

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO EIGHTH GRADE COURSE SELECTION

1 SELECT CORE SUBJECTS

A full-time load of 8th grade courses includes:

- Religion/ Bible History¹
- English
- Literature
- History
- Mathematics²
- Science³

¹Religion includes the Bible History course.

²Select a middle or high school level math, taking note of pre-requisites.

³Select a topic not learned yet or a high school level science, noting co-requisites.

2 SELECT ADDITIONAL COURSES

Other courses parents may wish to add:

- Vocabulary
- Classical Comp.¹
- Foreign Language²

¹Begin with Fable stage or student's current stage. Complete Classical Compo. in lieu of the Composition portion of Kolbe's English course.

²Kolbe offers Latin, Greek, Spanish, and French.

3 CHOOSE COURSE FORMATS

- **Traditional Homeschool** | Parent-taught & graded | Flexible
- **Digital Homeschool** | Parent-taught & graded | Digital course with resources | Flexible
- **Asynchronous** | Teacher-taught & graded | Video-based
- **Live Online** | Teacher-taught & graded | Set schedule & deadlines

Mix and match course formats.
Not all courses are available in all formats.

4 ADD NON-ACADEMICS & ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS

- **Non-Academics** | Homeroom and Kolbe Art
- **Online Labs** | Foreign Language, Writing, and Math Labs
- **Custom Courses**¹ | Include courses you plan to report, so the course's grade is listed on the student's report card.
- **Individualized Supports** | Accountability and Tutoring

¹Fully enrolled students are eligible to register in custom courses.

5 HELPFUL TIPS

- To register in courses, follow the steps in our [Enrollment Guide](#).
- View the [Course Catalog](#) for a detailed description of our 8th grade courses and formats they are offered in.
- Schedule an appointment with your advisor to discuss your course selections and format options based upon teacher recommendations and/or placement results.
- Kolbe Academy has no requirement for the number or specific type of courses. We encourage students complete the core subjects to best prepare for the next grade.
- See the requirements listed in the [Parent and Student Handbook](#) on earning our 8th grade diploma and completing high school level courses for credit in 8th grade.
- Students with special learning needs have the opportunity for [additional supports](#). Contact your advisor to learn more.
- Follow all relevant laws for homeschooling in your state or country. [HSLDA](#) is a reliable resource for understanding your state's requirements.

BE SURE TO SCHEDULE A CONSULTATION WITH YOUR FAMILY ADVISOR.

Schedule a free advising call using the link in your [Kolbe Portal](#) account.

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