

Peet Jr. High School

School Information Guide 2018-2019



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Course Descriptions and School Information

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PARENT ACCESS CENTER

For access to your child's weekly progress updates, report card grades, previous day's attendance, and discipline records, please sign up for Parent Access Center. Links to registration, FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) and login information can be found on both the Peet and the CISD homepages. The student's ID number, address and phone number will be necessary for parent registration. For information concerning registration or assistance with the system, contact Peet and ask for the Parent Access Center coordinator. This free service also gives parents/guardians a fairly recent update of grades in almost real time during each nine weeks.

GRADING

Each semester is divided into two nine-week increments. Nine-week grading is determined as follows:

60% Major Grades
20% Quiz Grades
20% Daily Grades

For junior high classes, each nine-week grade will account for 45% of the overall grade. A final semester exam worth 10% will be administered. Nine-week grading is determined as follows:

First Nine Weeks	45%
Second Nine Weeks	45%
Semester Final	<u>10%</u>
	100%

Students taking high school courses (algebra, geometry, health, communications applications, Spanish, and Spanish II NS) will have their semester exams count for 15% of their grade. Semester averages for high school classes will be determined as follows:

First Nine Weeks	42.5%
Second Nine Weeks	42.5%
Semester Final	<u>15.0%</u>
	100%

REGISTRATION

One of the most critical functions performed by a school is the registration of students. Based on the information from registration, courses are scheduled and staffing decisions are made for the next school year. Therefore, it is important that course selections be given serious consideration. Every effort will be made to accommodate all students, but this may not be possible due to class size, times offered, etc. Please make sure elective courses are numbered 1 through 8. All elective classes may be utilized to properly complete a student's schedule. Please keep in mind that all two semester courses should be listed first, and then prioritize the remaining classes. **Once the April 13th course selection deadline passes, no changes will be made.**

Any student enrolling in Pre-AP academic courses, Athletics, Cross Country, Band, Choir, and/or Orchestra is making a commitment to be in that program for one year. No students will be allowed to drop from that program during the year unless there are extenuating circumstances requiring a principal's approval.

Immunizations must be current in order to pick up your student's schedule at Peet Cub Express.

ASSIGNMENT TO CLASSES

Academic Courses – 7th grade/8th grade

Students are assigned to classes that are identified as level or Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP). All classes are designed to prepare students for high school and beyond. Students are expected to be successful in the class that meets their ability. Please consider homework demands for each course and the grades you wish your child to achieve when making these selections.

It is recommended that all students in an advanced program meet all course expectations with a minimum of a 70%. **By signing up for a PreAP course, students and parents are making a commitment to remain in the course for the entire year.** Students who wish to request Pre-AP courses must enter the correct course in the Student Access portal **and electronically sign the Pre-AP agreement in order for your child to be placed in a PreAP course**

You and your child can choose either regular or PreAP classes in all core courses *except* math. Math assignments are completely different in that it is critical students receive each sequential math course along the way to obtain the foundation needed for math success in junior high, high school, and beyond.

Characteristics of a Pre-AP class are:

- Student-initiated learning with an emphasis on strong work ethic
- Rigorous academic content in Pre-AP classes requiring reading proficiency
- More depth and complexity
- Application of content strategies
- Consistent use of higher-level thinking skills
- Assignments are more analytical
- Required commitment to course inside and outside of classroom
- Fast pace
- Content immersion
- Assessment of performance at the analysis and synthesis levels

Electives

Students will rank all of the electives based on their preference. All 8th grade students will be required to take one semester of College and Career Readiness. When building student schedules, the elective choices are determined by which courses will work in the student's schedule. Every effort is made for each student to receive as many of his or her elective choices as possible. Most students will take most electives offered unless they are enrolled in a fine arts program or athletics. Please note that the course verification in the spring will indicate courses each student has *requested*. If any of these appear incorrect, or if you would like to make a change, please submit these changes in writing to the Counseling Center prior to the **April 13th** elective request deadline. For purposes of completing a specific student schedule, it is possible that a student may receive an elective of which they did not request.

Placements for band, choir, and orchestra will be announced on the tentative schedule students receive in August at Cub Express.

ACADEMY FOR SCIENCE AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Students seriously considering the Academy for Science & Health Professions as an 8th grade application process, should, as 7th graders, consider the following suggested sequence of courses in the 8th grade.

Courses for Consideration in the 8th Grade:

Science PreAP

Algebra I (consider summer school PreAlgebra as a qualifying course, if needed)

Spanish I or Spanish NS

Health Science Technology is a required course in the Academy. Students and parents should know that if they are seriously considering applying to the Academy program in the 8th grade, they should postpone taking Health for high school credit in junior high.

MORE ABOUT PEET JUNIOR HIGH

School Hours

Classes Begin: 8:50 a.m.
Dismissal: 4:00 p.m.

Immunization Requirements for ALL Incoming Students Prior to Entering 7th Grade

The following immunizations are due after your student turns 11 years old/prior to entering 7th grade:

Tdap

Menengitis

2 Varicella vaccines (unless student has had chicken pox)

2 Hep A vaccines

Please review your student's immunization record with their physician or school nurse to be sure they receive the required immunizations prior to entering the 7th grade. *Once your student receives these vaccines please provide a copy to the school nurse so their CISD immunization record can be updated prior to entering 7th grade.* **If your student receives these vaccines over the summer months, you will need to bring a copy to the Peet JHS nurse in order to pick up your student's schedule in August.**

Many clinics and physicians run out of vaccines in August due to school demands so be sure to have your student vaccinated early.

Thanks for your prompt attention to this matter.

Laura Celestino, RN
School Nurse, (936)709-3830

After School Activities and Clubs

Students wanting to start a club need to find a teacher sponsor and get the principal's permission.

Presently the following opportunities are available:

Art Club	Lego Club
Bleacher Creatures	National Junior Honor Society
Calligraphy Club	Performing Arts Club
Classic TV Club	Student Council
Craft Club	Tech Cubs
Fellowship of Christian Athletics	Tennis Club
Games Club	

Tutorials

Teachers may provide tutorial opportunities for students before and/or after school. The library is open Monday – Thursday until 5:00 for study hall. Tutoring is provided after school Monday - Thursday.

Contact your child's teacher for more specific information. Late bus transportation is provided for all tutorial programs with a signed permission form from parents.

Parent Teacher Organization

Peet has an active PTO. All parents are encouraged to support our school and join the PTO. It is with your support that educational opportunities can be expanded for our students. Many volunteer opportunities are available. A volunteer form will be sent home at the beginning of the school year. Please help if you can; strong parental support is much appreciated!

COURSE REQUEST DEADLINE

Courses must be in Student Access by Friday, February 9, 2018.

Course Requests information is available at <http://peet.conroeisd.net>

The final deadline for submitting course changes is **April 13, 2018.**

FINE ARTS INFORMATION

ART

- Art I students will start a portfolio and sketchbook. Projects are based around the elements of art. Required art fee of \$15.00. Supplies required in addition to the fee are: 1 large poster board, 1 folder, pencils, erasers, a black fine point sharpie, and a ruler.
- Art II students will create art projects built upon the concepts learned in Art I. Required art fee of \$15.00. Supplies required in addition to the fee are: 1 large poster board, 1 folder, pencils, erasers, a black fine point sharpie and a ruler. These additional supplies can be carried over from Art I if they are still in good shape. Prerequisite of Art I
- Art III students will be working on their sketchbook and portfolio for submission to the high school Art II Acceleration program. Art II Acceleration is an opportunity for any student who has the interest and aptitude in art to choose a different art course in high school as an initial course, upon successfully completing the course, will receive Art I credit retroactively. The expectation is students will eventually take at least one Advanced Placement Art course in high school. Required art fee of \$25.00. Supplies required in addition to the fee are: 1 large poster board, 1 folder, pencils, eraser, a black ultra-fine point sharpie and a ruler. These additional supplies can be carried over from Art II if they are still in good shape. Prerequisite of Art II
- Ceramics students will develop skills using different clay building and sculptural techniques. A fee is required of \$30.00. Prerequisite of Art II

BAND

- All band students must provide their own instrument or make arrangements to rent one from the school. Instruments available through the school are oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, Tenor sax, Bari Sax, French horn, euphonium and tuba. ***Contact the Peet Band Director before April 13th if you will need to rent an instrument.***
- Students in Wind Ensemble, Symphonic, Concert, and Cadet Bands are required to purchase a band shirt, method book, black band binder, black slacks, black shoes, black socks, and a white tuxedo shirt. These students will perform at concerts, football games, pep rallies, and contests.
- Students can be in band and participate in any sport or other extracurricular activity.
- In lieu of fundraising a participation fee is due by the end of the year.
- Participation in all performances is mandatory and count as major grades unless otherwise noted.

CHOIR

- All choir students will be required to purchase a choir shirt for \$12.
- All choir students pay a \$45 choir activity fee per year.
- All choir students receive a school-issued formal choir uniform that should be cared for and returned at the end of the year. Each uniform should be professionally dry cleaned and returned in the cleaner's bag with receipt attached.
- All choirs participate in UIL Concert and Sight-Reading.
- Chamber Choir and Men's Chorus are required to participate in Region Honor Choir auditions.
- All choir students are encouraged to participate in UIL Solo and Ensemble.
- Participation in all concerts is mandatory. Concerts count as major grades.

ORCHESTRA

- All orchestra students must provide their own string instrument or make arrangements to rent one from the school. ***Contact the Peet Orchestra Director before April 13th if you will need to rent an instrument.*** Supplies are limited.
- The supplies required include:
 - Orchestra Shirt (order in the fall)
 - Method Books
 - Pencils #2
 - Highlighter – yellow
 - Black 3 ring binder at least 1" with plastic cover/folder in front
 - Black dress slacks, black dress shoes, white tux shirt for formal performances - Chamber only
- Attendance at performances and rehearsals is required. (Chamber Orchestra only)
- A participation fee is required in lieu of fundraisers.
- Chamber Orchestra students will perform numerous concerts and compete in TMEA and UIL activities.

THEATER ARTS

Theatre Arts offers classes for all students at Peet Junior High. Students in theatre will learn acting techniques and develop skills in production such as set design, costuming, prop design, stage make up, sound and light design. Theatre students will also learn team work, goal setting, and time management.

- All theatre students are required to pay a participation fee.
- Students who successfully complete Theatre I can sign up for Theatre II or audition for Theatre Troupe.
- Theatre Troupe is a yearlong production based Theatre class.
- Theatre Troupe will have some after school and Saturday rehearsals, competitions, and performances that they are required to attend. Competitions and performances are major grades rehearsals are daily grades. The participation fee does not cover all competition fees or stage makeup kits.
- All theatre students can purchase a theatre t-shirt. Theatre troupe is the only class that is required to purchase the shirt.

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Mission Statement: *The athletic programs at Peet Junior High will provide each athlete an opportunity to excel in sports, build character and teamwork and acknowledge the importance of both academics and attitude.*

The Athletic Staff at Peet Junior High would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents and students. Peet Junior High is very proud of their athletic programs and pleased that you have chosen to participate. We would like to take this opportunity to tell you about our programs and share our policies and expectations. **It is important that the student is committed to playing a sport before signing up. They should take the choice to play very seriously. Any student that is involved with an athletic team is making a commitment to participate in the athletic period for the entire year.**

Dates and information (tryouts, paperwork, etc.) are included below. Activities include football, volleyball, basketball, track, cross country, tennis, and golf. **Please note that all students wishing to tryout for a sport must have a current CISD physical form completed and signed by an M.D. before the tryout takes place. When the season is over, students remain in off-season athletics. This is a full-year commitment. Athletes are responsible for transportation to and from practices. Seventh grade athletes practice before school as early as 6:45 a.m. Eighth grade athletes practice after school as late as 6:00 p.m. Also, please note that students who are not in an athletic class and make a particular team will possibly have a schedule and/or teacher change.**

Cross-Country: Anyone interested in Cross-Country should be in our Cross-Country class. This class requires participation for the entire year. The season is from the second week of school until the last week of October. Workouts will begin the second week of school. Cross-Country includes a two mile race on different types of courses. The Pacer Test, part of the Fitness Gram, will be considered in placing students in this course.

Football: Football begins the second day of school. The season runs through the beginning of November. Most games are scheduled on Mondays and Tuesdays. Students are responsible for transportation to and from practice. Seventh grade practices are before school beginning at 6:45 a.m. Eighth grade practices after school as late as 6:00 p.m.

Volleyball: Volleyball begins the 1st week of school and runs through the end of October. Games are usually on Thursdays with a couple of weekend tournaments. Students are responsible for transportation to and from practice. Seventh grade practices are before school beginning at 7:00 a.m. Eighth grade practices are after school until 5:30 p.m.

Basketball: Basketball try-outs will be following football/volleyball season. The season runs from November through the first week of February. Students who are not enrolled in athletics and make the team may have a schedule and/or teacher change.

Track: Track will begin at the end of basketball season. Practice is after school. A student does not need to be enrolled in athletics to participate in track, but you must have a physical on file.

Soccer: Soccer is offered to 8th grade students who played on the 7th grade after school soccer team. Students in this class will learn basic soccer skills including foot skills, game formations, game skills and strategies, and the laws of the game. Students must have coach's approval to enroll in this class.

Tennis: Try-outs for tennis will be held in late March at the conclusion of track. Practice is before and after school. Students will need to provide their own tennis racquet and tennis balls. A student does not need to be enrolled in athletics to participate in tennis. Must have physical on file.

Golf: Try-outs will be held in late March at the conclusion of track season. Practices will be at an off-campus facility beginning at 4:30 p.m. The school will not provide transportation to and from practice. Students must also provide their own golf equipment (bag, clubs, glove, shoes, and balls). A student does not need to be enrolled in athletics to participate in golf. Must have physical on file.

ADDITIONAL ATHLETIC INFORMATION

- There are no try-outs for football. Peet will have three or four teams per grade level if numbers allow.
- Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Soccer and Cross-Country are the only sports that have an athletic period. All other sports will announce practice times at the beginning of the season.
- Additional tryouts for each sport will be held prior to the beginning of each season.
- In order to participate in or try-out for any sport, the student must provide the school a current physical form completed by a medical doctor, a copy of his/her birth certificate, and a fee of \$20.00. This is a requirement for all sports, including sports not in the athletic period (example: Track, Tennis, and Golf). **Football players must have completed all of the above on or before May 31, 2018 (which will be announced in May); in order to receive their equipment and to insure that the schedule reflects Football.**
- Peet Junior High Athletic website can be accessed at:
<http://peet.conroeisd.net/peet-athletics>

We look forward to working with the students at Peet Junior High School as we strive to achieve athletic excellent. Under UIL guidelines "No Pass, No Play" is enforced for all sports. Additional information will be available in late spring.

OFF CAMPUS PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Please note the important details below for parents/guardians who may be considering Off Campus Physical Education for their child.

The Off Campus electronic physical education application for students will be available Monday, March 19, 2018. The application will be available on the Conroe ISD web site. Look for information on approved facilities and the individual student application beginning Monday, March 19, 2018.

Off Campus Physical Education is a year-long commitment. There are no one semester versions of this program. Students participating in Off Campus Physical Education are committed to both the fall and spring semesters.

Students participating in Off Campus Physical Education program will not be able to participate in UIL school athletic programs. Participants may choose to try-out for school club programs.

Choose your facility carefully. A vendor change will only be considered at “the semester” by the district Coordinator of Physical Education. Only very unique/unusual circumstances will be considered.

A student will not be enrolled in Off Campus Physical Education if an electronic application is not submitted by **May 1, 2018**.

Students wanting to enroll in an Off Campus program that they are not familiar with, must contact the facility and get permission to enroll from the Director/Coordinator/Owner prior to completing the ON LINE APPLICATION. Facilities that receive an on line application from a student they do not know will deny approval.

The Texas Education Agency allows Category I (15+ hours per week) participants to leave campus one hour prior to the end of the school day.

Students choosing Category 2 (more than 5 hours, but fewer than 15 hours) Off Campus physical education do not leave school early. Category 2 participants **do not** take physical education on campus.

- The final date to electronically apply for Off Campus Physical Education is Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at midnight.
- Electronic applications for Off Campus Physical Education (2018-19 school year) will be available online beginning Monday, March 19, 2018
- The Texas Education Agency has identified Off Campus Physical Education participation in **individual** Olympic sports only.
- **Students are only allowed to participate at CISD approved facilities.**

Catalog of Courses:

Junior High

**The entire Program of Studies can be
viewed on the Peet website.**

<http://peet.conroeisd.net/>

Rising 7th Grade Course Selection Directions

Please follow the steps below when filling out your yellow course registration worksheet. Be sure to watch the video on the Peet website. Worksheets are turned in to your homeroom teacher.

1. **Language Arts:** choose the same Language Arts course based on the level for both semesters A and B. (Ex. Regular, Pre-AP)
2. **Math:** choose the same Math course based on the appropriate level for both semesters A and B. If choosing Pre-Algebra, students must meet one of the following criteria: currently in Advance Math, score 80% or higher on the CBE test OR take summer acceleration course.
3. **Science:** choose the same Science course based on the level for both semesters A and B – **Pre-AP requires an independent study science project.**
4. **History:** choose the same History course based on the level for both semesters A and B – **Pre-AP requires an independent study history project.**
5. **Physical Education:** Choose PE, Football, Cross Country or Athletics. If choosing Athletics, Cross Country or Football you **MUST** attend morning/after school practices, obtain a physical and maintain eligible grades and discipline standards. Be sure to choose the same sport for both Semester A and B. You may only choose **one** sport.
6. **Electives:** Read your School Information Guide and the District Program of Study Booklet. Both are available on our website at www.conroeisd.net. Attend Elective and Parent Information Night at Peet Junior High on Tuesday, February 6th from 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.
 - Choose 8 electives in rank order on your worksheet
1 = most preferred, 8 = least preferred
 - Add electives in your student portal, being sure you select 3 alternates
 - Be sure to print interest forms for Yearbook and/or TV Broadcasting and submit with your course registration worksheet.
7. After the worksheet has been completed, go to the Student Access portal and put your choices in using the JHS Requests tab. Make sure you meet the deadline for your school. Remember students will be held accountable for their choices. The portal closes on Friday, February 9, 2018.

Rising 8th Grade Course Selection Directions

Please follow the steps below when filling out your course registration worksheet.

Blue Worksheets are due to your History teacher by Wednesday, **February 14, 2018**.

- 1. Language Arts:** choose the same Language Arts course based on the level for both semesters A and B. (Ex. Regular, PreAP).
- 2. Math:** choose the same Math course based on the appropriate level for both semester A and B. If choosing Algebra, students must meet one of the following criteria: currently in Pre-Algebra Math, score 80% or higher on the CBE test OR take summer acceleration course.
- 3. Science:** choose the same Science course based on the level for both semesters A and B – **remember an independent Science project is part of the requirements for PRE-AP**
- 4. History:** choose the same History course based on the level for both semesters A and B – **remember an independent History project is part of the requirements for PRE-AP.**
- 5. Electives:** The Program of Study Booklet and School Information Guide are available on our website at www.conroeisd.net. Attend Elective and Information Night at Peet Junior High on Tuesday, February 6th from 6:00 – 7:30.
 - Draw a line through electives you took in 7th grade.
 - Choose 8 electives in rank order on your worksheet.
1 = most preferred to 8 = least preferred.
 - College and Career Readiness is required for all 8th grade students. A waiver form is available in the counseling center for students in three (3) year-long electives.
 - Add electives in your student portal, making sure you select 3 alternates
 - Be sure to print interest forms for Yearbook, TV Broadcast, Office aide and Peer Tutor and submit with your course registration worksheet.

Physical Education: PE, Football, Athletics, Cross Country or Soccer. Choose only **ONE** sport and you **MUST** actively participate in the sport, attend morning/after school practices, obtain a physical and maintain eligible grades and discipline standards.

- 6.** After the worksheet has been completed, go to the Student Access portal and put your choices in using the JHS Requests tab. Remember students will be held accountable for their choices. The portal closes at midnight on Friday, February 9, 2018.