

7th Grade Registration Guide

2023-2024

Please use the guide below to help prepare your choices for 7th grade registration. We recommend transferring your preferred schedule path page to Notability to create your own reference guide (*see below for steps*).

Guide Overview

There are 3 sections to this guide and below is a summary of what each one covers.

Section 1: Choosing Your Schedule Path

A layout of the options you will have in 7th grade.
Based on music, language and/or immersion selection

Section 2: Schedule Path Breakdown

Each path is broken down with all of the elective options
Can be used to create your own guide for registration day
See directions below to get document in Notability

Section 3: Course Description

Details course descriptions for each of the elective classes

Your top elective choices are not guaranteed. All other elective classes will be used as alternatives and we reserve the right to withdraw, add or replace any classes due to insufficient enrollment or staffing. Requests for changes, other than those necessary for educational reasons or errors, will not be granted. Full course descriptions can be found in Section 3 of this document and/or on our website.

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2. Click “Share & Export”
3. Click “Send a copy”
4. A pop will appear, Format “PDF” and click “OK”
5. The applications window will open and select “Notability”
6. Navigate to Notability to start making your own notes, check marks, etc.

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Section 1 - Choosing your Schedule Path

As a 7th grader, you will have 5 schedule paths to choose from, please review the options below and click the link of the one you prefer. *(The link will take you to the specific schedule path page for that option)*

The schedule options are based on whether or not you want to take a music class and/or world language class, or Spanish Immersion. *In the samples below, the **green highlighted** courses are elective courses - these will differ based on your selections.*

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Section 2A: Option 1 - No Music, No World Language

7th grade students are pre-registered for the following courses, as they are required:

- English
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- PE (2 quarters)
- Health (2 quarters)

Select **6 electives** and **4 alternates** from the options below.

Quarter Long Elective Classes		Course Number	Y = Yes to Register A = Alternate
Art	Art Technology & Clay	7843	
	World Art & Crafts	7842	
Business	Keyboarding	7810	
	Website Design	7811	
	Discover Coding 2	7812	
FACS	Healthy Me	7822	
	Cook it! Buy it! Sew it!	7821	
Tech Ed	Transportation & Aerospace	7832	
	Design & Model	7831	
Music	Drumming and Electronic Music	7741	
Phy Ed	Team Sports	7511	
	Personal Performance	7521	

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Section 2B: Option 2 - Music, No World Language

7th grade students are pre-registered for the following courses, as they are required:

- English
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- PE (2 quarters)
- Health (2 quarters)

Select the Music Elective you wish to take, you will need to register for both Sem 1 & 2

Music Elective Classes	Sem 1 Course	&	Sem 2 Course	Y = Yes to Register
Cambiata Choir (boys)	7721	&	7722	
Treble Choir (girls)	7731	&	7732	
Band 7	7701	&	7702	

Select 4 electives and 4 alternates from the options below.

Quarter Long Elective Classes		Course Number	Y = Yes to Register A = Alternate
Art	Art Technology & Clay	7843	
	World Art & Crafts	7842	
Business	Keyboarding	7810	
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Music	Drumming and Electronic Music	7741	
Phy Ed	Team Sports	7511	
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Section 2C: Option 3 - No Music, World Language

7th grade students are pre-registered for the following courses, as they are required:

- English
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- PE (2 quarters)
- Health (2 quarters)

Select the Language Elective you wish to take, you will need to register for both Sem 1 & 2

World Language Elective Classes	Sem 1 Course	&	Sem 2 Course	Y = Yes to Register
Spanish I	7971	&	7972	
German I	7975	&	7976	
French I	7973	&	7974	

Select 2 electives and 4 alternates from the options below.

Quarter Long Elective Classes		Course Number	Y = Yes to Register A = Alternate
Art	Art Technology & Clay	7843	
	World Art & Crafts	7842	
Business	Keyboarding	7810	
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Section 2D: Option 4 - Music, World Language

7th grade students are pre-registered for the following courses, as they are required:

- English
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- PE (2 quarters)
- Health (2 quarters)

Select the Music Elective you wish to take, you will need to register for both Sem 1 & 2

Music Elective Classes	Sem 1 Course	&	Sem 2 Course	
Cambiata Choir (boys)	7721	&	7722	
Treble Choir (girls)	7731	&	7732	
Band 7	7701	&	7702	

Select the Language Elective you wish to take, you will need to register for both Sem 1 & 2

World Language Elective Classes	Sem 1 Course	&	Sem 2 Course	Y = Yes to Register
Spanish I	7971	&	7972	
German I	7975	&	7976	
French I	7973	&	7974	

This option does not have the capacity for additional elective courses.

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Section 2E: Option 5 - Spanish Immersion

7th grade students are pre-registered for the following courses, as they are required:

- English
- Math
- Science
- Immersion Social Studies
- Immersion Spanish
- PE (2 quarters)
- Health (2 quarters)

Must choose between electives or music as both can not be accommodated.

Select **2 electives** and **4 alternates** from the options below.

Quarter Long Elective Classes		Course Number	Y = Yes to Register A = Alternate
Art	Art Technology & Clay	7843	
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Tech Ed	Transportation & Aerospace	7832	
	Design & Model	7831	
Music	Drumming and Electronic Music	7741	
Phy Ed	Team Sports	7511	
	Personal Performance	7521	

OR

Select the Music Elective you wish to take, you will need to register for both Sem 1 & 2

Music Elective Classes	Sem 1 Course	&	Sem 2 Course	
Cambiata Choir (boys)	7721	&	7722	
Treble Choir (girls)	7731	&	7732	
Band 7	7701	&	7702	

This option does not have the capacity for Elective Courses listed above.

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Section 3 - 7th Grade Course Descriptions

COURSE PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

ADVANCED COURSES

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools is dedicated to and invested in each student's success. The majority of students in grades 6-12 find appropriate levels of challenge within the general classroom setting and some students desire a more challenging, rigorous academic experience. Advanced Courses are designed to meet the needs of students who are motivated, highly capable and require higher levels of academic challenge.

Advanced Courses in English, Science, Social Studies, History and Math are designed to cover the same outcomes and curriculum as mainstream courses, with variations in pacing, depth and complexity of study, as well as an increased level of expectation regarding student work.

While in middle and high school, it is important that each student be provided with an appropriate level of challenge. This challenge should provide a sufficient amount of rigor with the probability of success and result in academic growth and confidence building. When a student is placed in an advanced course, students are expected to complete the class.

To match students' academic readiness and needs with the most appropriate classroom setting, a placement consideration process is used to determine which students would be placed in each Advanced Course sequence. When determining the number and size of advanced course sections, the number of placed students, class size, and staffing are variables that are considered.

Placement screening process for Advanced Courses:

Students will be identified for advanced course placement using test scores and class performance.

Note to parents: We recommend you take several factors into consideration when deciding how many Advanced Courses your child will take. Even though s/he may meet criteria for all four Advanced Courses, students are not required to take them. Please consider your child's interest level in the subject area, his/her extracurricular activity schedule and your child's pace when working on homework. If you have additional questions regarding these considerations, please contact the Guidance Office.

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EXTENSION COURSES

Prior Lake - Savage Area Schools is dedicated to and invested in each student's success. Some students need more basic level support in the area of math. Extension courses are designed to meet the needs of students who are performing below grade level expectations.

MATH EXTENSION – Grades 6, 7 and 8: (Placement by test scores)

(6th and 7th grade – Every day, year long))

(8th grade – Every day, year long)

This course is geared to the student who needs additional support in basic math skills. Students enrolled in this course will be exposed to a curriculum which emphasizes the skills focused on the MCA III math test. This class is not an elective and does not replace their required Math class.

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ENGLISH 7

(Every day, all year)

Students will read a variety of novels, short stories, poetry, and non-fiction selections. Students will expand vocabulary, apply the elements of fiction, and evaluate various forms of literature. They will use the writing process to form works of informative, expressive and persuasive writing for a variety of audiences and purposes.

ADVANCED ENGLISH 7

(Every day, all year)

Advanced English extends beyond the required core curriculum and places additional emphasis on independent study and higher order thinking skills. As there will be both extensive outside reading and summer reading required, students need to be highly motivated learners, interested in literature. Students are expected to exercise independent and complex thinking, reading, writing, and learning skills through self-initiated and teacher directed areas of study. Advanced English is designed to challenge and nurture students who are skilled in Language Arts. Students will be guided through rigorous independent coursework with a focus on academic writing and an intensive study of a variety of texts. This course will help students gain strong academic skills, knowledge and academic confidence to prepare them in future Advanced English courses.

AMERICAN HISTORY 7

(Every day, all year)

American History Seven is a course focused on studying our nation's history from 1800's to the 1900's. This course will also feature a strong component of citizenship, Government, Economics and Geography. This course will analyze major events that helped shape our nation's history and how these events have impacted how people live, work, and function in society.

IMMERSION AMERICAN HISTORY 7

(Every day, all year)

American History Seven is a course focused on studying our nation's history from 1800's to the 1900's. This course will also feature a strong component of citizenship, government, economics, geography and the academic use of Spanish language. This course will analyze major events that helped shape our nation's history and how these events have impacted how people live, work, and function in society. Special focus will be on the influence of Latinos on American history and culture. The textbook, instruction and learning experiences will be in Spanish. **Students enrolled in the course should have significant previous experience in Spanish language use.**

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ADVANCED AMERICAN HISTORY 7

(Every day, all year)

Advanced American History Seven is a course designed to create a more rigorous academic experience for students with a more in-depth interest in American history from the 1800's to the 1900's. Throughout this course, students will be asked to think and analyze historical events as actual historians would do. Students will be asked to analyze primary and secondary source documents to gain a deeper and more meaningful understanding of events that have shaped our nation's history.

LIFE SCIENCE 7

(Every day, all year)

Students will discover the wonders of life through problem solving and activity-based learning. The course covers the exploration of cells and life processes, classification of organisms, viruses/monerans/protists/fungi and plants, and ecology. The students will also demonstrate knowledge of interactions and interdependence of living systems by understanding heredity, reproduction, behavior, and regulation of plants, animals, and microorganisms. Hands-on lab activities include making observations with microscopes, studying bacteria, dissecting animals, and insect studies.

ADVANCED LIFE SCIENCE 7

(Every day, all year)

The accelerated course for grade 7 Life Science is a rigorous instructional program that incorporates knowledge acquisition through guided experimentation and application of content knowledge to an understanding of current scientific issues. The course is designed for academically advanced students to foster their critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. Students will be challenged to acquire skills in observation, data analysis, and effective communication. They will use these experiences as a bridge to achievement in more advanced science courses. Students will utilize supplemental reading materials in addition to a textbook that differs from the one used in the general course. This provides advanced students with resources appropriate for in-depth understanding of the curriculum.

PRE-ALGEBRA 7

(Every day, all year)

This course is a transition from arithmetic to algebra and geometry. Students will study mathematical concepts through applications and practical problems, providing opportunities to develop skills and to understand the importance of mathematics in everyday life. Problem solving is interwoven throughout the course.

ADVANCED PRE-ALGEBRA 7

(Every day, all year)

Advanced Pre-Algebra will hold students to a higher and more rigorous academic level. Students will study Pre-Algebra in greater depth and at a more challenging pace. Pre-Algebra skills and concepts are integrated in a study of geometry, measurement, probability, statistics, equations, and graphing.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION 7

(Every other day, one semester – required)

In this class the students have the opportunity to participate in team sports, lifetime activities and individual skill development. There is an emphasis on teamwork through demonstrating good sportsmanship and respectful behavior. Physical education units vary due to the seasons.

HEALTH 7

(Every other day, one semester – required)

This course is designed to focus on the promotion of attitudes and behaviors that can lead to good lifelong health practices with emphasis on the prevention of unhealthy choices. Central themes are focused around the National Health Standards. Included in the course are units focusing on decision-making skills to enhance personal health; the examination of the function of human body systems; investigate the dangers associated with the abuse of drugs; and understanding of the process of growth and development; analysis of current health statistics.

TEAM SPORTS 7

(Every day, one quarter)

This elective class provides students with an opportunity to participate in a Physical Education class (in addition to the required class, Physical Education 7) with an increased level of fun and competition. Each semester students in TEAM SPORTS 7 will participate in team sports and individual activities while promoting positivity and teamwork.

PERSONAL PERFORMANCE 7

(Every day, one quarter)

Next Level Training! Students will set personal goals based on athletic performance and/or personal fitness. Through student choice, multiple technology platforms and teacher designed workouts, students will perform advanced training techniques to reach the personal goals they set for themselves.

7th grade SPANISH I

(Every day, year long)

In this class our goal is to acquire Spanish through an approach called CI and TPRS. Acquiring language is something that happens to you and not something that you make happen, much like how you acquired your first language. Therefore, 90 percent of class will be in Spanish, primarily refining your skills in listening and reading. Active participation is key. We will both do our “50 percent” to co-create stories, read novels and explore the culture Spanish speaking countries have to offer. Your teacher’s job is to make everything they say in Spanish comprehensible, while your job is to listen to understand. We are so excited to start Spanish with you! Students who successfully complete Spanish I will be recommended for Spanish II in 8th grade.

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IMMERSION SPANISH 7

(Every day, year long)

Students will engage in learning experiences to increase proficiency in the academic use of Spanish language. Students will read a variety of novels, short stories, poetry, and non-fiction selections, particularly those originally written in Spanish. Focus will be placed on the interaction of literature and culture. Students will expand vocabulary, apply the elements of fiction, and evaluate various forms of literature. They will use the writing process to form works of informative, expressive and persuasive writing for a variety of audiences and purposes. Students will engage in written and spoken interpersonal communication. **Students enrolled in the course should have significant previous experience in Spanish language use.**

GERMAN I

(Every day, year long)

This course introduces students to the German language through comprehensible input and storytelling. Our method is based on the research of Dr. Stephen Krashen and Blaine Ray. It is called Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling (TPRS). The students will acquire German by listening and reading for comprehension. They will demonstrate their understanding through writing and retelling of stories. The students will acquire an introductory knowledge of German speaking cultures and customs through the content of the stories. In the target language, the teacher introduces the outline of a story and asks students to provide the details. The teacher solicits student responses by asking questions, thus continually recycling both the vocabulary and the target grammar. The student's answers build the story. Students are encouraged to be creative.

FRENCH I

(Every day, year long)

This class will introduce students to the French language and culture of French speaking countries. It is designed to help introduce the language and culture using common vocabulary, gestures, stories and more. Students will be encouraged to use French for communication and self-expression. We will cover speaking, listening, reading and writing. Topics will include greetings, numbers, colors, foods and beverages and leisure-time activities

ART, TECHNOLOGY & CLAY 7

(Every day, one quarter)

Want to learn more about your creative superpowers? In this class, students will create projects exploring imagination and personal interests as they discover new techniques – and amazing new ways to express themselves! Drawing skills (perspective and portraiture), hand-building with clay, and an introduction to the many possibilities of Adobe Photoshop combine with thoughtful content and critical awareness to deepen understanding of art and the varied technologies used in its making. Digital artworks and cool clay – this class has it all!

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WORLD ART & CRAFTS 7

(Every day, one quarter)

Does an exotic trip around the world sound like a great idea? In this class, you will travel the world as you explore how artists in many different cultures express themselves and the world around them. Using a wide variety of media (painting, clay, printmaking and sculpture), students will “visit” the Australian Outback, central Mexico, sub-Saharan Africa, the tomb of Chinese emperor Qin Shi Huang, and lots more - no passport required!

COOK IT, BUY IT, SEW IT! 7

(Every day, one quarter)

Learning to cook involves more than just cooking. Students will explore food trends, nutrition, cooking and baking skills, and kitchen safety. Students will have the opportunity to apply these skills by cooking in the labs. Students will learn how to manage money and make informed decisions. They will also have fun in the sewing unit by creating a hand sewing project.

HEALTHY ME 7

(Every day, one quarter)

Students explore food science through experiments, healthy eating with nutrition labels, ways of wellness, and explore what makes you your best self. Students will explore trends, fad diets, and food groups to be able to make informed decisions. Students will be able to apply this knowledge to food labs, where they will cook.

DESIGN AND MODELING – PLTW 7 (Educational Technology)

(Every day, one quarter)

In Design and Modeling students will learn about technology, engineering and the design process by creating three dimensional (3-D) computer drawings. Most of the class activities will be project based and involve creating 3-D drawings on the computer using a software design program called Autodesk Inventor. Some of the exciting projects that students will learn how to create on the computer include linking cubes, a peg board and a puzzle cube. This is a great class for students who are interested in computers and learning about drawing, design and basic engineering concepts.

TRANSPORTATION AND AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY 7 (Educational Technology)

(Every day, one quarter)

In Transportation and Aerospace Technology students will learn about a variety of different aerospace and transportation topics. Some of the projects students may create include a model dragster, solar powered car, wind turbine, model airplane or a rocket. In addition to these topics students will learn about the applications of flight and transportation technology. The class instruction will focus on project based learning where students will spend time creating and working on projects associated with the course topics.

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KEYBOARDING 7

(Every day, one quarter)

Keyboarding is a skill that is utilized in many facets of daily life. This course provides introductory development of basic keyboarding skills. Students will use the typing program Typing Club to proceed from basic alphabetic keyboarding through keyboarding skill builder. Emphasis is on developing touch control of the keyboard using proper keyboarding techniques and building basic speed and accuracy. In addition to learning to type by touch, students will also learn the basic features of Google Drive.

WEBSITE DESIGN 7

(Every day, one quarter)

This course will introduce students to basic website design. Students will use Google Sites to create informational websites. Students learn how to plan and create a website. They will consider web page design basics, web page background, effective text placement, hyperlinks; utilize website colors and graphics.

DISCOVER CODING 2

This course allows students interested in computer science to continue their learning through Code.org. They begin by thinking about the role of the web and how it can be used as a medium for creative expression. As students develop their pages they begin to see themselves as programmers. Through a series of design challenges, students are asked to consider and understand the needs of others while developing a solution to a problem.

BAND 7

(Every other day, year long)

Continuing to learn to play an instrument is a fun life skill! Students enrolled in 7th Grade Band will further develop their skills by performing music from rock to pop and classical to jazz. Students will also learn basics of music theory and notation (pitch and rhythmic), concepts of musical expressivity, and rehearsal/performance etiquette. Additionally, 7th Grade Band students will experience marching band for the first time. 7th Grade Band students will have the opportunity to audition for and participate in extra-curricular instrumental music ensembles including 7-8 Jazz Band and 7-8 Honor Band. *Prerequisite: One year of band or director approval required.

CHOIR 7 (Girls – Treble Choir, Boys – Cambiata Choir)

(Every other day, year long)

Students in 7th Grade Choir will continue to develop appropriate vocal technique and skill in an effort to understand and develop their changing voices. Basic skills in music theory will be taught during this course as they apply to the music being taught. Students will also develop or enhance their performance skills by participating in concerts throughout the year. This is a gender based choir; boys and girls meet separately in choir classes.

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DRUMMING AND ELECTRONIC MUSIC 7

(Every day, one quarter)

Students will learn the fundamentals of different types of Drumming and different types of Electronic Music. The first quarter will be a survey of different types of Drumming. Students will study Junkyard Drumming, World Drumming, Traditional Concert Drumming and Marching Drumming. The second quarter will be a survey of different types of music using Garage Band including Rock, Swing and Hip Hop. Students will learn to create music videos using iMovie utilizing both music they have created and music that others have created. Students will also learn the fundamentals of DJ-ing and will have the opportunity to research and display information about famous DJs.