

ELECTIVE COURSE SELECTION ADVISING GUIDE

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Rising 7th and 8th grade scholars,

Below you will find a list of electives your scholar may be able to choose for the 2022-2023 school year at Martin Luther King, Jr. JHS. **Please have your scholar choose two electives he/she may be interested in by marking order of preference. #1 being the scholar's first choice and #2 second choice.** This form is only a GUIDE, the actual elective selection will take place in the AERIES student account under **COURSE REQUEST ENTRY.**

Thank you,
Mrs. Angela Stevens-Stevenson,
Principal

My child is interested in participating in the “Zero Period” P.E. class which begins at 7:25am. In order for scholars to participate in two electives such as AVID & Band, they must attend “Zero Period” and maintain satisfactory attendance, therefore you must have reliable transportation or be able to walk to school. Please complete the Google form online.

Please Note: Semester Electives are paired with another elective. The choices are listed below:

(Art History + Language Exploration; Computers + Restorative Justice; OR Animation + Creative Writing)

_____ **Animation (Semester pair with Creative Writing)**- Animation is a project-based course. Scholars will learn the methods and principles of animation and apply a variety of skills to create hand drawn and computer rendered projects. Scholars work individually to learn specific skills and also work collaboratively to produce a variety of short animated videos. **In AERIES please select 96CompSci-Beg**

_____ **Art History (Semester pair with Language Exploration)**-Sign up for this class if you like art and history. In this class you will study art from different time periods to learn about people and cultures of the eras. In addition, you will have the opportunity to create your own original art pieces! You do not need to be artistic to take this class. However, you should have a desire to learn and enjoy history. **In AERIES please select 96ART**

_____ **AVID 7 or 8 (Yearlong)**- AVID is an academic elective class designed to prepare scholars who have the potential and desire to attend a 4 year college. AVID is a six year commitment beginning in junior high and continuing through high school. **Prerequisites:** 7th or 8th grader with strong desire to attend a 4 year college, maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA and satisfactory citizenship, participate in activities (field trips and fundraising events), complete application and interviews. **In AERIES please select 76AVID (7th grade) or 86AVID (8th grade)**

_____ **Beginning Band (Yearlong)**-This class is designed for scholars who have played in elementary or have never played a band instrument. Requirements: practice every day; perform in concerts during the year. **In AERIES please select 96BEG**

_____ **Choir/Performing Arts (Yearlong)**-We will sing a large variety of music from Disney to pop to classical and traditional music. This class will prepare you for high school performing arts. You will be required to participate in concerts and/or other events. **In AERIES please select 96CHOI**

_____ **Computers (Semester pair with Restorative Justice)**-Typing Agent is a fully web-based program that offers typing lessons and test curriculum. It is an easy to use program that will capture scholars' attention and encourage them to practice this valuable skill outside of the classroom. The use of games encourages scholars to increase practice time. **In AERIES please select 96COMP**

_____ **Creative Writing (Semester pair with Animation)**- Scholars will explore different genres of writing. The goal is to inspire scholars to develop original ideas and pieces of work. Examples include storytelling, journals, poems, and personal narratives. **In AERIES please select 7/8 Elective-7777**

_____ **Language Exploration (Semester pair with Art History)**-Rosetta Stone language is a computer assisted language program in which scholars get a chance to learn from one of the following four language options: Mandarin, Spanish, Italian & French. It is a fun approach to learning a new language. **In AERIES please select 96LANG**

_____ **Leadership (Yearlong)**-The leadership class requires each scholar to have pride and respect in themselves and our school, set positive examples by following school rules, doing their personal best and being active participants in activities on campus. **Prerequisites:** Completed application including: 3.0 GPA or higher, one written teacher recommendation, and an individual interview. **In AERIES please select 96LEAD**

_____ **Restorative Justice (Semester pair with Computers)**- Building a positive school community can be a challenge. RJ introduces the characteristics, attributes, and skills that encompass great school community leadership. Scholars learn how to hold discussions and debates, organize school activities, and how to conduct a community building "circle". **In AERIES please select Peer Tutoring 96PT**

_____ **Robotics (Yearlong)**-This is an elective for scholars that like to solve problems through building, coding, 3D printing and 3D drawing. Often it requires multiple attempts to complete a project therefore, patience and resilience are needed. **In AERIES please select Science 7 Elec 735S1**

_____ **Video Productions (Yearlong)**- Scholars will learn how to use media equipment such as cameras and computers to produce various media. **Prerequisites:** Completed application including: 3.0 GPA or higher, one written teacher recommendation, and an individual interview. **In AERIES please select 96VP**

_____ **Wind Ensemble or Concert Band (Yearlong)**- These are higher level bands. Scholars must participate in concerts and are encouraged to try out for the PHS band. **Prerequisite:** Completed beginning band and practice every day. **In AERIES please select 96WIND or 96CONC**

_____ **Yearbook (Yearlong)**- The yearbook class is expected to create the 2021-2022 yearbook for the school. Scholars will be involved in photography, journalism, leadership, and team building to leave a printed legacy. **Prerequisite: Completed application. In AERIES please select 96YEAR**

***Please Note: Scholars will complete elective requests using their AERIES Student Account. Electives are also subject to changes. Course selection will take place the week of April 11th-26th during Advisory/First Period classes. All scholars need to select an elective or they will be chosen by the counselors.**