  - Concurrently enrolled in Essentials for College Math or Essentials for College Literacy

### Recommendations

- For early graduation, a student should successfully complete an area of endorsement.
- A student should take a math or math equivalent course the senior year.



# MS Endorsement Options

- Traditional Diploma + Career and Technical Education (CTE) Endorsement
  - Earn 26 credits and four credits from the same CTE program
  - Achieve at least a 2.5 grade point average
  - Score at silver level on ACT WorkKeys
  - Successfully complete a dual credit course, a work-based learning experience or earn a national credential
- Traditional Diploma + Academic Endorsement
  - Earn 26 credits
  - Score at least 17 on ACT English section and at least 19 on ACT Math section
  - Achieve at least a 2.5 grade point average
  - Successfully complete one Advanced Placement course and AP exam or one dual credit course
  - Earn at least a C in the advanced course
- Traditional Diploma + Distinguished Academic Endorsement
  - Earn 28 credits
  - Score at least 18 on ACT English section and at least 22 on ACT Math section
  - Achieve at least a 3.0 grade point average
  - Successfully complete one Advanced Placement course and AP exam or one dual credit course
  - Earn at least a B in the advanced course
- [Mississippi High School Diploma and Endorsement Options Communication Toolkit](#)



# What is the Individual Success Plans (ISP)

- The ISP is...
  - A process, not a document
  - A 5-year course sequence plan to prepare students to be college and career ready
  - For all students
  - To be revisited and revised yearly by students, families, and counselors to align with student's goals.



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection

## 2021-2022 Course Selection Sheet for Upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Required Courses

Course Name	Prerequisites/Guidance
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade English	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade English
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math or 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Compacted Math with Algebra I	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math; Placement in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Compacted Math with Algebra I pending 7 <sup>th</sup> grade Math MAAP scale score, Proficiency on District selected universal screener, final grade of at least 85
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade History	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade History

### Electives

**Physical Activity Required: Place an "X" by one elective below.**

**Choose 3 electives below by placing a 1, 2, or 3 by the elective to show priority.  
1=1<sup>st</sup> Choice, 2= Alternate Choice, 3= Alternate Choice**

	Rank	Course Name	Rank	Course Name
Band		Music		Art-Grade 8
Physical Education (PE)		Chorus		Robotics I
		Spanish I		Theatre
Junior Cadet Corp (JCC)				

# Course Selection Timeline

- December 14, 2020
  - Students were shown a video in Cyber II and History to explain the course selection form for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year.
- Week of 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>
  - Return course selection sheet to Cyber II teacher on 12/16.
  - Complete their online registration in Cyber II classes 12/16-12/17.
- Counselors will schedule zoom appointments for parents to review course selection sheet/ISP after Christmas break. ***(CAN'T SCHEDULE A ZOOM WITH COUNSELOR UNTIL YOUR STUDENT HAS RETURNED THE SIGNED FORM.)***



# Steps for Virtual Students

- Week of 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>
  - Return course selection sheet to Partnership School.
  - Complete their online registration during 12/16-12/17.
  - Mrs. Kaylah Howell will provide a zoom session for virtual students who may need assistance with the online registration on Wednesday, December 16 from 3:30 – 4:30. The zoom link will be emailed.
  - A instructional video for the online registration will be emailed to parents tomorrow.
- Counselors will schedule zoom appointments for parents to review course selection sheet/ISP after Christmas break. ***(CAN'T SCHEDULE A ZOOM WITH COUNSELOR UNTIL YOUR STUDENT HAS RETURNED THE SIGNED FORM.)***



# Academic Houses of Starkville High School

COLLEGE AND CAREER



ACADEMIC  
HOUSES  
AT STARKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

TEC 

TECHNOLOGY  
ENGINEERING  
CONSTRUCTION

Construction  
Computer Science (coding)  
Advanced Manufacturing / Logistics  
Aerospace / Unmanned Aviation  
Engineering / Robotics

CAB 

COMMUNICATIONS  
ARTS & BUSINESS

Culinary  
Performing Arts: Band, Drama, Choir  
Visual Arts  
Broadcast Journalism  
Business & Marketing

H<sup>2</sup>S 

HEALTH &  
HUMAN SERVICE

Health Sciences  
Sports Medicine  
Bio Medical  
Animal Sciences  
JROTC  
Law & Public Safety  
Teacher Academy  
Agriculture

BY 10th GRADE,  
SHS STUDENTS WILL

 1

CHOOSE A HOUSE

 2

CHOOSE A PATHWAY



