

Rosemount Middle School

2024-25 Course Descriptions and Elective Choices



Dear Parent /Guardian:

We have approached the time to register your child for middle school for the upcoming school year. This registration guide has been established to assist you in this process.

District 196 and Rosemount Middle School are committed to creating an instructional schedule that will reflect the developing needs of early adolescents. The early adolescent (age 10 -14) experiences a period of great change physically, cognitively, socially, and demands a unique program designed to fit the individual differences and needs of each student. It is necessary to create an environment where the immersing adolescent can grow and thrive as we lay the foundation of their secondary school experience. We look forward to partnering with you in creating a valuable enriching middle school experience for your child.

Overview of Registration Process

Registration for next fall's classes begins in the month of January. This packet is provided to inform you on the instructional programs offered at Rosemount Middle School and assist you in completing the registration process for next year. Please take time to review this packet with your child and assist them in completing the **Registration Worksheet** and signing their individualized **Registration Worksheet**. Students will use the Registration Worksheet to guide them through our online registration process during their advisory. Grade 7 will register January 30-31, 2024 and Grade 6 will register February 1-2, 2024.

Should you have any additional questions, please call your child’s counselor, Ms. Brimeyer (A-G) 651-423-7620, Ms. Colucci (H-N) 651-423-7624, or Ms. Rose (O-Z) 651-423-7623.

Below is a Sample 7th-8th Grade Schedule:

Students attend 6 instructional periods per day.

Period	Time	Blue Day	Gold Day
1	8:20-9:11 am	Math	Math
2	9:15-10:05 am	English	English
3	10:09-10:59 am	Science	Science
	10:59-11:29 am – Grade 7 - Advisor/Advisee.....Grade 8 - Lunch		
	11:29 am-11:59 am – Grade 7 - Irish Time.....Grade 8 -Advisor/Advisee		
	11:59 am-12:29 pm – Grade 7 – Lunch..... Grade 8 - Irish Time		
4	12:32-1:22 pm	Social Studies	Social Studies
5	1:26-2:16 pm	Phy Ed	Communications
6	2:20-3:10 pm	Elective 1	Elective 2

Required Courses

All students are required to take the following courses:

- Mathematics (year-long everyday)
- English/Language Arts (year-long everyday)
- Social Studies (year-long everyday)
- Science (year-long everyday)
- Physical Education (year-long, every other day)
- Communications (year-long, every other day)

Elective Courses

In addition to the above coursework and as a student's schedule allows, Elective Courses are offered and designed to introduce students to subjects across a broad range of educational programming. All Elective Courses meet every-other-day; however, some are year-long while others are one trimester in length. Students are asked to prioritize their elective requests as individual student schedules might not always be able to accommodate certain elective choices.

Please note that the year-long electives, World Language (Spanish, French, and Mandarin) and Music (Band or Choir), are a year-long commitment and future schedule change requests to drop or add these courses will not be available.

Art Education

Art projects will give students the opportunity to experience a variety of mediums (materials) through hands-on activities to create a variety of artwork. We will learn how the elements and principles of design are used in the creation of art. We will learn about the historical, cultural and social context of Art.

Cool Creations

Grades 7/8

Trimester Elective

Learn to create fun and functional clay projects using coil & slab techniques. Other projects will include a variety of drawing, painting and digital art projects.

Drawing & Beyond

Grades 7/8

Trimester Elective

Learn to use a variety of art materials and techniques to create 2-dimensional works of art. Projects will include: Pencils, pastels, watercolor, tempera, print-making and digital design.

Family and Consumer Science (FACS)

All Family and Consumer Science electives listed below are new courses designed for anyone interested in FACS. No previous FACS courses are required and all recipes and projects will be DIFFERENT from the current school year.

Creative Product Design

Grades 7/8

Trimester Elective

Do you like to work with your hands to create? Do food and design programs capture your attention? In CPD, you will work on a team to develop a food truck or cafe concept. Bring that concept to life as you build your food truck/cafe in 3d form, and possibly prepare one of your signature items! In addition to that, you will prepare several yummy foods and learn to use a sewing machine to make your own custom pillow case. Bring your love for food, creativity and design.

Living Skills

Grades 7/8

Trimester Elective

Do you have what it takes to be independent? Explore the skills necessary to get a job and keep a job. Decisions, decisions decisions...work with an online program to make financial choices to see how you would fare in the real world. Find that balance of nutrition & taste by preparing foods that use ingredients you may commonly have on hand. You will also learn to sew a useful project you can use yourself, give as a gift or sell! After this class you'll be more confident in your independence.

Technical Education (Tech Ed.)

Electives listed below are new courses designed for anyone interested in Tech Ed. No previous experience required, projects will be DIFFERENT from the current school year.

Wood/Mfg

Grades 7/8

Trimester Elective

A class designed to give all students an experience producing a variety of projects. Students will build projects that emphasize different approaches. This may include creating a project using custom techniques and building principles. You will learn skills that last a lifetime. Class projects may include: Shut-the-Box, Car Design, others.

Product Design

Grades 7/8

Trimester Elective

A class designed to give girls and boys an experience in designing a product from start to finish. Students will work with sketching, drawing, and 3D modeling. Typical products may include: Board Game, Shut-the-Box, and T-shirt.

Music Education

Music Education courses are a year-long commitment and future schedule changes to drop or add these courses would not be available.

Band 7

Grade 7

Year-long Course

Rosemount Middle School Band is open to any student who is currently in Band at the time of registration. The primary focus of Band is to expose students to new music that offers new and exciting challenges while playing your instrument.

Students will meet every other day as a class, with lesson instruction provided for their instrument. In a typical year, students perform in a minimum of two fun concerts! Various opportunities for performance or study of music outside of band class are available, including solos, small ensembles (duets, trios, quartets, etc.), and jazz ensemble. Past performances include the MN Zoo and the Mall of America. Band is a year-long commitment.

Band 8

Grade 8

Year-long Course

Rosemount Middle School Band is open to any student who is currently in Band at the time of registration. The primary focus of Band is to expose students to new music that offers new and exciting challenges while playing your instrument. After middle school, students can join the award-winning Rosemount High School Band Program!

Students will meet every other day as a class, with lesson instruction provided for their instrument. In a typical year, students perform in a minimum of two fun concerts! Various opportunities for performance or study of music outside of band class are available, including solos, small ensembles (duets, trios, quartets, etc.), and jazz ensemble. Past performances include the MN Zoo and the Mall of America. Band is a year-long commitment.

Choir 7

Grade 7

Year-long Course

If you like to sing and want to play guitar and/or ukulele, then Choir is for you! This all-year elective meets every-other-day and is a nice break in your day and a chance to make music with friends. Choir students will have two concerts. (You do not need to own a guitar or ukulele to participate in choir or the guitar/uke unit.) All are welcome, no singing experience necessary.

Choir 8

Grade 8

Year-long Course

If you would like to be with some of your friends and sing a variety of musical styles, take Choir as one of your electives. Everyone is welcome. Choir students will have two concerts. Additional singing opportunities exist during Irish Time and at the district level. (Middle school choir is encouraged for those considering taking high school choir at RHS.)

Communication Electives

Journalism

Grade 8

Trimester Elective

Come explore the fundamentals of journalism! This course equips students with an understanding of the principles and practice of journalism by interviewing, writing, and publishing different features, editorials, and news stories. Students in journalism will also be members of the RMS student news team!

Film

Grade 8

Trimester Elective

“Do you love films? Do you enjoy watching and creating movies? If so, come explore film as an elective course. Students will explore the elements of film, learn how films are made, and watch various classic films to interpret and review. Film students will also be creating theatrical trailers, short films, stop motion movies, and participate in other video-creation activities.”

Argumentation & Debate

Grade 8

Trimester Elective

This course is offered to students who are interested in learning effective argumentation skills and participating in various types of debates. Students will have the ability to work with debatable topics of interest ranging from sports to current events. Students in this course will learn how to analyze arguments, form arguments of their own, learn how to counter-argue opposing viewpoints, and gain a better understanding of how debates work.

World Languages

World Language courses are a year-long commitment and future schedule changes to drop or add these courses would not be available.

Chinese A

Grade 7

Year-long Course

Chinese is an EASY and FUN class you don't want to miss at RMS! Beginner level Students WANTED! We have movies, learning games every week, culture festival food like mooncakes, handcrafts, and making dumplings! There are extended learning opportunities available as well! Chinese is the most widely spoken and the most practical language in the world.

Chinese B

Grades 8

Year-long Course

Let the fun continue for another year at RMS! This course is open to students who completed Chinese A last school year. In this class, students will build upon their language skills through speaking, listening, reading, and writing Chinese. Topics studied include calendar, time, daily routines, school, likes and dislikes, food, and geography. In addition, students will learn about Chinese culture through songs, videos, stories, and other authentic texts.

Chinese C

Grade 8

Year-long Course

This course is open to students who completed Chinese B last school year. In this class, students will be well prepared to continue Chinese in high school. The curriculum will build upon their language skills through speaking, listening, reading, and writing Chinese in an authentic language learning environment.

French A

Grade 7

Year-long Course

Bonjour! Are you interested in an international business language spoken in over 50 countries on five continents? If so, French is for you! Students will learn introductions, family culture, school schedules and classes, free time activities and verb conjugations in the present tense. With the use of the textbook and videos, you will meet people from France, Switzerland, Belgium, Canada and many African French-speaking countries. Discover French! About 30% of all English words can be traced to French, so learning French will improve your English-language skills. French connects you to the history of the United States and the thousands of places whose names are derived from French. Are you college bound? If so, don't miss your chance to earn College in the Schools (CIS) credit while still in high school. Only students who successfully complete French A and French B in the middle school will have this opportunity.

French B

Grade 8

Year-long Course

This course is open to students who have successfully completed French A. Students will continue to work on speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills by foods, sports, making plans, learning about shopping, clothing, and getting around town. They will continue sentence constructions and irregular verb conjugations in the present tense. There are over 20 million French speakers nearby – Canada, the Caribbean, South America, and even closer to home, in Louisiana, and New England. French opens doors in Canada, the top trading partner of the United States. You will realize that learning another language expands your horizons, develops your intellect, and prepares you to experience the rich and engaging world in which we live. Students who successfully complete this class will be eligible to register for Level 2 French in high school and work toward earning College in the Schools (CIS) credit in high school. Continuez le français!

Spanish A*Grade 7**Year-long Course*

¡Hola! Do you want to learn a language spoken by more than 425 million people in the world? In this class students will use district curriculum (Auténtico) to learn the 5 components of language study: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and culture. Topics will include introductions, school life including telling time, schedules and classes; weather, likes/dislikes, activities, descriptions of self and others. Are you college bound? If so, don't miss your chance to earn College in the Schools (CIS) credit while still in high school. Only students who successfully complete Spanish A and Spanish B in middle school will have this opportunity.

Spanish B*Grade 8**Year-long Course*

El español continúa.... This class is offered to 8th grade students who have successfully completed Spanish A. Students will continue to use district curriculum (Auténtico) to work on reading, writing, speaking and listening skills by studying topics that describe food vocabulary, maintaining a healthy lifestyle, leisure activities, making plans, attending parties, going to restaurants, and describing their homes and family. They will continue sentence constructions and irregular verb conjugations in the present tense. Students who successfully complete this class will be eligible to register for Spanish 2 in high school and work toward earning College in the Schools (CIS) credit in high school.

Heritage Spanish*Grade 7/8**Year-long Course*

Do you speak Spanish at home? Have you noticed that you can do more than what our Spanish 1 class offers? Would you like to improve your reading, writing, listening and speaking skills in Spanish? This class is for you! The course will focus on improving literacy and proficiency with an emphasis on Hispanic culture, identity, community and history. ¿Hablas español con tu familia? ¿Has notado que puedes hacer más de lo que la clase de español 1 te ofrece? ¿Te gustaría leer, escribir, escuchar y hablar mejor en español? Esta clase es para ti. Este curso se enfoca en mejorar habilidades de escritura y lectura en español, con énfasis en cultura hispana, identidad, comunidad e historia.