

Rosemount Middle School

2023-24 Course Descriptions and Elective Choices



Overview of Registration Process

Registration for next fall's classes begins in the month of January. This packet is provided to inform you on the instructional programs offered at Rosemount Middle School and assist you in completing the registration process for next year. Please take time to review this packet with your child and assist them in completing their individualized Registration Worksheet. Students will use the Registration Worksheet to guide them through our online registration process during their advisory. Grade 7 will register 2/2/23-2/3/23 and Grade 6 will register 2/6/23-2/7/23.

Should you have any additional questions, please call your child's counselor, Ms. Brimeyer (A-G) 651-423-7620, Ms. Colucci (H-N) 651-423-7624, or Ms. Rose (O-Z) 651-423-7623.

Below is a Sample 7th-8th Grade Schedule:

Students attend 6 instructional periods per day.

Period	Time	Blue Day	Gold Day
1	8:20-9:11 am	English	
2	9:15-10:05 am	Social Studies	
3	10:09-10:59 am	Math	
	10:59-11:29 am – Grade 7 - Advisor/Advisee.....Grade 8 - Lunch		
	11:29 am-11:59 am – Grade 7 - Irish Time.....Grade 8 -Advisor/Advisee		
	11:59-12:29 pm – Grade 7 – Lunch..... Grade 8 - Irish Time		
4	12:32-1:22 pm	Science	
5	1:26-2:16 pm	Phy Ed	Communications
6	2:20-3:10 pm	Elective 1	Elective 2

Required Courses

All students are required to take the following courses:

- Mathematics (year-long everyday)
- English/Language Arts (year-long everyday)
- Social Studies (year-long everyday)
- Science (year-long everyday)
- Physical Education (year-long, every other day)
- Communications (year-long, every other day)

Elective Courses

In addition to the above coursework and as a student's schedule allows, Elective Courses are offered and designed to introduce students to subjects across a broad range of educational programming. All Elective Courses meet every-other-day; however, some are year-long while others are one trimester in length. Students are asked to prioritize their elective requests as individual student schedules might not always be able to accommodate certain elective choices. *Please note that the year-long electives, World Language (Spanish, French, and Chinese) and Music (Band or Choir), are a year-long commitment and future schedule change requests to drop or add these courses will not be available.*

Art Education

All Art electives listed below are new courses designed for anyone interested in Art Education. No previous Art courses are required and all projects will be DIFFERENT from the current school year. Art projects will give students the opportunity to experience a variety of mediums (materials) through hands-on activities to create a variety of artwork. We will learn how the elements and principles of design are used in the creation of art. We will learn about the historical, cultural and social contexts of art. Techniques and terminology are also imbedded in each lesson to provide a well-rounded foundation for the visual arts.

Drawing and Beyond

Grades 7/8

Trimester Elective

Learn to use your imagination to express yourself. This class will use a variety of art materials and techniques to create original works of art. Projects will focus on 2-dimensional creations, including: Pencils, pastels, charcoal, markers, print-making and digital design.

Cool Creations

Grades 7/8

Trimester Elective

(Emphasis on, but not limited to clay):

Create fun and functional clay projects using coil, slab and pinch techniques. Projects may also include assemblage, metal foil embossing and collage as well as drawing or digital design.

Painting, Pencils & More

Grades 7/8

Trimester Elective

(Focus on 2-dimensional creations):

Create awesome 2-dimensional projects using a variety of materials including: watercolor, watercolor pencils, tempera and digital design. Projects may also include some 3-dimensional works of art with clay or other medium.

Family and Consumer Science (FACS)

All Family and Consumer Science electives listed below are new courses designed for anyone interested in FACS. No previous FACS courses are required and all recipes and projects will be DIFFERENT from the current school year.

Creative Cooking and Design

Grades 7/8

Trimester Elective

Being creative is fun! Explore your creativity through understanding the design process and how it applies to cooking, sewing and project development. You will cook fun food perfect for a party, sew pajama pants in your unique style and create your dream bedroom with the latest design software.

Power Foods and Money Smarts

Grades 7/8

Trimester Elective

Learn to cook foods that maximize your health and fuel up your day. We will learn quick and easy recipes for healthy meals and snacks that taste great. We will also explore important topics in managing your personal expenses as we examine spending habits of teens, how to shop smarter and how to become a millionaire.

Fun FACS for Life

Grades 7/8

Trimester Elective

Finally, a class to help you be more independent. You are in Middle School after all... Learn to make foods that are easy for you to prepare at home, make your own microwaveable heat pack, you can use every day and spend time solving the greatest issues you have to handle: teen stress, time management, social media, & personal relationships

Technical Education (Tech Ed.)

Electives listed below are new courses designed for anyone interested in Tech Ed. No previous experience required, projects will be DIFFERENT from the current school year.

Robotics

Grades 7/8

Trimester Elective

Students will use the VEX Robotics to design, build and program real-world objects including a robotic car.

Engineering & Design

Grades 7/8

Trimester Elective

Explore the principles of engineering while building hands on projects. Learn how structures (towers, bridges, and houses) are designed and constructed. Students will use a variety of tools and machines to create products, which may include; scale bridges, towers, jewelry boxes, lamps, or other construction related items. Students will also use Computer Aided Design software such as Google Sketchup to design, model and test their structures.

Innovation, Invention & Graphic Design

Grades 7/8

Trimester Elective

An in-depth experience inventing new and exciting items. Students will use a variety of materials and resources to apply the principles of physics in designing their inventions and or products. Students will design and build a product, which may include a mechanical pinball machine, catapult, or other devices. Students will also solve design challenges using digital photography and graphics design software and hardware.

Music Education

Music Education courses are a year-long commitment and future schedule changes to drop or add these courses would not be available.

Band 7

Grade 7

Year-long Course

Rosemount Middle School Band is open to any student who is currently in Band at the time of registration. The primary focus of Band is to expose students to new music that offers new and exciting challenges while playing your instrument.

Students will meet every other day as a class, with lesson instruction provided for their instrument. Students perform in a minimum of two fun concerts! Various opportunities for performance or study of music outside of band class are available, including solos, small ensembles (duets, trios, quartets, etc.), and jazz ensemble. Past performances include the MN Zoo and the Mall of America. Band is a year-long commitment.

Band 8

Grade 8

Year-long Course

Rosemount Middle School Band is open to any student who is currently in Band at the time of registration. The primary focus of Band is to expose students to new music that offers new and exciting challenges while playing your instrument. After middle school, students can join the award-winning Rosemount High School Band Program!

Students will meet every other day as a class, with lesson instruction provided for their instrument. Students perform in a minimum of two fun concerts! Various opportunities for performance or study of music outside of band class are available, including solos, small ensembles (duets, trios, quartets, etc.), and jazz ensemble. Past performances include the MN Zoo and the Mall of America. Band is a year-long commitment.

Choir 7

Grade 7

Year-long Course

If you like to sing and want to play guitar, then Choir is for you! This all-year elective meets every-other-day and is a nice break in your day and a chance to make music with friends. Choir students will perform and showcase our songs in two concerts. (You do not need to own a guitar or ukulele to participate in choir or the guitar unit.) All are welcome, no singing experience necessary.

Choir 8

Grade 8

Year-long Course

If you would like to be with some of your friends and sing a variety of musical styles, take Choir as one of your electives. Everyone is welcome. Choir students will perform and showcase our songs in two concerts. Additional singing opportunities exist during Irish Time and at the district level. (Middle school choir is encouraged for those considering taking high school choir at RHS.)

Communication Electives

Journalism

Grade 8

Trimester Elective

Come explore the fundamentals of journalism! This course equips students with an understanding of the principles and practice of journalism by interviewing, writing, and publishing different features, editorials, and news stories. Students in journalism will also be members of the RMS student news team!

Film

Grade 8

Trimester Elective

And the Oscar goes to....YOU! Explore the elements of film-making which include script-writing, creating a storyboard, lighting, sound, special-effects, and everything involved in creating a short digital movie of your own. Create, produce, and share your movie! You will be walking down the red carpet in no time!

Argumentation & Debate

Grade 8

Trimester Elective

This course is offered to students who are interested in learning effective argumentation skills and participating in various types of debates. Students will have the ability to work with debatable topics of interest ranging from sports to current events. Students in this course will learn how to analyze arguments, form arguments of their own, learn how to counter-argue opposing viewpoints, and gain a better understanding of how debates work.

World Languages

World Language courses are a year-long commitment and future schedule changes to drop or add these courses would not be available.

Chinese A

Grade 7

Year-long Course

You can't miss the CHINESE FUN! Students are learning the authentic language and cross-cultural communication with a native Mandarin speaker from China. Comprehensive practical language skills are taught through Chinese movies, cultural

games, performances and Chinese handicrafts. Let the Chinese fun begin by registering now! The Chinese curriculum at RMS parallels the high school Chinese curriculum (levels I & II). If you start from 7th grade and continue learning to high school, you will have a chance to finish the College in School program from U of M with college credits at 11th grade or 12th grade.

Chinese B

Grades 8

Year-long Course

This course is only open to students who successfully completed Chinese A. An intensive review of Chinese A paves the way for new vocabulary, grammar, and cultural information. Students will build upon the skills learned in Chinese A by listening, speaking, reading, and writing Chinese. Topics studied include: calendar, time, daily routines, the classroom, food, etc.

Chinese C

Grade 8

Year-long Course

This course is only open to students who successfully completed Chinese B. Students who successfully complete Chinese C will be well prepared to continue Chinese at a more advanced level their freshman year in High School. In this class students will build upon their Chinese language skills through speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Topics studied include: geography, weather, clothing, hobbies, and describing people. In addition, they will deepen their understanding of Chinese culture through songs, videos, games, and stories.

French A

Grade 7

Year-long Course

Bonjour! Are you interested in an international business language spoken in over 50 countries on five continents? If so, French is for you! Students will learn introductions, family culture, school schedules and classes, free time activities and verb conjugations in the present tense. With the use of the textbook and videos, you will meet people from France, Switzerland, Belgium, Canada and many African French-speaking countries. Discover French! About 30% of all English words can be traced to French, so learning French will improve your English-language skills. French connects you to the history of the United States and the thousands of places whose names are derived from French. Are you college bound? If so, don't miss your chance to earn College in the Schools (CIS) credit while still in high school. Only students who successfully complete French A and French B in the middle school will have this opportunity.

French B

Grade 8

Year-long Course

This course is open to students who have successfully completed French A. Students will continue to work on speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills by foods, sports, making plans, learning about shopping, clothing, and getting around town. They will continue sentence constructions and irregular verb conjugations in the present tense. There are over 20 million French speakers nearby – Canada, the Caribbean, South America, and even closer to home, in Louisiana, and New England. French opens doors in Canada, the top trading partner of the United States. You will realize that learning another language expands your horizons, develops your intellect, and prepares you to experience the rich and engaging world in which we live. Students who successfully complete this class will be eligible to register for Level 2 French in high school and work toward earning College in the Schools (CIS) credit in high school. Continuez le français!

Heritage Spanish

Grade 7/8

Year-long Course

Do you speak Spanish at home? Have you noticed that you can do more than what our Spanish 1 class offers? Would you like to improve your reading, writing, listening and speaking skills in Spanish? This class is for you! The course will focus on improving literacy and proficiency with an emphasis on Hispanic culture, identity, community and history. ¿Hablas español con tu familia? ¿Has notado que puedes hacer más de lo que la clase de español 1 te ofrece? ¿Te gustaría leer, escribir, escuchar y hablar mejor en español? Esta clase es para ti. Este curso se enfoca en mejorar habilidades de escritura y lectura en español, con énfasis en cultura hispana, identidad, comunidad e historia.

Spanish A

Grade 7

Year-long Course

¡Hola! Do you want to learn a language spoken by more than 425 million people in the world? In this class students will use district curriculum (Auténtico) to learn the 5 components of language study: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and culture. Topics will include introductions, school life including telling time, schedules and classes; weather, likes/dislikes, activities, descriptions of self and others; and a food vocabulary unit. Students will be forming complete sentences in Spanish. Are you college bound? If so, don't miss your chance to earn College in the Schools (CIS) credit while still in high school. Only students who successfully complete Spanish A and Spanish B in middle school will have this opportunity.

Spanish B

Grade 8

Year-long Course

El español continúa.... This class is offered to 8th grade students who have successfully completed Spanish A. Students will continue to use district curriculum (Auténtico) to work on reading, writing, speaking and listening skills by studying topics that describe food vocabulary, maintaining a healthy lifestyle, leisure activities, making plans, attending parties, going to restaurants, and describing their homes and family. They will continue sentence constructions and irregular verb conjugations in the present tense. Students who successfully complete this class will be eligible to register for Spanish 2 in high school and work toward earning College in the Schools (CIS) credit in high school.