Student Name: __________________________________________________________(Please print)

Required courses in 8th Grade: Literacy, Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education and Health.

Please review the following electives and choose carefully. Course descriptions are on the back of this form.

**Choose Electives:** Please rank your selection: number ONE (for most wanted) up to number TEN (the least wanted).

- _______Art 3 - 6610 (1 semester)
- _______Band 3 - 6010 (yearlong)
- _______Choir 3 - 6020 (1 semester)
- _______Orchestra 3 - 6034
- _______Multimedia II - 5010 (1 semester)
- _______Family & Consumer Science 3 - 8010 (1 semester)
- _______Tech Engineering & Design 3 - 8310 (1 semester)
- _______Spanish - Intro - 7003 (1 Semester)
- _______Spanish B - 7206 (yearlong) *see note on back
- _______Lifetime Sports - 7622 (1 semester)

Schedules will be available on Infinite Campus Parent Portal in August. If you have any questions about the classes, please call the counseling office at (970) 613-7406.

**This form must be returned to the counseling office by February 19, 2020.**

**If form is not returned, student will be placed in the elective class according to availability.**

Your signature below indicates your understanding and agreement to your child’s course selections. Due to budget constraints, there is no guarantee that all electives will be available in the fall. Changing schedules will not be possible as courses offered are based on student requests and allocated funds.

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Parent Printed Name                  Parent Signature                  Date

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Telephone Number                  Student Signature

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TURNER MIDDLE SCHOOL
8TH Grade Elective Course Descriptions 2020-2021

Art 3 (one semester) Modern Mediums in a Modern World - You will use the Colorado Content Standards to explore the last 150 years of Modern Art and how the Industrial Age changed the concepts of art. You will explore the camera and the computer’s influence on art. In the artist’s tradition, you will explore the human figure with two and three dimensional mediums. You will draw, paint, print, and sculpt with clay, wire, metals, and plaster. The focus of our study will be human figure, nature, and industrial objects.

Band 3 (yearlong) Prerequisite: 7th Grade Band or a very strong musical background. This class is open to 8th grade students with one or more years of experience in the school band program. Students will play fun, challenging, age-appropriate literature that will successfully prepare them for high school band. There are also opportunities for members to play in the Solo and Ensemble Festival. In addition to three (3) concerts per year, students may be invited to perform at regional music festivals and with the high school band. Note: In order to participate in High School Band/Orchestra, students are required to have three (3) years of instrumental experience.

Orchestra 3 (one semester) Prerequisite: 7th Grade Orchestra or a very strong musical background. This class is designed challenge students with age-appropriate music in an active learning environment. There are also opportunities for members to play in the Solo and Ensemble Festival. In addition to three (3) concerts per year, students may be invited to perform at regional music festivals and with the high school band. Note: In order to participate in High School Band/Orchestra, students are required to have three (3) years of instrumental experience.

Choir 3 (one semester) 8th Grade Choir is open to any student without an audition giving them the opportunity to sing a variety three and four part choral music. Students will improve their vocal technique and ability to read music along with learning to care for their voice. Emphasis is also placed on learning the basics of beginning music theory and history. The eighth grade choir presents several concerts, one in the winter and one in the spring and one for awards night.

Family And Consumer Science 3 (one semester) There are four main units that will be explored. Early Childhood Education will stress specific information on childcare, safety, developmental stages, and nutritional snacks. Food Science and Nutrition will focus on food preparation skills, basic nutrition and will include more difficult recipes. Textiles Studies will take students through a variety of centers emphasizing different textile techniques and the completion of 2 projects of the student’s choice. Money management and consumer skills will lead our discussions and activities through our Financial Literacy/Consumerism unit.

Tech Engineering & Design 3 (one semester) You will be self-taught with a partner and assisted by a computer, reading and hands on activities to learn any of the nineteen different module topics. The topics of study range from the physics of lasers and its uses to digital software tools. Students engage in learning how the combustion engine works to the importance of robotics in today’s world. Structural engineering, aerodynamics, millings and manufacturing are mixed in with health, music, photography, videography and graphic design. Manufacturing, milling and 3-D printing are supported with computer aided design software.

Multimedia II (one semester) This multimedia class will cover many topics ranging from basic computer operations to more advanced software packages. For those who already know the computer well, we will challenge you with fun new projects and for those of you who are a little unfamiliar with computers, we will make sure you are very comfortable with them by semester’s end. We will explore storyboarding, digital cameras and creating green screen videos. You will get your chance to tell a story using advanced software. We will conquer spreadsheets, Power Point/ Prezi and Word. We will play on the cloud and work on the Internet.

Spanish - Intro (one semester) Students will learn about where Spanish is spoken and why they should learn it, as well as learn grammar and vocabulary on topics such as greetings, activities that are liked and disliked, and how to describe oneself and others. We will also explore aspects of different Hispanic cultures.

Spanish B (yearlong) Prerequisite: Spanish A in 7th grade. In this challenging course, students will continue learning the basic usage of the Spanish language and learning about different cultures. Upon successful completion of 8th grade Spanish at TMS (C or better), students will be eligible to test into Spanish 2 in high school.

Lifetime Sports (one semester) This class is for those who seek physical education all year. Some of the units include badminton, bowling, darts, ping pong, hackey-sack, ultimate frisbee, and other games that promote participation in various games & sports.