



Oak Prairie Junior High School

Home of the Bulldogs
Will County School District 92

Sue Forcash, Principal
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Dear 5TH Grade Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to Oak Prairie Junior High. In order for us to complete your student's schedule for the 2024-2025 school year, we ask that you choose one elective course for your child. The Junior High schedule consists of 8 classes. Each student will take 5 core subjects, plus PE/Health, a mini course rotation, and one elective that you need to choose. 6th grade courses are as follows:

- Math, Reading, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies (5 core classes)
- Physical Education/Health
- Mini Course Rotation (9 weeks each: Music, Art, Technology, and STEM Academy (hands-on learning with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)
- Choice of elective (1 full year)

Below is a list of your elective choices. **Please complete and return this form to your homeroom teacher by January 31, 2024. All elective choices are for one full year and are tentative pending Board of Education approval, available space, scheduling and staffing. We do our best to give students their top selection, but it is not always possible**

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:

_____ **BEGINNING BAND**-This course choice is designed for the student who is interested in playing a band instrument in the band program. This year long course allows students to select a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument and progress through the band curriculum. No prerequisite required

_____ **INTERMEDIATE BAND** – This course is designed for students who have prior band experience in 5th grade. Beginning Band experience is required for this option.

_____ **CHOIR**-This course choice is designed for the student who enjoys singing and has an interest in the choral program. Choir is designed to help singers improve their vocal skills, and students do not need to have previous singing experience.

_____ **BAND/CHOIR COMBO**-This course choice combines Concert Band and Choir during one class period on alternating days. Beginning Band experience is required for this option.

_____ **CONNECTIONS**-This course choice is designed to incorporate four areas of study: organizational/study skills, informational literacy skills, character and career education and the communication arts. This interdisciplinary course will help students make curricular connections and reinforce learning strategy use.

Student Name: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at Oak Prairie, 815-836-2724.

Sincerely,

Susan Forcash, Principal