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Students will read challenging, complex text closely while continuing to develop skills in providing evidence to support their claims. Students will write arguments to support claims, write informative/explanatory texts, and narratives. Students will conduct short research projects and use a standard format for citations.

HONORS ENGLISH
This English class is the second in a series to prepare students for honors high school English. In order to prepare students to read and write critically about literature and nonfiction text, students will closely read challenging, complex text while continuing the development of providing evidence to support their claims. Honors in grade 7 will focus on students recognizing and writing about an author’s use of language.

MATH
Students will analyze proportional relationships and percents; add, subtract, multiply and divide rational numbers; use of properties of operations to generate equivalent expressions; and solve real-life and mathematical problems using numerical and algebraic expressions and equations. Leads to Pre-Algebra.

PRE-ALGEBRA
Students develop an understanding of radicals and integer exponents, proportional relationships, lines, linear equations, pairs of simultaneous linear equations, functions, congruence and similarity, and Pythagorean theorem. Leads to Algebra I.

EASTERN HEMISPHERE GEOGRAPHY
In this course, students will strengthen geographic skills that are essential for success in future courses and responsible citizenship. Seventh-grade students will explore the diversity of the physical and human geography of the Eastern Hemisphere. Students will evaluate the use of demographic measures when studying the populations of nations in this region. This course will investigate the major religious, political, and economic systems and structures of the Eastern Hemisphere. Students will discover the critical interrelationship between geography and human activity.

SCIENCE
This course is a focus on core ideas for the science domains of physical science (chemistry and physics), life science (biology), and earth and space science. Students gain understandings about the nature of science, science and engineering practices, concepts that link the different domains of science, relationships between science and technology, and the applications of science through personal and social perspectives.
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BAND INTERMEDIATE (full year)
This course will expand on the foundations set in 6th grade. Switching students for broader instrumentation required for literature will be determined at the director’s discretion. This band will be a part of a competitive ensemble that will participate in OSSAA-sanctioned events and festivals. There will be some after-school rehearsal requirements. Students may participate in other school activities (athletics) while in band. Attendance at practices and performances is required.

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COMMUNICATION SKILLS (1 quarter)
Students will work throughout the building on clerical tasks to help staff. Some students will help peers in classrooms as a peer tutor.

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Students will learn digital photography and how to edit photographs. Students will also learn page design and layout along with writing of captions and doing interviews. Students will be responsible for the creation of the yearbook from start to finish.

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Students will explore the different aspects and roles of music in our lives and in our culture. In addition, students will learn the language of music and the theory behind it, so they can apply it to create their own music and communicate using the language of music. Students will study different styles of music, as well as music of other cultures, and compare and contrast them.
ORCHESTRA INTERMEDIATE (full year)
This is a performance-oriented course. Students continue to receive instruction in production of a good tone, music reading skills, bowing, left-hand techniques and concert etiquette. Students are prepared for the demands of the more advanced orchestral literature performed in the contest orchestra. Attendance at all performances is required and part of the class grade. Students must provide their own instrument, book, and supplies.

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The PEAK program supports the needs of pre-qualified gifted, creative and talented students by providing access to supplemental educational resources, differentiated instruction and advanced learning opportunities.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (1 semester)
The physical education program promotes the health and well-being of each student and guides them toward becoming physically active for life. Students will use movement to enhance motor skills and learn a healthful lifestyle through sporting activities, games and exercises.

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Students will have the opportunity to try many aspects of computer sciences such as basic programing, animation, web design along with more advanced functions of productivity suites.

TWEEN LIFE (1 semester)
This course offers students the opportunity to explore learning through hands-on activities in the areas of relationships, physical development, money management, child care, sustainability and career exploration. Student leadership through Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is an integral part of this course.

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Getting Ready for High School
7th Grade

**STUDENTS**

- Attend school every day, all day.
- Earn the highest grades possible in all of your classes.
- Research college and career interests.
- Continue enrolling in challenging classes.
- Participate in the Duke TIP Talent Search.
- Check out https://www.okcollegestart.org for information on planning for college.
- Pre-enroll for courses that earn high school credit while in middle school (Algebra I, Geometry, Spanish I)

**PARENTS**

- Ensure your child attends school daily.
- Monitor the number of books your child reads each day.
- Monitor completion of homework assignments daily.
- Monitor your child’s progress in their classes through Parent Portal.
- Make a point to speak to your child each day about their school day. (Lessons taught, events that occurred, activities they were involved in, etc.)
- Attend parent meetings and get involved with school activities.
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   - Select Create Plan Button
   - Add Courses with +
Impact your future
Get Set for College
Make plans with good advice from ACT.

GET SET FOR COLLEGE
STUDENT GUIDE

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PARENT GUIDE

FAMILY FIRSTS
STUDENT GUIDE

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PARENT GUIDE

The ACT Test: US Students
The leading US college admissions test that measures what you learn in high school to determine your academic readiness for college.

1. THINK
2. CONSIDER
3. COMPARE
4. APPLY
5. PLAN
6. DECIDE
5TH GRADE

6TH GRADE
- 6th Grade Math
- 6th Grade Math

7TH GRADE
- 7th Grade Math
- Pre-Algebra

8TH GRADE
- Pre-Algebra
- Honors Algebra I

9TH GRADE
- Algebra I
- Honors Geometry

10TH GRADE
- Geometry
- Honors Algebra II

11TH GRADE
- Algebra II
- Honors Pre-Calculus

12TH GRADE
- Pre-Calculus
- AP Calculus AB/BC

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Stats/AP Stats/Concurrent Enrollment
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Students will read a combination of nonfiction text and literature with a shift from narrative to expository text. Writing will focus on organizing ideas, concepts and information. Students will choose relevant facts and use varied transitions to clarify the relationships among elements.

HONORS ENGLISH
This English class is the third in a series to prepare students for honors high school English. In order to prepare students to read and write critically about literature and related ideas, students will continue to read nonfiction text and literature with a shift from narrative to expository text. Honors in grade 8 will build on student recognition and writing about an author’s use of language.

PRE-ALGEBRA
Students develop an understanding of radicals and integer exponent, proportional relationships, lines, and linear equations, pairs of simultaneous linear equations, functions, congruence and similarity, and Pythagorean theorem.

ALGEBRA I (High School Elective Credit)
Students develop an understanding of expressions; perform arithmetic operations on polynomials; create, graph, and represent equations from linear to quadratic and simple rational and exponential functions; and reason and solve equations and inequalities algebraically and graphically.

U.S. HISTORY
In this course, students will explore the decisions, events, significant individuals, and political ideas that led to the formation of the United States of America and its transformation in the century following its founding. The time period for this course is the French and Indian War through the Civil War and Reconstruction Eras (1754-1877). Eighth-grade students will also develop their understanding of key civic principles including the role and purpose of government as defined by the U.S. Constitution and the individual rights and freedoms that are protected by this document.

HONORS U.S. HISTORY
In this course, students will explore in depth the decisions, events, significant individuals, and political ideas that led to the formation of the United States of America and its transformation in the century following its founding. The time period for this course is the French and Indian War through the Civil War and Reconstruction Eras (1754-1877). Eighth-grade honors students will also develop their understanding of key civic principles including the role and purpose of government as defined by the U.S. Constitution and the individual rights and freedoms that are protected by this document. The honors designation indicates that students will have increased responsibility for independent analysis of documents, written responses, and in-depth interaction with historical ideas in preparation for future advanced placement coursework.

SCIENCE
This course is a focus on core ideas for the science domains of physical science (chemistry and physics), life science (biology), and earth and space science. Students gain understandings about the nature of science, science and engineering practices, concepts that link the different domains of science, relationships between science and technology, and the applications of science through personal and social perspectives.
**READING** (see enrollment form)
This course promotes fluent reading, expansion of vocabulary and increased reading comprehension across the curriculum. Students will also write for a variety of audiences, purposes and contexts while applying reading and writing skills.

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**BAND ADVANCED** (full year)
This course continues the foundations of 7th-grade band and prepares students to continue with band into high school. Students will participate in school pep rallies, football games and special assemblies. Students will perform in a competitive ensemble that will participate in OSSAA-sanctioned events and festivals. There will be some after-school rehearsal requirements. Students may participate in other school activities (athletics) while in band. Attendance at practices and performances is required.

**CHOIR** (see counselor for enrollment.)
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**COMMUNICATION SKILLS** (1 quarter)
Students will work throughout the building on clerical tasks to help staff. Some students will help peers in classrooms as a peer tutor.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE AND APPLICATIONS** (1 semester)
Students will have the opportunity to try many aspects of computer sciences such as basic programing, animation, web design along with more advanced functions of productivity suites.

**ADVANCED COMPUTER SCIENCE AND APPLICATIONS** (1 semester)
Advanced Computer Science and Applications Prerequisite is 7th and 8th grade Computer Science and Applications. Students will dive deeper into basic computer programing and digital design. Students must have completed the Computer Science and Applications course offered in 7th grade or semester 1 of 8th grade.
FACS BASICS (full year) (high school credit)
FACS BASIC is designed to provide students with basic information and skills needed to function effectively within the family and within a changing, complex society. Attention is also focused toward assisting students in career study and participation in the family and consumer sciences youth organization FCCLA. Grades will also be reflected on their transcripts but not calculated for GPA or valedictorian determination.

JOURNALISM/YEARBOOK (full year) (see enrollment form)
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ORCHESTRA ADVANCED (full year)
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LEADERSHIP (1 semester)
This class focuses on character traits and values and student strengths and weaknesses with an emphasis on leadership qualities. Students learn to work collaboratively with a variety of other students, teachers, and staff. Students work on goal setting to provide a friendly and encouraging environment in their Middle School through promoting school spirit, involvement, and problem-solving positive ways. Students will also complete service requirements that fit within each school.

SPANISH (1 semester)
This course targets real-world Spanish usage. Authentic, everyday conversations are presented through
storytelling, movement and other techniques.

**SPANISH I** (full year) (high school credit)
This course is designed to meet the high school Spanish I requirement and rigor. It presents basic linguistic concepts and communicative strategies which are necessary for meaningful communication. Vocabulary, listening, and speaking skills for everyday situations are stressed. Students who successfully complete this course will receive World Language credit for high school graduation. Grades will also be reflected on their high school transcript but not calculated for GPA or valedictorian determination. Students are encouraged to take additional world language courses while in high school.

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**TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING III - ROBOTICS** (1 semester)
The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the basics of modeling, design, planning and control of the robot system. Once students have mastered basic 3D modeling they will use this design software to create a virtual robot. Student will then program their robot to do various tasks with a chance to compete in VEX competitions throughout the semester. Technology Student Association (TSA) is an integral part of this course.
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• Pre-enroll in high school classes that are rigorous and challenging.
• Use the Putnam City Schools High School Course Guide to learn about high school graduation requirements and develop your four-year academic plan.
• Discuss with your counselor your College and Career Readiness scores and your areas of career interest to help in the development of your four-year academic plan.
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• Begin compiling an activities log and record the clubs/organizations, teams and community groups in which you participate and what awards you have earned.
• Visit a local college.
• Attend all 9th-grade transition tours/meetings activities at your home high school.
• Visit the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education website, https://www.okhighered.org

PARENTS

• Ensure your child attends school daily.
• Monitor completion of homework assignments daily.
• Monitor your child’s grades throughout the school year through Parent Portal.
• Enroll your child in Oklahoma’s Promise (certain restrictions apply). You may qualify for FREE college tuition.
• Attend 9th-grade transition meetings and activities at your child’s home high school.
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• Use the Putnam City Schools High School Course Guide to learn about high school graduation requirements and help your child develop his or her four-year academic plan.
• Encourage your child to take rigorous courses in high school (Honors).
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Planning for Your Career
(Postsecondary Options)

How will you reach your goal?

1  2  4  +  or more

ONE-YEAR certificate programs
TWO-YEAR associate degrees or technical programs
FOUR-YEAR bachelor's degrees
MORE graduate and professional degrees

Be prepared for your future!
Navigator Registration & Login Instructions

Please follow the instructions below to begin using Kuder Navigator® - an online educational and career planning system for today’s middle school and high school students.

Registering

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- During step three of the four-step registration process, you will create a username and password. Write them here for future reference:
  Username: _____________________________________
  Password: _____________________________________
- Click Sign Me Up to complete the process.

Using the System

Once you have created your account, you will be directed to your home page. Begin by Taking Assessments, the first step in the education and career planning process. You can also use the navigation menu to access the options under “Things to Do” and “My Portfolio Items.” Don’t forget to also check out your messages, My Next Steps list, recommended links and account settings, where you can update your information.

Logging In

To re-enter your account, go to www.okcareerguide.org, click the sign in button and enter your username and password.

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WHO MAY APPLY
Applicants must be:
- Oklahoma residents.
- 8th, 9th, or 10th-grade students (homeschool students must be age 13, 14 or 15).
- Students whose parents’ federal adjusted gross income does not exceed $55,000.*
- Students who promise to meet the requirements of the program.

*Special income provisions may apply to:
- Children adopted from certain court-ordered custody and children in the custody of court-appointed legal guardians.
- Families receiving Social Security benefits based on the disability or death of the student’s parents.

Contact the Oklahoma’s Promise office for more information.

Additional documentation may be required.

HOW TO APPLY:
Online at www.okpromise.org or get an application from your counselor.

THE PROMISE
Upon completion of the program’s requirements, you will earn:
- Tuition at an Oklahoma public two-year college or four-year university.
- OR-
- A portion of tuition at an accredited Oklahoma private college or university.
- OR-
- A portion of tuition for programs that qualify for federal financial aid at public career technology centers.

(The Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship amount does not cover fees, books, supplies, or room and board.)

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REQUIRED COURSES**

4 ENGLISH (grammar, composition, literature; courses should include an integrated writing component)

3 LAB SCIENCE (biology, chemistry, physics or any lab science certified by the school district; general science with or without a lab may not be used to meet this requirement)

3 MATHEMATICS (from Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry, trigonometry, math analysis, pre-calculus, statistics and probability [must have completed geometry and Algebra II], calculus, Advanced Placement [AP] statistics)

3 HISTORY AND CITIZENSHIP SKILLS (including 1 unit of American history and 2 additional units from the subjects of history, economics, geography, government, non-Western culture)

2 FOREIGN OR NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE (two years of the same language)

...OR...

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY (two units in programming, hardware or business computer applications, such as word processing, databases, spreadsheets and graphics, will qualify; keyboarding or typing classes do NOT qualify)

(1 foreign language and 1 computer course will NOT meet this requirement)

1 ADDITIONAL COURSE (from any of the subjects listed above)

1 FINE ARTS (music, art, drama)

...OR...

SPEECH

17 TOTAL UNITS

**Homeless students or students graduating from a high school not accredited by the Oklahoma State Board of Education must also achieve a composite score of 22 or higher on the ACT test reported on an official test report issued by ACT. "Residual" ACT test scores do not qualify.

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