

7th Grade Registration
CHASKA MIDDLE SCHOOL WEST
 2024-25



Return this to your US History Teacher
By Wednesday, January 31, 2024

PRINT STUDENT NAME _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

Hello 7th Grade Students and Families,

Welcome to the 7th grade registration process! In each grade students will take one year of Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science. For the other 2 hours of the day, students will opt into one of the options in the table below. Course descriptions are available online at CMSW website: <https://cmw.district112.org/academics/course-registration>

Below are sample courses and elective options.	
Hr 1	Language Arts**
Adv	Advisory
Hr 2	Intro to Biology
Hr 3	Civics or Civics—Spanish Immersion
Hr 4	Math
Hr 5	Encore Classes (See Below)
Hr 6	Personal Wellness/Performing Arts OR Full Year High School Spanish or Spanish Immersion 2

Registration Guidelines

In this sample schedule, the required courses are listed.

Questions?

Please contact the 7th grade counselor below.

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I. Advanced Academic Options**
 Advanced Language Arts

- Yes, I would like my child placed in Advanced Language Arts. I have read & signed the guidelines on the backside of this form.
- No, I do not want my child placed in Advanced Language Arts.

II. Elective Options

Option 1—3 Students NOT taking Spanish			Option 4— 5 World Language Students taking High School Spanish or Spanish Immersion <i>* Must sign consent form on back</i>	
CHOOSE ONE OPTION				
Option 1 No Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Option 2 Taking ONE music class <input type="checkbox"/>	Option 3 Taking TWO Music Classes <input type="checkbox"/>	Option 4 No Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Option 5 Taking ONE music class <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Encore Classes (Art, FACS, TECH Ed, Health , Phy Ed) are scheduled on alternating days A/B, 2 per Semester. No Action needed</i>				
Art FACS Tech Ed Health <hr/> Physical Ed (Everyday, all year)	Art FACS Tech Ed Health <hr/> Physical Ed/ Band, Choir, Orchestra (alternating every other day) Select ONE : <input type="checkbox"/> Band <input type="checkbox"/> Choir <input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra <hr/> <i>Instrument</i>	Art FACS Phy Ed Health <hr/> Band, Choir, Orchestra (alternating every other day) Select TWO <input type="checkbox"/> Band <input type="checkbox"/> Choir <input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra <hr/> <i>Instrument</i> <hr/> <i>Instrument</i>	Art FACS Phy Ed Health <hr/> Spanish Option Select ONE : <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 1* <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Immersion 2*	Art Phy Ed <hr/> Spanish Option Select ONE : <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 1* <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Immersion 2* <hr/> Select ONE : <input type="checkbox"/> Band <input type="checkbox"/> Choir <input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra <hr/> <i>Instrument</i> <hr/> 1 Qtr of Asynchronous Health <i>(outside of school hours)</i>

Note: Some students with specific academic needs may have one or more encore classes replaced by a support class. This could include multilingual learners, student with individualized education plans (IEPs) or students below grade level in an academic area.

Advanced Language Arts Guidelines

The Language Arts curriculum is based on state standards and builds students skills in reading, writing, speaking, listening, research, and media literacy. The Advanced curriculum incorporates the standard class curriculum at a faster pace and adds in open-ended, inquiry-based projects that require applying learning to real-life situations. Students in Advanced will be asked to read a wider variety and increased volume of texts as well as write more often and more deeply. Students will analyze texts from multiple perspectives and share their thinking in writing and oral presentation discussion.

How will the advanced course compare to the standard course?

Language Arts 7	Language Arts 7 Advanced
Spend 4-6 weeks on a unit	Cover the same unit in 3-4 weeks with added deep learning experiences.
Read 20 minutes a night and finish a book every 3-4 weeks	Read a grade-level text every 1-2 weeks.
Major writing assignments in a semester	Write consistently on complex topics including brief texts as well as longer assignments that ask you to sequence and connect pieces to a whole
Most assigned work completed in class	Expect regular work outside of class which may take some students as much as 2 hours a week, in addition to reading

To be successful in the Advanced course, a student will need to:

- Finish a book every week or two.
- Be willing to read different genres and authors.
- Analyze questions and issues at a complex level, looking past the first or simplest answer.
- Complete more work independently and keep up with a pace that is about 25% faster than the standard course.
- Be open to challenge.
- Incorporate feedback from teachers.
- Collaborate with all peers and consider differing perspectives.

Full Year Spanish Guidelines

In order to determine if you are prepared for the expectations of a full year course, please read the following statements:

- ✓ I understand that all middle school Spanish courses are high school level courses. The pace and rigor will be fast and challenging for the average Middle School student.
- ✓ I understand that the grade I earn in the course will be included in my high school transcript and I will earn high school credit however it will NOT be calculated in my cumulative grade point average.
- ✓ I understand that the full-year Spanish language course will take the place of elective (encore) courses which may include the Performing Arts/Personal Wellness hour.

Other things to note:

- If you are planning to only take two years of a world language; completing your world language study later in your high school career will better prepare you for success on college placement exams.
- These classes may be in a multi-grade class setting.

Consent for Advanced Classes (*Signature Required*)

We have read the above information and understand the expectations required of a full year Spanish, Spanish Immersion and/or Advanced Language Arts course. Both parent & student **MUST** sign.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____