

Minooka Community Consolidated School District #201
Minooka Junior High School
333 W McEvelly Road Minooka IL, 60447
Phone: (815) 467-2136 Fax: (815) 467-5087

February 1st, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of incoming 7th grade MJHS students:

Planning for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year is now in progress and we need to know which exploratory courses students are interested in taking. 7th grade MJHS students may choose to take **full-year Spanish 1**, **full-year Band**, or a sequence of rotating, **9-week exploratory courses**. Exploratory courses will include a rotation of the four following courses: *Innovations, Art, Technology, and Communication*. **Once the school year has begun, no student may transition from the exploratory courses into full-year Band or full-year Spanish.**

The online course selection form (below) must be completed no later than Monday, February 11, 2019.

[Incoming 7th graders Form](#)

Link will also be available on the Minooka Junior High School web page.

While this should result from a conversation between parent and student, the online form is to be filled out by a parent only. Failure to submit a request by the deadline will result in the student being placed as deemed appropriate by administration. Please give thoughtful consideration to your choices. The 2019-2020 master schedule will be based on the student course selections, and changes beyond this date **cannot** be accommodated.

Full-Year Spanish 1

There are 180 spots available for 7th grade full-year Spanish. 7th grade student spots will be filled according to the scoring rubric below. PARCC ELA Assessment Scores will be used as an additional determining factor if needed. **Any student that selects full-year Spanish that does not meet the qualifying standards will be automatically enrolled into the Exploratory Rotation.**

MAP Spring Reading	MAP Spring Language	Avg LA Grade*
Percentile Rank Max = 99	Percentile Rank Max = 99	Average of Q1-Q3 Percentage
Sample Student 78th Percentile = 78	84th Percentile = 84	Avg Grade "91.4" = 91 TOTAL = 253 points Points Possible =298

*Language Arts Grade will be determined by average of current year Q1-Q3 letter grades.

Students do NOT get high school credit for taking Spanish at MJHS. Students enrolled in Spanish are expected to be enrolled for the full year. Please carefully consider signing up for Spanish because dropping your child from Spanish is not an option.

Rtl - Response to Intervention

Due to academic needs as identified through various assessments (NWEA MAP) and other data, some identified students will be required to enroll in either Math Rtl or Reading Rtl (Response to Intervention) or the Course Recovery Program, which will take the place of full-year Spanish, full-year Band, or the sequence of 9-week exploratory courses. These classes are specifically designed to support student needs and accelerate learning in the given academic area. Students identified as participating in such academic interventions will have their performance reviewed on an ongoing basis. If a student has successfully met the academic expectations of such course, the student will be transitioned into the exploratory rotation. **Once the school year has begun, no student may transition from Academic Interventions into full-year Spanish.**

Please understand that this is the beginning of a long process. While requests are needed at this time to begin, **students and parents will not be notified of individual student placements** until close to the start of the 19-20 school year. MJHS Administration and/or Counselors will notify families prior the start of the school year regarding placements and schedules. Should you have any questions, please contact MJHS Counselors Steven Warcholek or Julie Savaglio.

Steven Warcholek: 815-467-2136 x3110 or via email at swarcholek@min201.org

Julie Savaglio: 815-467-2136 x3111 or via email at jsavaglio@min201.org

Sincerely,

Minooka Junior High School
Administrative & Student Services Team