



Elective Registration Form

7th Grade

2023-2024

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Student Name: _____

1) 7th Graders may take 2 year-long music electives, 1 year-long and 4 quarter-long electives, or 8 quarter-long electives.

2) Year-long Elective Classes

Performance Music: If interested, students may select only one Band or Orchestra option and should have completed two years of practice on their chosen instrument. You may select Band or Orchestra and Choir if you would like **ONLY** Performance Music electives.

- _____ Band
- _____ Choir
- _____ Orchestra

3) Quarter-long Rotation Classes

Rotation Classes: 9-weeks long. Please rank these additional rotation classes with #1 as your first request and #10 as your last request. All classes must be ranked. *While all attempts will be made to respect your choices, classes may be subject to change.*

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| _____ Art | _____ German |
| _____ Art II | _____ Spanish |
| _____ Ceramics | _____ Tech Ed |
| _____ Computer Science | _____ Video Production & Photography |
| _____ Drama | |
| _____ Family & Consumer Science | |

Accreditation Standard: Students attending middle school should have a well-rounded experience (in addition to the core offerings), which, at a minimum, include the following program areas: visual arts, music, career and technical education, and world languages. ****We will do our best to meet your requests; however, we cannot guarantee you will be placed in your top requests. ****

Student Signature and Date

Parent Signature and Date



7th GRADE ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Year Long Music Classes:

BAND : This year-long class is designed to continue to develop skill in instrument playing, as well as increase musical understanding through performance. The main emphasis at this level is on continued skill development and ensemble advancement. Students enrolling in 7th grade band should have two years of playing experience.

CHOIR: If you like to sing, Choir is the perfect place to develop your skills while enjoying the sound of voices in harmony together. This year-long class covers a variety of musical styles and increases understanding through musical performance. Students progress in vocal technique, the ability to sing independent harmonies, and proficiency at music reading.

ORCHESTRA: This year-long class is designed to continue to develop skills in instrumental playing as well as increase musical understanding through performance. The emphasis is on continued skill development and ensemble advancement. Students enrolling in 7th grade Orchestra should have two years of playing experience through school classes or private lessons.

Nine Week Long Rotation Classes:

ART 7: In Art 7 students explore the basic artistic elements of drawing, painting, and color theory. Students learn to communicate at a basic level in two-dimensional and/ or three-dimensional art. Through hands-on work, the students design and produce basic analyses of works of art. Students are introduced to exemplary works of art from a variety of cultures and historical periods.

ART II 7: Designed for students who enjoy art and want to enhance their skills with a community of similarly interested artists. Students learn to use various painting and drawing media and acquire the skills necessary to create works of their own. Students complete projects, which emphasize the specific design elements of line, shape, space, color, and value. Students may also produce projects in clay and sculpture through which they learn about form, function, and construction techniques.

CERAMICS 7: Build your very own functional pottery projects. Ceramics class provides students with an experience in clay, both hand-built and wheel-thrown. Students will explore throwing functional ware on the Potter's wheel, coil method, slab construction, and sculpting. In addition, students will learn proper studio use and maintenance, and beginning glazing and firing techniques.

COMPUTER SCIENCE: Students learn general computer science topics, analyze the physical components of computers, and develop and apply computer coding skills. Students will become familiar with coding concepts such as variables, loops and functions, etc and will apply those concepts in numerous ways.

DRAMA: This is the year of the character. Focus in 7th grade Drama is on character development and performance. This class builds on the foundations of drama taught in 6th grade. Students explore and experience characters through monologues and scene work, as well as, improvisation, and skits. Classes are interactive and allow students to discover new areas of creative expression that they are able to use in other classes and activities.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE 7: Healthy eating and nutrition are taught with a hands-on emphasis. Students learn basic cooking skills and how to make healthy food choices by preparing and eating healthy recipes. Managing money, making financial decisions, and career exploration are also taught. Class utilizes sewing machines to construct a project.

TECH ED 7: (Engineering Design, Construction, and Web Page Design) Students continue design theory and CAD skills. Students are introduced to architectural design, basic construction topics, and use their knowledge to build a simple project using a set of pre-drawn plans. Students will be using power tools to build this project in a shop setting and safety topics are extensively covered and modeled for the students. Students will be using a research topic to explore systems (mechanical, electrical, etc.) and using the concept of energy transfer to explain how energy is utilized and transformed in a device. Simple HTML coding exercises will equip students with the skills they need to create simple multiple page websites.

VIDEO PRODUCTION & PHOTOGRAPHY : This course is an introduction to filmmaking, and an introduction to graphic design using technology as a tool to learn and explore concepts related to both topics. Students will learn Photoshop skills and learn how to manipulate photos while looking at Photoshop as a tool for graphic design to create at least one short, 3 to 5 minute movie.

WORLD LANGUAGE: German and Spanish are offered in grades 6, 7, and 8. Students have the opportunity to study 1, 2, or all 3 of the languages in 6th and 7th grade. Students will develop communication skills, vocabulary, cultural knowledge and global awareness through songs, videos, games, readings, and hands-on activities.