



**OAKWOOD  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

# **7TH GRADE TRANSITION GUIDE**

**2024**

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# Transition to Oakwood Middle School 2023

## Welcome to Oakwood!

It is our privilege to share the opportunities that await your student at Oakwood Middle School. Oakwood is proud to house the 7th and 8th graders from Plain Local under one roof. We are made up of a diverse student population who bring a multitude of gifts and experiences in academics, arts and athletics. Our goal is to cultivate talents and motivation in your student by providing the opportunity to explore, grow and shine! We are excited to share our academic opportunities, exploratory arts options, activities/clubs and scheduling options. Please review the contents of this document to assist you in the scheduling process.

- Scheduling Process Checklist
- HAC Instructions
- 7th Grade Course Descriptions
- Sample Scheduling Forms
- Oakwood Athletics, Clubs, and Activities

March 4th we will host families at Oakwood for information and experience night.

- Last Names A-L, 5:30-6:30 pm
- Last Names M-Z, 7:00-8:00 pm

Your experience that evening will include:

- Informational Session in the Auditorium
- Passport Walk
  - Walk the building and experience live student exhibits, meet teachers, and collect information. Have your Passport stamped as you travel through the building!
  - Walk the halls, visit classrooms, and meet teachers
  - Stop by the cafeteria to sample new foods offered at Oakwood
  - Athletics Information: Trevor Burkett, Athletic Director - Gym
  - Honors Math: Algebra and Geometry: Jeanette Garcia - Room C3
  - After School Clubs and Activities: Advisors & Oakwood Students - Main Hall
  - "Ask an Oakwood Student" The Culture of Oakwood - Library
  - Help Desk/Scheduling for Individual Family Conferences: School Counselors - Main Hall
  - Special Education Services: Megan Bartuseck, Director of Special Education - Room E2

Students may begin scheduling classes in the Home Access Center on March 5th.

We are extending an invitation for live or virtual conferences with our Oakwood Team to help you through any scheduling questions you may have. Conferences are available March 6th, 12:00 - 8:00 pm or March 7th, 8:30am - 2:30 pm at Glenwood. Conferences may be scheduled at [oakwood.youcanbook.me](http://oakwood.youcanbook.me). We are proud to be your first choice in education and look forward to serving your family!

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# Oakwood Scheduling Checklist for Incoming 7th Grade Students

- Ask your student about the presentation given by Oakwood counselors on February 29 (Gold Community) and March 1 (Green Community) at Glenwood.
- Attend an information and 7th grade experience night at Oakwood.

**March 4th: Last Names A-L, 5:30 - 6:30 pm**

**Last Names M-Z, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

- Home Access Center (HAC) Opens March 5th.
- Schedule a personal appointment with a counselor for additional assistance with scheduling.

**March 6th: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Glenwood**

**March 7th: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm, Glenwood**

\*Virtual conferences are available upon request. Conference link will be available on March 5th.

The conference link may be found at [oakwood.youcanbook.me](https://oakwood.youcanbook.me) or by scanning the QR code below.



- Choose the appropriate courses in the Home Access Center.
- All classes must be scheduled in HAC by March 22, 2024.

# Oakwood HAC Instructions

Student Name:

Grade:

## Online Requests

1. Login to Home Access Center
  - a. Username:
  - b. Password:
2. Click on **CLASSES**



3. Click the tab called **REQUESTS**



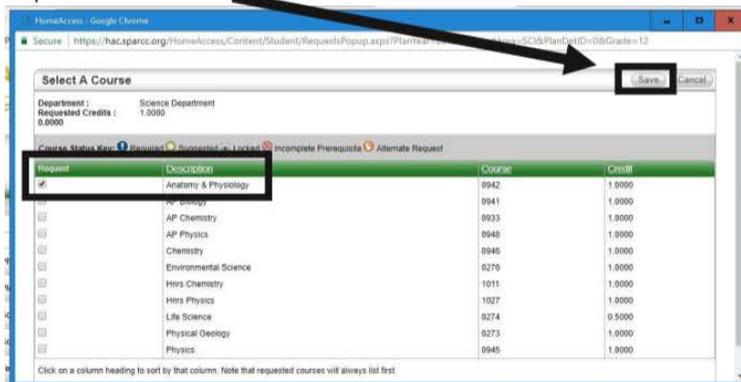
4. The Course Request Banner should show next school year and grade.



5. Locate the appropriate department – Click **Edit**



6. **Select a Course** window will appear. Click in the checkbox in front of the course you want to request. Click **SAVE**.



7. The course requested will appear under the department heading.



8. Repeat Steps # 5-7 for each department.
9. To remove/change a request – repeat steps #5-7 – removed checkmark – select a new course click SAVE.
10. When you are done **logout** in the upper right hand corner.



# Seventh Grade Course Descriptions by Department 2023-2024

## Career Tech

- **Gateway to Technology Automation and Robotics (OW7303):** Students trace the history, development, and influence of automation and robotics. They learn about mechanical systems, energy transfer, machine automation and computer control systems. Students use a robust robotics platform to design, build and program a solution to solve an existing problem.
- **Gateway to Technology Coding (OW7302):** Students will build their knowledge and experience in Coding through the web-based Code.org curriculum.
- **Gateway to Technology Design and Modeling (OW7300):** In this unit, students begin to recognize the value of an engineering notebook to document and capture their ideas. They are introduced to and use the design process to solve problems and understand the influence that creative and innovative design has on our lives. Students use industry standard 3D modeling software to create a virtual image of their designs and produce a portfolio to showcase their creative solutions.
- **Drones (OW7304):** Students will learn how to use drones to study forces, motion, and investigation design: changing one variable, test, record, question, field surveying simulation, elevation test, and coding. Students will study various career paths that drone pilots can pursue, including paths right out of high school. Students will complete the curriculum by learning FAA rules/regulations and eventually taking the Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST) and earning their recreational drone pilot license.

## English

- **Book Study (OW7700):** Discover people, places, and issues in today's world. This course offers an opportunity for conversation, learning, and connecting with other people nationally through books. In Book Study, we will explore our favorite books, share what we think about them through blogs and discussions, and create video book trailers.

## Fine Arts

- **Art Experience (OW7600):** A semester-long course where students are exposed to many different two - and three - dimensional art techniques. This course also incorporates a study of art history and culture. Students work on independent and small group projects in a studio setting.
- **Honors Art (OW7610):** An intensive, year-long arts program that is designed for students whose primary interest is in visual art. Included in this course are experiences in two- and three-dimensional art, art history, art criticism, aesthetics and critiques. Students work in a studio setting and are required to keep a sketchbook as well as keep a portfolio for an end-of-year review. Students will also participate in art shows and field trips.
- **Sculpture (OW7602):** Students will explore various techniques to create three-dimensional works of art. There will be a focus on contemporary and local artists, as well as other artists from history. Some projects will be installed in the school and local community.
- **Fashion and Costume Design (OW7604):** This semester course will focus on four main themes: Fashion/Costume History, Art Skills, Design Skills, and Related Careers. Students will create and design wearable art pieces while learning about the past and future of this field. Guest speakers will present to the class about their experiences with fashion or costume design in person or via skype. Students will be expected to help create costumes for school productions, and also produce a themed fashion show. The assessments for this course are based on the ODE standards for Visual Arts.
- **Dance (OW7620):** The students will practice the principles of ballet, jazz, tap and lyrical technique. They will explore historical periods of dance and research a famous dance company. They will reflect on, evaluate and refine choreography for rehearsals and performances. Basic fitness and nutrition for dancers will be studied.
- **Drama (OW7630):** Students who like to be on the big stage will love this course. Core concepts of this class include ensemble skills, acting techniques, improvisation, theater history, and playwriting. Commitment to stage and studio etiquette is an expectation. Students will participate in mini-dramas throughout the year, and they are encouraged to be a part of the school musical as a member of the cast, crew, or design team.
- **Creative Musicianship (OW7640):** This course will invite students to be active, participatory music makers through engagement with popular music. Students will be provided with performance opportunities and practical application of musical knowledge through the study of the ukulele. This course will introduce and elaborate on basic music theory concepts and musical literacy. This course is open to students with and without previous musical experience and to seventh and eighth graders.

- **Musical Arts (OW7645):** This course will provide students the opportunity to develop musical skills and knowledge to prepare for future musical experiences and career pathways. Topics will include music theory and notation, the history of popular music, world music, careers in the music industry, and digital music creation. Students can take this course once in seventh grade and once in eighth grade, if interested.
- **Band (OW8800):** This course is open to students that currently play a concert band instrument. Students will prepare music to perform in concerts throughout the year and have the opportunity to participate in solo and ensemble, large group contest, and Oakwood's jazz band. The bands at Oakwood have a history of achieving excellence at contests and regularly travel for special performances and experiences. Students are required to have previously participated in band class to participate in 7th grade band.
- **Beginning Strings (OW9020):** This course is designed for the true beginner OR the student who would like to brush up their skills before going on to the Strings class.
- **Strings (OW7825 or OW8825):** This course uses string instruments to expand on the knowledge of quarter notes, half notes, eighth notes and their associated rests, as well as a solid understanding of basic bowing technique and a solid understanding of the D Major, G Major and C Major Scales. The students will be working on expanding their theory, pedagogical and ensemble facility and styles throughout the school year. Students are placed in Beginner (OW9020) based on playing ability and the Intermediate (7th Grade) or Advanced Strings (8th Grade) based on grade level.
- **Choir (OW8875):** In Choir, we will equip students with the musical skills necessary to facilitate a lifetime of musical experiences, preparing them for an easy transition into the choral music program at GlenOak High School. This endeavor will include the learning of basic music literacy skills, the practice of proper singing technique, and required performances. The majority of learning will take place in the form of participation in daily rehearsals. The Ohio Music Learning Standards will be utilized in all teaching.

## Foreign Language

- **French I: Level 1 - First Semester (0186E):** This 7th grade year-long course is taught at an age-appropriate pace and covers exactly one-half of the high school level one course content with the understanding that students will continue in 8th grade to finish the second half of the course. This is an introductory course designed for students with little or no previous study in French. The course is devoted to the acquisition of speaking, reading, writing and listening comprehension skills. Culture is an integral part of the course. In addition to written tests, quizzes and projects, students will also be assessed by means of listening and speaking activities. Class participation and homework are integral parts of this course; active participation is required. \*7th graders earn ½ of the Level 1 HS Credit.
- **Spanish I: Level 1 - First Semester (0183):** This 7th grade course is taught at an age-appropriate pace and covers exactly one-half of the high school level one course content with the understanding that students will continue in 8th grade to finish the second half of the course. \*7th graders earn ½ of the Level 1 HS Credit.
- **World Cultures (OW7710):** World Cultures is a semester course designed to foster an appreciation and understanding of their own and other cultures. Students will widen their perspective on what is “normal” (i.e. what is normal for a student may be unusual for someone from another culture, and vice versa), and to encourage students to familiarize themselves with other cultures in a judgment-free manner. The course will be taught from French and Spanish perspectives.

## Physical Education

- **Advanced Fitness (OW7540):** This course offers an outlet for the highly motivated student who wants to enhance their overall physical wellbeing and also make themselves better athletes in the process. Students will be taught basic weight training, speed development, plyometrics, and core workouts. Students will also create portfolios and learn valuable goal setting skills. All course material follows all state Physical Education standards.
- **Physical Education (OW7530):** This course is designed to practice and develop skills in activities that will help you maintain fitness throughout your life. It provides opportunities for students to develop life skills such as effective communication, problem solving and decision making.
- **Wellness (OW7510):** In this course, students learn to use tools for communicating feelings and opinions. Good health is both mental and physical. Making good decisions starts with knowing the facts, understanding the consequences, and having the confidence to choose well. This course is in accordance with Ohio Revised Code for 7th and 8th grade Health.

## College Credit Plus (CCP)

- **College Credit Plus (CCP)** is Ohio's dual enrollment program which provides an opportunity for students who are college-ready to earn transcribed college credit while in grades 7-12. CCP classes are sometimes taught on the GlenOak High School campus by adjunct faculty; however, some students choose to take classes on a college campus. All admissions standards, grading policies, textbooks, deadlines, and regulations for taking a CCP course are governed by individual university policies. Students earn high school credit as well as college credit for the successful completion of the CCP course.

# 7th Grade Course Selection Worksheet 2024/2025

**Directions:** Each student must select a total of 2.25 units of electives.

Students can choose a combination of electives to compose their 2.25 units.

Students can use this sheet for planning their elective courses. Once the student has read the course descriptions and planned their selections, the students must enter their selections into their Student Home Access Center account following the directions given in this booklet.

<p><b>STUDENTS MUST SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES.</b></p> <p>_____ OW9020 Beginning Strings <b>1 unit</b>          _____ OW8800 Band <b>1 unit</b>          _____ OW8825 Strings <b>1 unit</b>          _____ OW8875 Choir <b>.5 unit</b>          _____ OW7620 Dance <b>.5 unit</b>          _____ OW7630 Drama <b>.5 unit</b>          _____ OW7640 Creative Musicianship <b>.25 unit</b>          _____ OW7645 Musical Arts <b>.25 unit</b></p> <p><b>The following courses are worth .5 units. These courses meet every other day for the entire school year.</b></p> <p>_____ 0186E French I <b>.5 unit</b>          _____ OW7610 Honors Art <b>.5 unit</b>          _____ 0183 Spanish <b>.5 unit</b>          _____ OW7710 World Cultures <b>.5 unit</b></p> <p>• Spanish and French are worth High School Credit. These courses require a 2 year commitment in order to complete the first level in a Foreign Language.</p> <p><b>The following courses are worth .25 units</b>  <b>These courses meet every other day for a semester.</b></p> <p>_____ OW7540 Advanced Fitness <b>.25 unit</b>          _____ OW7600 Art Experience <b>.25 unit</b>          _____ OW7304 Drones <b>.25 unit</b>          _____ OW7604 Fashion/Costume Design <b>.25 unit</b>          _____ OW7700 Book Study <b>.25 unit</b>          _____ OW7303 GTT Automation/Robotics <b>.25 unit</b>          _____ OW7302 GTT Coding <b>.25 unit</b>          _____ OW7300 GTT Design/Modeling <b>.25 unit</b>          _____ OW7530 Physical Education <b>.25 unit</b>          _____ OW7602 Sculpture <b>.25 unit</b>          _____ OW7510 Wellness <b>.25 unit</b></p>	<p><b>Planning your electives</b>          Please use the table below to help calculate the unit values of your electives to ensure that you have chosen enough courses.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 70%;">Course Name</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Unit Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"><b>TOTAL: 2.25 UNITS</b></p> <p><b>If you have questions or concerns about the scheduling process, please feel free to schedule an individual scheduling appointment in person at Glenwood or virtually with one of our staff members using the link below:</b></p> <p>Scheduling appointments can be booked for          March 6, 2024 from 12:00PM - 8:00PM or          March 7, 2024 from 8:30AM - 2:30PM</p> <p><b>BY LOGGING INTO:</b>  <a href="https://oakwood.youcanbook.me">https://oakwood.youcanbook.me</a></p> <p><b>If you are unable to make a scheduling appointment, please submit your elective choices in the Student Home Access Center by March 22, 2024.</b></p>	Course Name	Unit Value																				
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# Oakwood Athletics, Clubs, and Activities

## Academic Clubs

**Academic Challenge** - An academic team that competes against schools in Stark County to answer the most questions about math, science, language arts, and history.

**Mathletes** - An ambitious group of students that compete in the areas of team problem solving, mental computation, number sense, and geometry.

**National History Day (NHD)** - National History Day allows students to create a documentary, write a play, or design a website about a historical topic of their choice and enter their projects into regional and state competitions.

**Ohio Model United Nations (OMUN)** - Ohio Model United Nations is a student-led event held in Columbus, Ohio, where students learn how to use research, writing, and communication skills to debate peaceful solutions to real issues that countries face.

**Power of the Pen** - a writing league for all who share the love of being creative and self-expressive through words.

**Science Olympiad** - Members design, create, practice, and experiment in order to compete at a regional tournament at the University of Akron. Students are building mousetrap cars, boomilevers, and practicing being crime busters!

**French Club** - Members will explore cultural experiential learning opportunities about French and Francophone culture.

**Student Council** - A dedicated group of students that are given the opportunity to develop leadership through organizing and planning student activities and service projects.

**Yearbook** - A creative, responsible group of students that work together to capture Oakwood memories.

**Art Club** - This club is for students who want to do MORE art after school and who are ready and willing to be creative, to contribute ideas and work with the group, and to be productive.

**Fashion and Costume Design** - Fashion and Costume club is a group of students who want to learn about fashion design and fiber arts, and to create wearable artworks. We make costumes for the musical, and also produce a fashion show at the end of each school year.

**Jazz Band** - A group of band students who rehearse once per week and perform a variety of jazz, rock, funk and latin tunes at concerts, the Plain Local Jazz Festival, as well as for the Glenwood students each year.

**Musical** - A musical production from the Broadway Jr. Series, the most recent show featured over 100 Oakwood students in the cast, crew, and design team.

**Select Choir** - An auditioned, advanced choir made up of 7th and 8th Graders that perform for our community.

## Athletics

Cheerleading, Girls and Boys Cross Country, Football, Volleyball, Girls and Boys Basketball, Wrestling, Girls and Boys Track

**Student Athletic Council** - A dedicated group of Oakwood student-athletes who work to develop policies for all Oakwood athletic teams. Their goal is to be supportive of all teams while maintaining a high level of collaboration and competition amongst the student-athletes at Oakwood.

## Oakwood Community Partners

**Child and Adolescent** - Provides a full-time mental health therapist for Oakwood, as well as prevention counseling.

**Junior Achievement (JA)** - Junior Achievement USA is the nation's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices. During 8th grade, Oakwood students complete an online career program that prepares them for a career fair to show them different pathways in preparation for high school.

**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** - Oakwood has an active PTO that supports both student and teacher activities and interests.

**STEM - 8th Grade Career Day** - Local Engineers and Trades representatives spend the day with STEM students to explore a variety of engineering opportunities.

**Tom Tod, Inc.** - Tom Tod programming enables students to explore their innate abilities, connect to their community's possibilities, and apply what they learn toward community impact. Students embed their work with Tom Tod in Historical Literacy class. They meet guest presenters, take launch trips, and cultivate their ideas in a project-based opportunity.

**University Partners** - University of Akron, Kent State Stark, Malone University, Mount Union University, Stark State, and Walsh University: These educational institutions support our students by hosting a variety of launch trips, providing pre-service teachers for observational hours and student teaching opportunities, and providing professional development opportunities for our staff.



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