



Scheduling Options for 7th and 8th Grade

2024-2025

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GENERAL



WWMS INFORMATION





Nurse information

Students planning to participate in sports need a physical.

Physicals must be dated after April 1st

Forms should be turned in by the first day of school.

Any parent/guardian who has a religious or medical reason not to immunize their child will need to submit their objection in writing to the school nurse. This must be updated yearly.

Forms are on our website under
“Health Services Information”

— Physical Forms

- [Elementary Physical Exam Form](#)
- [WWMS and MHS Physical Exam Form](#)
- [IHSAA Physical Form](#) - IHSAA physicals for the 2023/2024 school year must be dated **on or after** April 1, 2023. ***Required for MHS Athletes only.**

***PLEASE NOTE:**

The IHSAA physical is a completely separate physical form than what is required by our school nurse and for PE participation. Please return the IHSAA physical directly to the Athletics Office NOT the Main Office! Only the original form is accepted – we do not accept copies or faxes.

— Immunization Forms

- [CHIRP Consent Form](#)
- [Immunization Exemption Form](#)





Weekly Block Schedule

MONDAY 7:55	TUESDAY 7:55	WEDNESDAY 7:55	THURSDAY 8:15	FRIDAY 7:55
Period 2	Period 1	Advisory	Period 2	Period 1
		Period 1		
Advisory	Period 3	Period 2	Advisory	Period 3
		Period 3		
Period 4	Period 5	Period 4	Period 4	Period 5
		Period 5		
Period 6	Period 7	Period 6	Period 6	Period 7
		Period 7		
Dismissal 2:50	Dismissal 2:50	Dismissal 2:50	Dismissal 2:50	Dismissal 2:50





Grading at WWMS

- WWMS does not follow a “No Zero” grading policy
- If a student has a missing assignment, it will be entered as “0 points earned” in the grade book
- Individual teachers develop their own Late Work policies





Weighted Grading

Category	Weight
Assessments	60%
Assignments	40%

All classes follow this grade weighting.

This is to prepare students for the high school grade weighting that is 60% Assessment, 25% Practice, and 15% Final.





SCHEDULING

REQUIRED COURSES





7th Grade Required Courses

- 7th Grade Core Academic Courses
 - Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts
 - These courses last the entire year (2 semesters)
- All students take at least 1 semester of PE each year
- All 7th graders take 1 semester of Health
- All students have an Advisory period
 - Grade checks, character development activities, and more!



7th Grade Required Courses

Sample schedule

	Semester 1	Semester 2
	Advisory	
Period 1	Math	
Period 2	Language Arts	
Period 3	Social Studies	
Period 4	Science	
Period 5	PE	Health
Period 6	<i>Elective</i>	<i>Elective</i>
Period 7	<i>Elective</i>	<i>Elective</i>



8th Grade Required Courses

- 8th Grade Core Academic Courses
 - Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts
 - These courses last the entire year (2 semesters)
- All students take at least 1 semester of PE each year
- All 8th graders have an Advisory period
 - Grade checks, team building and character development activities, and more!



8th Grade Required Courses

Sample schedule

	Semester 1	Semester 2
	Advisory	
Period 1	Math	
Period 2	Language Arts	
Period 3	Social Studies	
Period 4	Science	
Period 5	PE	<i>Elective</i>
Period 6	<i>Elective</i>	<i>Elective</i>
Period 7	<i>Elective</i>	<i>Elective</i>



Math Class Progression

Gr.	General Math	Honors	Double Honors
6	6th grade Math	7th Grade Math Honors	Pre-Algebra Honors
7	7th grade Math	Pre-Algebra Honors	Pre-AP Algebra (MHS Credit)
8	Pre-Algebra	Pre-AP Algebra (MHS Credit)	Pre-AP Geometry (MHS Credit)
9	Algebra (MHS Credit)	Pre-AP Geometry (MHS Credit)	AP Algebra
10	Geometry (MHS Credit)	AP Algebra	Pre-Calc & Trig
11	Algebra II (MHS Credit)	Pre-Calc & Trig	AP Calc (AB or BC)
12	Choice math course	AP Calc (AB or BC)	*AP Stats or College course with Transportation and cost left to the families



High School Credit Courses

Offered to 8th grade students - NOT REQUIRED

- Computing Foundations for a Digital Age
- Engineering Essentials
- Prep for College and Careers (PCC)
- Spanish
- Pre-AP Algebra
- Pre-AP Geometry
- Pre-AP Bio
 - The 8th grade Honors Science course





High School Credit Courses

Offered to 8th grade students

- These courses are high school level courses.
- The grades students earn in these courses go on their high school transcripts and are included in their high school GPA.
- No student is required to take a high school level course while at WWMS.
- Grade replacement policy. Students *can* retake courses at MHS to improve a grade.





New Diplomas

What do I need to know **NOW**?

Some students would really benefit from taking PCC and Computing Foundations for a digital age in 8th grade.

- Athletes....so you can take Weights all year.
- Band, Orchestra, Choir because these are full year electives.
- Highest Diploma Seal - Will make room from more AP courses





New Diplomas

World Language Requirements -

Most basic diploma does not require a language.
Colleges look for 2-3 years of a world language.

Grade Replacement Policy - If you are taking an MHS credit course at WWMS, you can take it again for a grade replacement. If you are taking classes to “open” up your high school schedule, taking the class again negates the benefit of taking it at WWMS.





SCHEDULING

ELECTIVE COURSES





ELECTIVE DESCRIPTIONS

The following slides have course descriptions for these possible electives:

● Band/Orchestra/Choir	● Computer Graphics	● Nutrition & Wellness	● Engineering Essentials
● Exploring Music	● Ceramics	● GTT	● PCC
● 7 th Grade Art	● FACS	● Coding & Web Design	● Spanish
● 8 th Grade Art	● PE-Elective	● Computing Foundations for a Digital Age	● Exploring World Languages



BAND/ORCHESTRA/CHOIR

BAND	CHOIR	ORCHESTRA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No previous experience required• Band is a year-long course (2 semesters)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No previous experience required• Choir is a year-long course (2 semesters)• <u>Click here to watch a video about Choir!</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No previous experience required• Orchestra is a year-long course (2 semesters)



EXPLORING MUSIC

- Exploring Music is a 1-semester course
- Can only be taken once while at WWMS
- Students in this course receive an introduction to playing the piano, learn about music theory, music in movies, different types of music, composing and arranging
- No musical background needed to take this class, just a love of music!



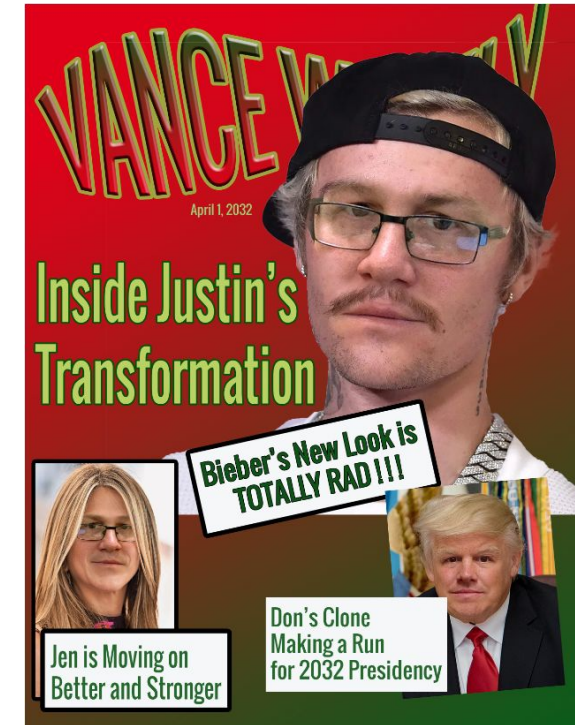
7TH/8TH GRADE ART

- 7th/8th Grade Art is a 1-semester course
- Students will learn to paint, draw, work with clay, and printmaking. Students will also learn about artists and different art movements.
- There will be a focus on building individual skills and expressing creativity.



A man with glasses and a blue polo shirt is sitting in an office. Behind him are filing cabinets, a desk with a computer monitor, and a wall with a sign that says "BE HELPER".

- Computer Graphics is a 1-semester course
- Can only be taken once while at WWMS
- Students will use Photoshop and Animate to make computer-based art projects.



CERAMICS

Offered to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students

- Ceramics is a 1-semester course.
- Can only be taken once while at WWMS
- Students will use clay to create pots, boxes, whistles and other items.





FACS

(FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE)

Offered to 7th and 8th Grade Students

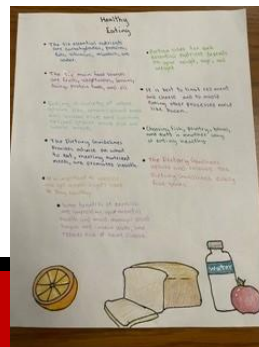
- FACS is a 1-semester course.
- Can only be taken once while at WWMS
- Students in FACS will learn about developing their own unique personality, career planning, time management skills, nutrition and health, and how to cook certain foods.



NUTRITION & WELLNESS

Offered to 7th and 8th Grade Students

- Nutrition & Wellness is a 1-semester course.
- Can only be taken once while at WWMS
- This class introduces students to the basics of food preparation so they can become self-sufficient in accessing healthy and nutritious foods.





PE - ELECTIVE

Offered to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students

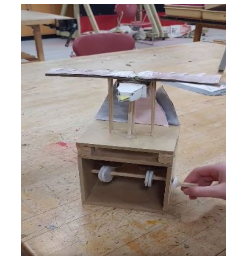
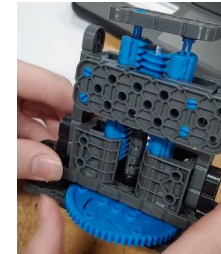
- PE-Elective is a separate course from PE. Students who choose PE-Elective will have PE in the Fall semester and PE-Elective in the Spring semester.
- PE-Elective is a 1-semester course that builds off of the first semester of PE and includes fitness activities and faster paced games.
- Activities in this course include: Fitness Training, Fitness Testing, Strength Training, Basketball, Soccer, Floor Hockey, Ultimate Passing, Team Handball, Wiffle Ball, Ping Pong, and Flag Football.

GTT (GATEWAY TO TECHNOLOGY)



Offered to 7th and 8th Grade Students

- GTT is a 1-semester course.
- Adding modules! If you want to take this again, you can!
- Students explore the topics of Design and Modeling, Computer Science, and Robotics.
- GTT is an introduction to engineering course. Students in GTT will learn the design process using Inventor while working to design products for real world problems.





CODING & WEB DESIGN

Offered to 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Students

- Coding & Web Design is a 1-semester course.
- Can only be taken once while at WWMS
- Topics covered include: Data and Information, Computing Devices and Systems, Programs and Algorithms, Networking and Communication, Impact and Culture, and building websites.

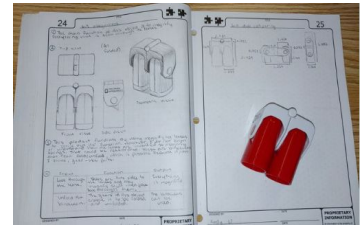
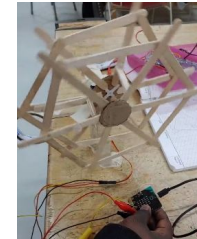
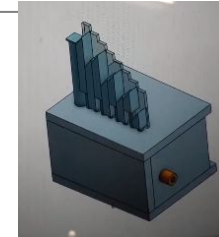


ENGINEERING ESSENTIALS

(MHS CREDIT)

Offered to 8th grade students

- Engineering Essentials is a 2-semester course.
- Recommended you take GTT in 7th grade (but not required).
- Engineering Essentials is a high school level course for high school credit.
- Topics include: design process, Experimental Design, and Testing, CAD and Drafting, Geographic Information System (GIS), Systems Thinking, Project Management.





SPANISH (MHS CREDIT)



- Spanish is a 2-semester, year-long course.
- ELA grades from 7th grade should be at least a B- or higher for the quarter/semester grades.
- Students will learn to read, write, speak and listen in Spanish.
- Spanish is a high school level course for high school credit. This course is the same course that is taught at MHS (Spanish I). The credits a student receives in this course will become part of the student's official high school transcript and the grades received in this course will be included in the official high school GPA.



EXPLORING WORLD LANGUAGES

Offered to 8th grade students

- Exploring World Languages is a 1-semester course
- Not a MHS credit course
- 8th grade students only
- This course will explore the languages taught at MHS; 9 weeks of Spanish, 4 weeks of French, 4 weeks of American Sign Language, and a cultural project.





Computing Foundations for a Digital Age

(MHS CREDIT)

- 1-semester course.
- Students will learn the skills and processes needed to develop computer artifacts, basic coding.
- This is a high school level course for high school credit.
- Required course for MHS diploma.



PCC (MHS CREDIT)

Offered to 8th grade students

- PCC (Preparing for College and Careers) is a 1-semester course.
- Students in PCC cover topics such as: communication, leadership, and management processes; career exploration and planning; roles and responsibilities as an individual and as family members; building employment skills and transferring academic skills to one's life work.
- PCC is a high school level course for high school credit.
- **Required course for MHS diploma.**



STUDY HALL

Offered to 7th, 8th grade students

- Offered for 1 or 2 semesters
- The students in Study Hall will be actively working on daily homework and check-ins with the teacher, etc.



AIDE POSITIONS

Offered to 8th grade students

- Aide Positions are 1-semester courses.
- Once schedules are final, we will look at study hall periods for students interested in serving as a guidance aide or a media center aide.
- Students will need good grades, attendance and behavior to be considered for a position as an aide.



Ranking your choices

We build the master schedules based on requests each year.
Not all electives are offered each period because many teachers teach more than one course.

Because we balance class sizes, we cannot guarantee your first choice elective.
By ranking electives, you help us to know what you would prefer if your first choice is not available.

Because we build the schedule each year, it is sometimes impossible to ask in the fall to switch from one class to a different one.





NEXT STEPS

- Tomorrow, February 13, we will email parents a Google form link to submit scheduling requests with this presentation.
- We need this form completed by Wednesday, February 19.





QUESTIONS?