

Ellis Middle School 7th Grade Elective Course Registration



OUR MISSION

(Our Core Purpose)

INSPIRE. EMPOWER. ACCELERATE.

OUR VISION

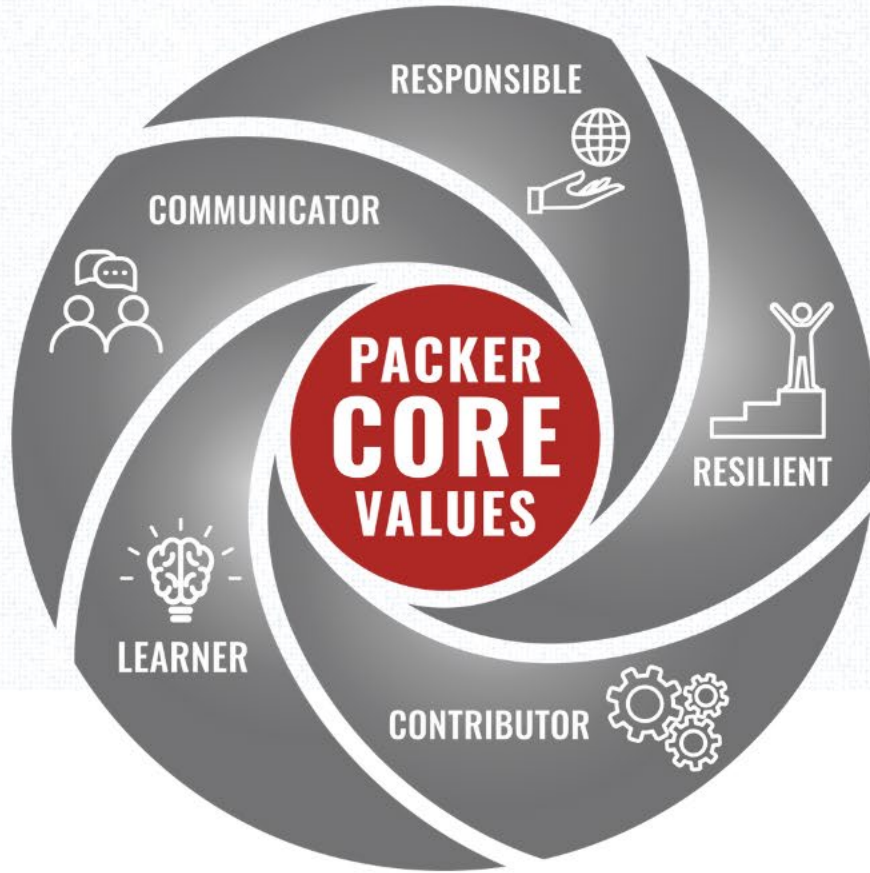
(What We Intend to Create)

PREPARING ALL LEARNERS TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

(Drivers of Our Continuous Improvement)

1. Support and resources to ensure a safe and welcoming learning environment
2. Packer Profile for all learners
3. District-wide multi-tiered systems of support for all learners
4. Excellence in resource management



OUR CORE VALUES

(Drivers of Our Words and Actions)

- **Responsible:** Demonstrates accountability to self and others
- **Resilient:** Develops perseverance and self-confidence
- **Learner:** Challenges self to think critically
- **Communicator:** Listens actively and shares learning and experiences
- **Contributor:** Engages as a productive member of the community and global society

Ellis Middle School

- Typical 7th Grade Courses:
 - Math 7
 - Language Arts 7
 - Science 7
 - Social Studies 7
 - PE (Semester)/Health (Quarter)
 - Writing (Semester)
 - Elective Choice (s)

Students receiving EL or Special Services may have courses not listed above.

Ellis Middle School: Sample 7th Grade Schedule

	Q1 (8/26/2024 - 10/25/2024)	Q2 (10/26/2024 - 1/10/2025)	Q3 (1/11/2025 - 3/28/2025)	Q4 (3/29/2025 - 5/30/2025)
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01	Pre-Algebra 8:00 AM - 8:53 AM Room: 318 Finley & Smith	Pre-Algebra 8:00 AM - 8:53 AM Room: 318 Finley & Smith	Pre-Algebra 8:00 AM - 8:53 AM Room: 318 Finley & Smith	Pre-Algebra 8:00 AM - 8:53 AM Room: 318 Finley & Smith
02	Video Production 7 (Q) 8:57 AM - 9:50 AM Room: 240 Anthony, Hunter Steven	Digital Literacy 7 8:57 AM - 9:50 AM Room: 132 Raso, Matthew	Writing 7 8:57 AM - 9:50 AM Room: 343 Smith, Jennifer	Writing 7 8:57 AM - 9:50 AM Room: 343 Smith, Jennifer
03	Science 7 9:54 AM - 10:47 AM Room: 392 Riedl, Ryan M	Science 7 9:54 AM - 10:47 AM Room: 392 Riedl, Ryan M	Science 7 9:54 AM - 10:47 AM Room: 392 Riedl, Ryan M	Science 7 9:54 AM - 10:47 AM Room: 392 Riedl, Ryan M
04	Flight & Space (Q) 10:51 AM - 12:10 PM Room: 243 Grade 7 Wayne Lunch: 7B	Art Exploration 7 10:51 AM - 12:10 PM Room: 246 Holmes, Kate Lunch: 7A	Study Hall 7 10:51 AM - 12:10 PM Room: 330 Twedten, Sara Lunch: 7B	Health 7 10:51 AM - 12:10 PM Room: 225 Lang, Kelly Lunch: 7A
05	Social Studies 7 12:14 PM - 1:07 PM Room: 376 Anthony, Hunter Steven	Social Studies 7 12:14 PM - 1:07 PM Room: 376 Anthony, Hunter Steven	Social Studies 7 12:14 PM - 1:07 PM Room: 376 Anthony, Hunter Steven	Social Studies 7 12:14 PM - 1:07 PM Room: 376 Anthony, Hunter Steven
06	Physical Education 7 1:11 PM - 2:04 PM Room: GYM 2 Nelson, Travis	Physical Education 7 1:11 PM - 2:04 PM Room: GYM 2 Nelson, Travis	Digital Art & Design 7 (Q) 1:11 PM - 2:04 PM Room: 131 Johnson, Lars D	Woodworking 7 1:11 PM - 2:04 PM Room: 201 Vaughn, Eric
07	Language Arts 7 2:07 PM - 3:00 PM Room: 340 Walski, Julie A	Language Arts 7 2:07 PM - 3:00 PM Room: 340 Walski, Julie A	Language Arts 7 2:07 PM - 3:00 PM Room: 340 Walski, Julie A	Language Arts 7 2:07 PM - 3:00 PM Room: 340 Walski, Julie A

Elective Registration

One of the most important parts of your transition to Ellis

Your choice is a way to express yourself, learn about yourself and challenge yourself

Choose classes that YOU are interested in! There is no guarantee that you will be in classes with your friends, so choose classes that will help you learn and grow!

Music Options

Full school year
commitment

Lessons are required

Wanting to join band or
orchestra? Please
contact the music
director for permission.

Wanting to drop music,
please be sure to have
those conversations
with your parents and
teachers.

Electives Important Information:

Selecting your electives does not guarantee you will be scheduled for them, but we will do our best to honor your requests.

Electives are graded

Students must take 2 of the four areas in Visual and Performing Arts to meet state requirement

Elective Choices:

If in music:

- Band 7 – 2 Semesters
- Orchestra 7 – 2 Semesters
- Choir 7 – 2 Semesters

You will choose one:

- Plastics 7 – 1 Quarter
- Woodworking 7 – 1 Quarter

You will rank order art electives 1-3, with #1 your FAVORITE:

- Art Explorations 7 – 1 Quarter
- Digital Art & Design 7 – 1 Quarter
- Intro to Theater Arts – 1 Quarter

You will rank order other electives 1-4, with #1 your FAVORITE:

- Flight & Space – 1 Quarter
- Digital Literacy – 1 Quarter
- Video Production 7 – 1 Quarter
- Study Hall – 1 Quarter or 1 Semester

Course Registration Card

Use pencil

Rank order your choices

7 TH GRADE ELECTIVES REGISTRATION CARD 2025-2026	
Students registering for Music must complete this section: (If you are <i>not planning to take music</i> , skip this section and go to the next section)	
Things to consider before making your selections: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music courses are yearlong (2 semesters) courses• You can sign up for choir even if you have never been in it before• You cannot sign up for band or orchestra if you've never been in it before unless you contact the Ellis Band or Orchestra instructor and obtain permission (click link below or email the teacher directly).<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ethan Wightkin, Band Director ethan.wightkin@austin.k12.tx.us▪ Jacob Crosby, Orchestra Director jacob.crosby@austin.k12.tx.us• You can choose to be in two music courses.	
Place an <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box for one of the following music options:	
<input type="checkbox"/> 602710 Band only <input type="checkbox"/> 602720 Orchestra only <input type="checkbox"/> 602730 Choir only	
<input type="checkbox"/> Band & Choir <input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra & Choir	
All students complete the following three sections, even if you registered for music:	
Choose one of the following by placing an <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box:	
<input type="checkbox"/> 610701 Plastics 7 (quarter class) OR <input type="checkbox"/> 610702 Woodworking 7 (quarter class)	
Things to consider before making your selections: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ We will do our best to honor your top elective choices, but selections are not guaranteed▪ Be certain to read through all the elective course choices before making your selections	
Please rank order your top <u>art</u> elective choices 1, 2, 3 - #1 being for your most favorite and so on.	
_____ 602700 Art Exploration 7 (quarter class)	
_____ 610703 Digital Art & Design 7 (quarter class)	
_____ 602980 Intro to Theater Arts (mixed 7 th and 8 th grade) (quarter class)	
Please rank order your top <u>other</u> elective choices 1, 2, 3, 4 - #1 being for your most favorite and so on.	
_____ 610904 Flight and Space (mixed 7 th and 8 th grade) (quarter class)	
_____ 630710 Digital Literacy 7 (quarter class)	
_____ 630730 Video Production 7 (quarter class)	
_____ 689930 Study Hall (quarter or semester class)	

Next steps



February 4 & February 11: IJ Holton Conferences
– Parents will review and/or adjust your Elective Registration Cards



IJ Holton teachers will be making Core Course recommendations later this spring

Later this Spring



Course verification sheets listing all courses you were recommended for, as well as the electives you chose, will be sent home by mail



You will have one week to review the course verification sheet with your parents. Parents can advocate for a course change.



Requesting changes? Contact: Lynn Keenan by email at lynn.Keenan@austin.k12.mn.us or by phone at 507-460-1533.

Coming....
End of Q4/End of the Semester
Ellis Orientation Tour – including information on
Sports & Grading at Ellis

