



8th Grade Registration Information for 2023-2024

We are so excited to plan for another school year. Every spring and summer our administration works diligently to create a schedule that works for each student. **This is information to use in the planning process.** During a class meeting, students will select their requested classes online.

General information:

- There are 8 class periods. Students must have 7 of the 8 class periods filled with academic courses each semester. An academic course is defined as a course where students can earn credit. The remaining 1 class period can be filled with learning center time or a study hall. Students can have all 8 class periods filled with academic coursework, if they wish.
- Students should register for at least 7.0 credits and for no more than 8.0 credits per year.
- All of your core morning classes are scheduled on both A and B days. Some required courses (such as PE and Language Arts) alternate days all year long.
- Electives alternate days and are 1 semester long: Computer Applications, Art 1 and Art 2. Electives that are all year long on both A & B Days: Spanish 1, JH Latin.
- The **Course Description Guide at Regina.org** is available to review the full course descriptions, typical sequences and additional information.
- Study Hall vs. Learning Center: Study Hall is monitored by one of the Regina staff. Students will be expected to work on their homework and be productive. In the Learning Center, a Learning Center teacher provides extra support in the areas of organization, accommodation monitoring, and re-teaching, as needed, based on student need. Students who have had extra academic assistance in elementary school benefited from attending the Learning Center.
- I-Ready Reading and I-Ready Math: Students who test below grade-level in Reading and or Math will be placed in I-Ready, based on recommendations and supporting data. In these courses, students will learn skills and strategies for reading and/or math across the curriculum. The program is based on the I-Ready diagnostic online program. Students take a diagnostic placement test and the computer designs an individualized set of lessons for each student. These lessons are based on the Iowa Core Standards. Students will continue individually to work on specific lessons. These courses are a supplement to the regular curriculum until the student reaches grade-level proficiency. Students who receive math or reading assistance in elementary are possible candidates for one or both courses.
- The registration request process allows Regina to best plan for teacher and section numbers. It is important to register for the classes you intend to take. Course offerings may change based on student interest and teacher availability.

REQUIRED COURSES

Every student in 8th grade will be registered by the school for the following courses:

Course	Credit
JH VIA	1
English 8	1
American History	1
Integrated Science 8	1
Language Arts 8	0.50
JH PE	0.50

Every student in 8th grade will take a course in the below topics, but must register in PowerSchool for the correct course.

Math

Every student in 8th grade is required to take a math course, based on their next math course, following this sequence: Math 7 > Pre-Algebra > Algebra1 > Geometry > Algebra 2

Music

Every student in 8th grade is required to take a minimum of 1 music course. Students can choose from:

- Band
- Choir
- General Music
- Orchestra

ELECTIVE COURSES

<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credit</u>		<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Study Hall	0		Orchestra	1.0
Learning Center	0		Band	1.0
I-Ready Math	0.50		Choir	0.50
I-Ready Reading	0.50		General Music	0.50
Spanish 1	1.0		Art 1 & 2	0.25 each
JH Latin	1.0		Computer Applications	0.25

A note about Spanish: Students in 8th grade can elect to take Spanish 1. This is a high school level course and not all 8th grade students are ready for the requirements of a high school course. When deciding whether to include Spanish in the schedule, weigh the options with the rest of the student course load as well as student study habits. Students who choose to start Spanish in 9th grade can still complete all four years of Spanish before graduation. While Regina does not require a world language for high school graduation, many colleges and universities like to have students take 2 - 4 years of the same world language for college admissions. Many Regina students take all four years of Spanish. Students may choose to opt to take other electives or study hall options instead of Spanish during 8th grade. The student and parent/guardian should discuss the pros and cons before deciding.

How to Officially Register for the 2023 - 2024 School Year

1. On the student Chromebook, go to <https://davenportdiocese.powerschool.com/public>
2. Bookmark the website (Ctrl D) for later reference.
3. Log on to the student account using your new usernames and passwords.
4. On the left, click the tab labeled *Class Registration*. (Course Registration will be open until April 14, 2023)
5. Once there, read through the instructions and select the necessary courses first, followed by the electives.
6. When complete, review the list to confirm it has all of the correct courses.
 - It should reflect 7 or 7.5 credits registered at the bottom of the page, if requesting no-credit courses, such as Learning Center or Study Hall.
 - The list should reflect 8 credits if selecting all credit-bearing courses.
 - Students should have no more than 8 credits.
7. Review your selections, and click the submit button on the bottom of the screen.
8. Log out. Save your username and password somewhere safe for later use.