

2024/2025 7th Grade Exploratory Options

- Choose 1 yearlong elective OR 2 semester electives.
- Select 1 alternative (backup) semester class.
- Algebra I students can add a study hall, 1 additional year-long class or 2 additional electives.

YEAR-LONG ELECTIVES

_____ **Band 7** Students who play band instruments receive sequential instruction on their instrument. They typically perform several formal concerts during the year and may participate in competitive district events, festivals, and parades. Selected advanced students may also participate in the county's Honors Band Program.

_____ **Chorus 7** Students practice and perform choral literature drawn from a variety of musical styles and foreign languages, including Latin. They may participate in festivals and district events beyond the school. Selected advanced students may also participate in the county's Honors Chorus Program.

_____ **Orchestra 7** Students who play stringed instruments receive sequential instruction. They typically perform several formal concerts during the year. Advanced students may have the opportunity to participate in district strings events.

_____ **AVID 7: Advancement Via Individual Determination** (*application or prior enrollment*) AVID is a class for students who would like extra support in fulfilling a dream of going to college. It focuses on writing, inquiry, reading, and collaboration to prepare students for the required course load in high school. This elective can be continued at MHS.

_____ **Spanish Immersion 7** This course will support students who have previously been enrolled in a dual language program or who are heritage or native Spanish speakers and want to continue their study of Spanish. The focus will be on continuing to practice biliteracy skills, while also refining the finer points of Spanish study to prepare for upper level Spanish courses in high school.

_____ **Study Hall** (*available to Algebra I students only*) Study Hall courses provide students with the opportunity and time to complete classroom assignments or school projects. Students typically work on their own, without the help of a tutor; however, they are supervised and usually remain in the classroom.

_____ **Yearbook 7** Help develop the school's yearbook. Students will participate in the full development of the yearbook which includes photography, superlative awards, and various school news items.

_____ **Broadcast Journalism/Filmmaking** Students will be taught the skills and knowledge on creating, editing, and reporting with film, both live and pre-recorded. Students will research, gather, and analyze information that will be used to create audio and video productions for broadcast to a variety of audiences. Throughout this course students will learn basic journalistic skills, video production skills, and technological skills.

SEMESTER ELECTIVES

_____ **Art 7** Art students at the 7th grade level continue to develop a basic understanding of the elements and principles of art and design, and apply this understanding to a variety of projects. In one semester, we work with four basic materials. These are drawing (pencil/graphite, charcoal, pen), paint, printmaking, and clay (though sometimes other 3 dimensional/sculptural media are substituted). Students study works of art of historical importance, as well as artist's working in the present. This class can be fun, but it is sometimes work, so be prepared!

_____ **Mixed Media Art 7** The term "mixed media art" is a broad definition that covers many arts and crafts, including collage, assemblage (both 2D and 3D), altered objects, including books, boxes, handmade greeting cards, artist trading cards (ATCs) and tags, art journaling, and book making. Students may use digital tools in the fields of programming and coding, game design, creative design, photography, animation and film, and they will enhance their knowledge of media software and how to manipulate and design digital media.

_____ **CTE Media, Arts, and Design Exploration 7** Students will utilize digital tools in the fields of programming and coding, game design, creative design, photography, animation and film, and they will enhance their knowledge of media software and how to manipulate and design digital media.

_____ **STEM Engineering Exploration 7** Students will explore the engineering design process and real-world problem solving through the use of technologies including computer-aided design software, electronics, 3D-printing and CNC machining to discover their related applications. Students make models of significant inventions that have advanced society. After studying these developments, they explore contemporary technological problems facing them, their community, or the world and apply systematic procedures to invent new products or innovations as solutions.

_____ **Spanish A** OR _____ **French A** Coursework includes a strong emphasis on speaking, listening, reading, writing, and cultural awareness. Basic vocabulary and essential grammar are taught. Participation in the grade 7 world languages courses is open to all students. Though helpful, 7th grade Spanish or French is NOT a prerequisite for 8th grade Spanish or French.

Student name: (please print): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____