



Elective Registration Form

8th Grade

2025-2026

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

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 #12 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

____ Family & Consumer Science III

____ Ceramics II

____ Drama

____ Tech Ed

____ World Music

____ Video Production

____ Digital Music

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 PERFORMANCE MUSIC COURSES:

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 WORLD LANGUAGE COURSES:

GERMAN OR 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 / 9-WEEK LONG ROTATION COURSES:

Art I: Calling All Young Artists! In this course, students explore the world of art and unlock their own creativity. In 8th-grade art, students dive into the exciting world of drawing, painting, and color! Through sketching and painting, students get the chance to experiment with tons of new techniques and materials.

ART II: Unleash Your Inner Artist! In Art II, students get the opportunity to create and level up their art skills! In this course, students explore new ways to paint, draw, and make 3D art. Whether it's through creating cool illustrations or sculpting amazing designs, students are able to try out different techniques and materials while working with other creative minds.

CERAMICS I: Shape Your Imagination in Clay! Want to create amazing art that's not only beautiful but also functional? Welcome to Ceramics I, where your imagination takes shape with every twist and turn of the clay! In this hands-on class, you'll explore the magic of transforming a simple lump of clay into stunning pieces you can share with family and friends.

CERAMICS II: Master Your Clay Creations! This course, like Ceramics I, allows students to develop new pottery skills by exploring new techniques and making unique projects. Students do not need to have taken Ceramics I, as this class offers unique learning opportunities and projects.

DRAMA: It's showtime! Students will learn and experience all of the pieces that must work together to perform in a play. This class will spend the quarter working towards a final performance that will be performed in front of family and friends at the conclusion of the quarter. Students will have an on stage role as well as learn about stage lights, set design, costume design, props, and so much more.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE EXPLORATORY I: Students will develop essential cooking skills while learning how to make healthy food choices by preparing and enjoying nutritious recipes. They'll also dive into managing money, making smart financial decisions, and exploring different career paths. Additionally, students will gain hands-on experience using sewing tools and equipment to create a small textile project, building both creativity and practical skills along the way.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE II- WORLD CUISINES & CULTURES : Take in a delicious journey around the world, exploring diverse cultures and their unique cuisines. Students will "travel" to different countries, learning about their geography, food traditions, and cultural customs. It's an opportunity to taste new flavors, learn about the world, and build valuable cooking skills at the same time.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE III - FASHION, SEWING AND TEXTILES: In this introductory sewing course, 8th graders will cover the essentials of sewing, from basic hand stitches to operating a sewing machine. They'll learn how to read patterns and choose the right fabrics, all while creating fun and practical projects. With a strong focus on safety and proper techniques, students not only build their sewing skills, but also explore the fascinating history and culture behind clothing.

TECH ED - Woodshop & Design: Students will split their time between the Wood Shop & Classroom settings. They will learn about shop safety, using various hand tools & power tools to build projects including, but not limited to a Chromebook Charging Station, Candy Dispenser, Peg Game, and future projects to be determined. Students will also learn to use Google's SketchUp design program to learn basic computer design skills. Basic electronics topics will be taught and students will solder a small electronics kit.

VIDEO PRODUCTION: Students will learn about basic styles of film and utilize iMovie and other video editing software to produce a short film (1-5 minutes) on a topic of their choice. Focus will be on choosing a topic, shooting b-roll, recording voice over, and engaging in the editing process. Films will be showcased at a Video Production party at the end of the quarter. Other small film projects will be included at teacher discretion.

WORLD MUSIC : 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.

DIGITAL MUSIC: Come and learn the basics of music production in our digital music course! This quarter-long class will teach students how to listen critically to popular music and how to use a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) to create music of their own.