

Course Selection Worksheet

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*High school credit

**At least 1 full year elective must be chosen.

ENGLISH

7th Grade: English College Prep

In this class, students will increase their vocabulary and apply its usage to their writing. Students will learn to recognize and write different types of paragraphs. Students will improve sentence structure in their writing and will learn basics of analytical writing, focusing on topic sentences, thesis statement, and evidence choice.

7th Grade: Honors English

Prerequisite: Teacher Recommendation and Enrollment in 7th Grade Honors Literature

This course is designed to prepare the students for English 8 Honors. The content of this class is the same as English 7; however, more emphasis is placed on composition and deep analysis of literary work under study. In addition, more emphasis is placed on the acquisition of writing skills through exercises and written assignments. Composition will include the writing of in-class timed paragraphs with a strong topic sentence and the selection and inclusion of supporting evidence. Students are introduced to AP style assessments.

7th Grade: Literature College Prep

In this class, students will learn to read, understand, and appreciate a selection of short stories, poetry, oral tradition, and prose. While students will focus on aspects such as literary analysis, including figurative language, sound devices, and characterization, they will also work on their writing skills through composing their own poetry, myths, and short stories.

7th Grade: Honors Literature

Prerequisite: Teacher Recommendation and Enrollment in 7th Grade Pre-AP English

This course is designed to prepare the students for 8th grade Literature Honors. The content of this class is the same as College Prep Literature 7; however, more emphasis is placed on composition and deep analysis of literary works under study.

MATH

7th Grade: Math College Prep

Seventh grade math is designed to enhance a student's proficiency with mathematical skills by building on important concepts that have previously been taught and introducing new skills that will prepare them for success in future math courses. This class will promote problem solving, reasoning, making connections, designing and analyzing representations in addition to reinforcing concepts that are instrumental in ensuring a solid math background. The course content follows the standards set forth by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dallas.

7th Grade Math Honors

Prerequisite: "A" average in 6th grade math and department approval.

This course is designed to prepare students for advanced study of math at the high school level, including Honors and AP courses. This course covers all the concepts of Mathematics 7, but at an advanced rate. During the first semester, students will master mathematical operation-based concepts such as integers, decimals, fractions, rates and ratios, and problem solving requiring advanced critical thinking skills. The second semester will include an introduction to Pre-Algebra concepts. The students will use Pre-Algebra in working with problem-solving, geometry, number theory, linear equations and rational numbers.

SCIENCE

7th Grade: Life Science College Prep

This discovery-based course emphasizes an understanding of change, cycle patterns, microscopic organisms, plants, animals, and ecology. Cellular organization and the classification of living things are also studied, and learning through investigation is the main focus of this course.

7th Grade: Life Science Honors

Honors Life Science is a rigorous laboratory course, which emphasizes a complex understanding of change, cycles, patterns, and relationships in the living world. Students build on basic principles related to these concepts by exploring cellular organization and the classification of organisms; the dynamic relationships among organisms, populations, communities, and ecosystems; and change as a result of the transmission of genetic information from generation to generation.

Data analysis and experimentation are emphasized. The difference between the regular and advanced course lies in more advanced content, complex tasks, and in-depth independent investigations. Students are challenged to think like scientists and expand their abilities through the independent application of scientific concepts.

SOCIAL STUDIES

7th Grade: Texas History and Geography College Prep

In Texas History and Geography, students will learn the significance of prominent individuals, movements, cultures, and events throughout the history of Texas and how each one molded and shaped Texas into what it is today. We will study the geographic, economic, political, and social developments throughout the history of Texas. Each student will learn to think critically and evaluate information through hands-on application and in-class learning activities. Students will also learn skills such as note-taking, map reading, researching, document reading, and essay writing.

7th Grade: Texas History and Geography Honors

In Texas History Honors, students will learn much the same material as in the College Prep Texas History class, including the significance of prominent individuals, movements, cultures and events throughout the history of Texas and how each one molded and shaped Texas into what it is today. Geography, economics, and politics will also be stressed. In the Honors class, more attention will be paid to primary source material, critical thinking, and communication and writing. Students will be expected to read more critically, and to be able to utilize formal thinking to create unique interpretations of Texas history.

RELIGION

7th Grade: Jesus the Way, the Truth, and the Life – Jesus Christ

The seventh-grade Religion program is devoted to the study of God’s saving love as it is revealed through his Son, Jesus. Students will explore Jesus through the study of the New Testament, focusing on the Gospels. Students will learn about Jesus and his message by studying Jesus’ life, his preaching, the parables, and miracles stories. Students will also be encouraged to appreciate the sacraments as ways in which they can respond to the call to follow Jesus and to live by His teachings through worship, witness, and service.

WORLD LANGUAGES

Russian I

In this beginners’ Russian language course, students will learn the Cyrillic alphabet and the fundamentals of Russian pronunciation. Students will acquire knowledge of the language through the use of varied activities that develop contemporary conversational, reading and writing skills. The course also provides an introduction to modern Russian culture. Benchmark proficiency: Novice low to Novice high.

Students may receive one high school Russian credit for successful completion of this course.

Spanish I College Prep

As a beginning course for college-bound students, Spanish I seeks to develop fundamental skills in the four basic areas of language: speaking, understanding, reading, and writing. With a heavy focus on input based activities through reading and listening. It includes an introduction to the culture of the Spanish-speaking world. Benchmark proficiency: Novice low to Novice high.

Students may receive one high school Spanish credit for successful completion of this course.

Spanish I Honors

Prerequisite: Participation in elementary dual language program for 3 or more years and department approval.

This course is designed to build upon fundamental listening and speaking capabilities of students. The course will also develop and increase underlying skills in reading, spelling, and writing competency and creativity while improving overall language skills for use with mass communication and daily life situations with a focus on basic academic language beyond the familiar use. Benchmark proficiency: Novice high to Intermediate low.

Students may receive one high school Spanish credit for successful completion of this course.

ELECTIVES

Intermediate Band

This class is for all 7-8th grade band students, focusing on improved fundamentals and technique, using early level literature. This is open to beginners in the 7-8th grades; however, extra effort will be required to perform at the same level as the other musicians. Completion of this class should yield mature, informed, disciplined, and competent young musicians, prepared for advanced and marching band.

Students may receive one full high school Fine Art credit for successful completion of this course.

Intermediate String Orchestra

Prerequisite: Audition or Beginning String Orchestra

Intermediate String Orchestra (violin, viola, cello, string bass) is the class that bridges beginning orchestra experience to the opportunities afforded the advanced orchestra musicians. Students play more complex music than beginning players and serve in more responsible ways—playing at worship services, local community events, etc. They also begin to see the myriad musical horizons that studying a string orchestral instrument allows them.

Students may receive one full high school Fine Art credit for successful completion of this course.

Choir **NEW COURSE!**

Semester Course

Choir is for all 7-12th grade beginning or experienced musicians; the goals of the class will be tailored to the needs of the students with a focus on music literacy, basic theory, and performance techniques. Musicians will be performing various styles of music. There will be performance opportunities for the individual as well as the ensemble, as appropriate. Completion of this class should yield matured, informed, disciplined, and competent young musicians, prepared to participate with college ensembles by the end of their senior year.

Students may receive one half high school Fine Art credit for successful completion of this course.

Middle School PE

Semester Course

This course will prepare students for the challenges of the 21st century by providing opportunities to attain the skills and knowledge to be physically active as part of a healthy lifestyle. Students will explore concepts of fitness, social, physical, spiritual, and mental behavior changes, rules and ethics of a variety of sports and recreational games, sportsmanship, strength and conditioning, body composition, and stretching techniques that will focus on personal improvement with respect to your gender, skill level, and ability.

Middle School Yoga

Semester Course

Yoga is a form of exercise that gets one in tune with the body's muscles, improves posture, expands breathing capabilities, and aids in physical and mental well-being. Focused in developing strength, balance and flexibility, the semester-long course will help increase concentration levels and vitality as well as decrease stress and improve mental clarity. This class is geared toward beginners.

Middle School Dance

Semester Course

Dance I is an introduction to contemporary, lyrical, hip hop, jazz, and modern dance technique. Students will learn conditioning exercises, basic dance warm ups and stretches, and perform lyrical and jazz combinations as a class. Students will also learn dance terminology, choreography, and history.

7th Grade: Art

Semester Course

The 7th grade art course is an introductory art course that focuses on the exploration of media through a study of art elements. Students will be introduced to art history, aesthetics, and art criticism throughout the semester while focusing on problem-solving and creative thinking.