

Frequently asked questions about middle school classes:

WHAT CLASSES ARE REQUIRED IN SEVENTH GRADE?

Communication Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Homeroom/Resource and Vocational Exploratory classes meet every day. Physical Education classes meet every other day.

HOW MANY HOURS ARE STUDENTS IN CLASSES?

Students attend eight 45-minute classes, and have a 30-minute noon hour for lunch/recess. There are 5 minutes between classes for passing. There is a 10-minute passing time/nutrition break at the start of 3rd hour.

WHAT ELECTIVE CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SEVENTH GRADERS?

Art, Band, Chorus, General Music, Orchestra, French, and Spanish, are the elective offerings. Elective classes meet for 45 minutes every other day throughout the year.

HOW MANY ELECTIVE CLASSES DO STUDENTS CHOOSE?

Students have three elective opportunities. Electives are held on an every other day schedule.

SPECIAL NOTE: Students served through the Special Education or Read 180 programs should be aware that there may be fewer elective choices available based on individual student learning needs. Please be aware that elective choices may change based on the need for additional support. More information will be provided to the parents/guardians of students served by these programs.

MAY STUDENTS TAKE MULTIPLE MUSIC ELECTIVES?

Yes, students have three elective selections and if they desire, and can handle the demands of the various programs, they can choose more than one music elective. Please be aware students will be pulled from a Homeroom class once every six school days for music lessons.

WHAT IS HOMEROOM/RESOURCE?

Homeroom is a non-graded daily resource time for all students during which students connect with one of their daily teachers (Math, Science, Social Studies, or Communication Arts). Activities will include homework time, silent reading, team building, guidance activities, guest speakers, and general school business. Music lessons for band and orchestra students may be scheduled during homeroom. **Your child's homeroom teacher is your focal point when communicating with your child's team of teachers.**

WHAT IS VOCATIONAL EXPLORATORY?

Vocational Exploratory consists of two separate classes that meet daily for one semester each. Family & Consumer Education focuses on cooking, sewing, consumer awareness and family functions. In the Technical Education portion, students learn how to operate basic hand and power tools. Students also learn about the fast-growing world of technology. Both classes are required in 7th grade and are offered as elective choices in 8th grade.

SHOULD MY CHILD TAKE A WORLD LANGUAGE?

In today's ever changing world, students are highly encouraged to start studying a second language. Some universities/colleges require a world language for admission. As with choosing any elective, selection should be based on student interests. A student does not need to take a world language in middle school, nor is it a requirement for high school graduation.

SPECIAL NOTE: Students may take Spanish every other day in 7th grade whether they have been enrolled in the elementary Spanish program since 1st grade or not. There are 2 options: "Novice" or "Continuing". Please refer to the 6th grade teacher's recommendation to see which Spanish class has been recommended for your child.