



Elective Registration Form

8th Grade

2024-2025

Chief Joseph Middle School
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Student Name: _____

8th Graders may take 2 year-long electives (two different music courses or a music and language course), 1 year-long and 4 quarter-long electives, or 8 quarter-long electives.

1. Year-long Elective Classes

A) **World Language:** Leave blank if you do NOT want a World Language

Please check the box if you only want to take your 1st choice.

RANK 1 or 2 if you are willing to take either year long language:

____ Spanish

____ German **OR** ____ French

B) **Performance Music:** Students may select a Band or Orchestra option and should have completed two years of practice on their chosen instrument. You may select Band or Orchestra and Choir if you would like **ONLY** Performance Music Electives. Leave blank if you do NOT want a Performance Music.

____ Band

____ Choir

____ Orchestra

2. Quarter-long Rotation Classes 9-weeks long. Please rank these additional rotation classes with #1 as your first request and #11 as your last request. All classes must be ranked. While all attempts will be made to respect your choices, classes may be subject to change.

____ Art

____ Family & Consumer Science

____ Art II

____ Family & Consumer Science II

____ Ceramics

____ Tech Ed

____ Computer Science

____ Video Production & Photography

____ Career/College Opportunity

____ World Music

____ Drama

Accreditation Standard: Students attending middle school should have a well-rounded experience (in addition to the core offerings), which, at a minimum, include the following program areas: visual arts, music, career and technical education, and world languages. ****We will do our best to meet your requests; however, we cannot guarantee you will be placed in your top requests. ****

Student Signature and Date

Parent Signature and Date



8th GRADE ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Year Long Music Classes:

BAND: This year-long class is designed to prepare students for high school instrumental playing, as well as increase musical understanding through performance. There are increased performance opportunities at this level. Students enrolling in 8th grade band should have three years of playing experience through school classes or private lessons.

CHOIR: This year-long class covers a variety of musical styles and increases understanding through musical performance. Students progress in vocal technique, the ability to sing independent harmonies, and proficiency at music reading.

ORCHESTRA: This year-long class is designed to prepare students for high school instrumental playing as well as increase musical understanding through performance. There are increased performance opportunities at this level. Students enrolling in 8th grade Orchestra should have three years of playing experience through school classes or private lessons.

Year Long Languages

WORLD LANGUAGE: (German or French and Spanish) Students will develop communication skills, vocabulary, cultural knowledge and global awareness through songs, videos, games, readings, and hands-on activities. The 8th grade language course is equivalent to the level 1 course at the High School. Students who are proficient in a world language by the end of 8th grade may enroll in level 2 World Language at the High School.

Quarter (Nine Week) Long Rotation Classes:

ART 8: Calling all artists. In 8th-grade art, students explore the basic artistic elements of drawing, painting, and color theory. Students learn to communicate at a basic level in two-dimensional and three-dimensional art. Through hands-on work and exploration, they design and produce basic analyses of works of art.

ART II 8: Art II is designed for students who enjoy art and want to enhance their skills with a community of similarly interested artists. Students learn to use various painting and drawing media and acquire the skills necessary to create works of their own. Students complete projects, which emphasize the specific design elements of line, shape, space, color, and value. Students may produce projects in clay and sculpture through which they learn about form, function, and construction techniques.

CERAMICS 8 : Come discover your passion for clay. Ceramics class provides students with an experience in clay, both hand-built and wheel-thrown. Students will explore throwing functional ware on the Potter's wheel, coil method, slab construction, and sculpting. In addition, students will learn proper studio use and maintenance and beginning glazing and firing techniques.

COMPUTER SCIENCE: Students learn general computer science topics, analyze the physical components of computers, and develop and apply computer-coding skills. Students will become familiar with coding concepts such as variables, loops and functions, etc. and will apply those concepts in numerous ways.

COLLEGE/CAREER & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES: Students will complete units on Career Exploration, College Opportunities, Resume Writing, Job Application Skills, and Budgeting. They will also become proficient at using the Montana Career and Information Service Database to create career portfolios.

DRAMA: There is more to a production than acting! In this class, students will prepare a show from start to finish focusing on all aspects of production including directing, set and costume design, acting and lighting.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE : Healthy eating and nutrition are taught with a hands-on emphasis. Students learn basic cooking skills and how to make healthy food choices by preparing and eating healthy recipes. Managing money, making financial decisions, and career exploration are also taught. Class utilizes sewing machines to construct a project.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE II : This course introduces various world cultures through independent student research and presentations. Part of the research component includes learning about authentic foods of the culture. Students prepare and sample ethnic dishes from around the world.

TECH ED 8 : Students continue to develop their understanding of the engineering design process, and design and build a project of their choosing with provided materials. Students research fluid dynamics concepts and use that information to design and build a toy boomerang. Basic electronics topics are covered and students build a small electronics kit. Students will be using power tools to build their projects in a shop setting and safety topics are extensively covered and modeled for the students.

VIDEO PRODUCTION & PHOTOGRAPHY: This course is an introduction to filmmaking, and an introduction to graphic design using technology as a tool to learn and explore concepts related to both topics. Students will learn Photoshop skills and learn how to manipulate photos while looking at Photoshop as a tool for graphic design to create at least one short, 3 to 5 minute movie.

WORLD MUSIC 8: An active music class exploring the cultures of the world through music. Students play drums, percussion instruments, sing, dance, listen, read, and compose music through the study of Africa, Latin America, Asia, American Jazz and Native North America. At the end of our instructional time together we have a performance and cultural potluck.