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2025-26 Middle School Registration Guide

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A LETTER FROM EAST & WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

This course registration guide is one tool to use in planning for the upcoming school year. In addition to the course descriptions offered, school counselors and teachers are available for guidance during this important process.

As students and families begin to review registration information, we suggest focusing on the following questions:

- **What are the courses that I need to take in order to assure that I continue to make progress toward fulfilling the school district's graduation requirements?**
- **What courses should I take to best prepare for my future?**
- **What courses align with my areas of interest?**

Sixth-grade students transition from the elementary model of education; where they have a primary teacher most of the day, to the secondary model, where they generally have a different teacher for each class. **Students' schedules are mostly set, but there are opportunities to join band and/or choir or music production.** Additionally, students can register for Accelerated Reading/Language Arts, and/or Pre-Algebra (single accelerated math) or Algebra 1 (double accelerated math).

Seventh and eighth-grade students can elect to enroll in Accelerated English and/or Accelerated Science. Students are offered more choices to explore through elective classes as they prepare to enter the Academies of Shakopee at Shakopee High School.

Before registration, we encourage families to decide on a schedule of courses for the next school year. Registration selection will help our team make critical decisions regarding staffing, room use and overall student support.

We look forward to ensuring every student reaches their greatest potential and are here to answer any questions along the way!

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Shakopee Schools, in partnership with our community, will educate lifelong learners to succeed in a diverse world

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6TH GRADE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The school year for sixth grade is divided into two semesters, each with two quarters.

GRADE 6				
1	English Language Arts (full year)			
2	Reading (full year)			
3	Social Studies (full year)			
4	Mathematics (full year)			
5	Science (full year)			
6	3 Academy Gateway Courses & Health (one quarter each) 			
	Arts & Communications	Human Services	Science & Technology	Health
7	Band, Choir or Music Production (every other day)			
	Physical Education or Second Band/Choir Course (every other day)			

Required Year-Long Courses

- English Language Arts
- Reading
- Social Studies
- Mathematics
- Science

Students will also take a year-long Physical Education (PE) course that alternates with either Band, Choir or Music Production.

In addition to year-long courses, students will take one-quarter of Health and three one-quarter Academy Gateway courses.

NOTE: In some situations, based on academic need, a student may be limited to one music course and another academic support class.

Band & Choir Options

A student may take:

- Band every-other-day opposite of PE
- Choir every-other-day opposite of PE
- Band and Choir every-other-day (the second music class will replace either PE or two Gateway courses)



See Page 7 for Advanced Course Offerings

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7TH GRADE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Seventh grade students will choose either the Non-Alternating Pathway or the Alternating Pathway as shown below.

NON-ALTERNATING PATHWAY		
GRADE 7		
1	English Language Arts (full year)	
2	Social Studies (full year)	
3	Mathematics (full year)	
4	Science (full year)	
5	Academy Gateway Courses (one quarter of each)  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business & Entrepreneurship • Engineering & Manufacturing • Health Sciences 	
	Health (one quarter)	
6	Elective (semester)	Elective (semester)
7	Physical Ed. (semester)	Elective (semester)

ALTERNATING PATHWAY		
GRADE 7		
1	English Language Arts (full year)	
2	Social Studies (full year)	
3	Mathematics (full year)	
4	Science (full year)	
5	Academy Gateway Courses (one quarter of each)  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business & Entrepreneurship • Engineering & Manufacturing • Health Sciences 	
	Health (one quarter)	
6	Elective (semester)	Elective (semester)
7	Alternating Elective 1 (every other day)	
	Alternating Elective 2 (every other day)	

Note | Students taking Band AND Choir will have one semester of physical education during an elective period.

Required Year-Long Courses

In seventh grade, students are required to take year-long courses in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

Students will take one-quarter of Health and three one-quarter Academy Gateway courses.

Band & Choir

Students NOT in Band or Choir will take one-semester of Physical Education and have their choice of three one-semester elective classes. Students electing to take Band or Choir will take a year-long Physical Education course that will alternate with Band or Choir.



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8TH GRADE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students in eighth grade will choose either the Non-Alternating Pathway or the Alternating Pathway as shown below.

NON-ALTERNATING PATHWAY		
GRADE 7		
1	English Language Arts (full year)	
2	Social Studies (full year)	
3	Mathematics (full year)	
4	Science (full year)	
5	Elective (semester)	Elective (semester)
6	Elective (semester)	Elective (semester)
7	Physical Ed. (semester)	Elective (semester)

Required Year-Long Courses

In eighth grade, students are required to take year-long courses in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Students are also required to take semester-long courses in Physical Education and several electives courses.

Band & Choir

Students electing to take Band or Choir will have a year-long alternating Physical Education and Band or Choir class.

ALTERNATING PATHWAY		
GRADE 7		
1	English Language Arts (full year)	
2	Social Studies (full year)	
3	Mathematics (full year)	
4	Science (full year)	
5	Elective (semester)	Elective (semester)
6	Elective (semester)	Elective (semester)
7	Alternating Elective 1 (every other day)	
	Alternating Elective 2 (every other day)	

Note | Students taking Band AND Choir will have one semester of physical education during an elective period.



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ADVANCED COURSES

Shakopee Public Schools has a variety of advanced courses intended to provide appropriate challenges for students who are interested in a more rigorous curriculum.

Students can select Accelerated Math courses (Grade 6 only), Accelerated English Language Arts (Grades 6, 7 & 8) and Accelerated Science courses (Grades 7 & 8).

Below is information that can assist with registration or placement details for accelerated courses at the middle level. Students and families should carefully consider what the appropriate challenge is for them.

GRADE	SUBJECT	GENERAL COURSE	ACCELERATED COURSE	DOUBLE ACCELERATED
6	Reading & Language Arts	Reading & Language Arts	Accelerated Reading & Language Arts	
	Mathematics	Math 6	Accelerated Pre-Algebra	Accelerated Algebra 1
	Science	Earth Science 6		
7	English Language Arts	English 7	Accelerated English 7	
	Mathematics	Pre-Algebra	Accelerated Algebra 1	Accelerated Geometry
	Science	Life Science 7	Accelerated Life Science 7	
8	English Language Arts	English 8	Accelerated English 8	
	Mathematics	Algebra 1	Accelerated Geometry	Accelerated Algebra 2
	Science	Physical Science 8	Accelerated Physical Science 8	

ACCELERATED MATH COURSES**6th Grade Only**

Students may select to participate in accelerated math courses starting in sixth grade. Below are recommendations to consider for selection.

6th Grade Math Single-Accelerated Course Option:**Accelerated Pre-Algebra 6**

If a student selects to participate in Accelerated Pre-Algebra, they should be aware that they are advancing one grade level above in Math; in essence, taking the seventh-grade Pre-Algebra course. Typically, students who are successful in this course have consistently scored at or above the 80th percentile on FastBridge tests or other comparable data. Their previous math grades have demonstrated that they are consistently performing at or above grade level.

6th Grade Math Double-Accelerated Course Option:**Accelerated Algebra 6**

If a student selects to participate in Accelerated Algebra, they should be aware that they are advancing two grade levels above in Math; in essence, taking the eighth-grade Algebra course. Typically, students who are successful in this course have consistently scored at or above the 95th percentile on FastBridge tests or other comparable data. Their previous math grades have demonstrated that they are consistently performing well above grade level.

Students and families should reach out to their classroom math teacher, HP teacher, or counselor with any questions about helping them find the appropriate level of challenge for them.

MATH SINGLE ACCELERATED**7th & 8th Grade Only**

Students will either complete the prerequisite accelerated math course or test into the course. Please see your counselor for more information regarding this process.

MATH TWICE ACCELERATED**7th & 8th Grade Only**

Students will either complete the prerequisite accelerated math course or test into the course. Please see your counselor for more information regarding this process.

ACCELERATED SCIENCE COURSES**7th & 8th Grade Only**

Students may select to participate in accelerated science courses starting in seventh grade. Students who are successful in these accelerated courses are ready for a challenge and have a love for the subject matter.

ACCELERATED LANGUAGE ARTS COURSES**6th, 7th and 8th Grade**

Students may select to participate in accelerated English Language Arts in sixth, seventh and/or eighth grade. Typically, students who are successful in this course have consistently scored at or above the 80th percentile on FastBridge tests or other comparable data. Their previous language arts grades have demonstrated that they are consistently performing at or above grade level.

EXIT CRITERIA FOR ACCELERATED COURSES**Building Administrator has final authority on all student exits**Request by Student and/or Parent/Guardian

- The student and/or parent/guardian discuss ongoing concerns with the teacher as the course progresses.
- Continuous communication between the teacher and parents/guardians are included in on discussion of concerns about the student.

In normal circumstances, if a parent/guardian requests his/her student be exited from the course, that request will be honored at the end of the current grading period. The student's grade for that grading period will count in the student's GPA.

Recommendation by Teacher

- The teacher begins and maintains an ongoing discussion of concerns with the student throughout the course and discusses the concerns with a parent/guardian as soon as appropriate.
- The parties agree to a performance contract, signed by student and parent/guardian, and shared with the Building Administration.
- If the performance contract does not alleviate the concerns, the teacher shares the results with the student's counselor and Building Administration.

Student Failure

If a student fails a course, they will be removed from that discipline's advanced course sequence.



ADVANCED COURSES - HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS

Shakopee Public Schools offers a variety of advanced course options to students in Grades 9-12 and ways students can earn college credit. Please connect with your counselor for specific criteria.



Concurrent Enrollment (College in the Schools – CIS)

Normandale Community College - Hennepin Technical College - St. Cloud State University -

CIS is a dual enrollment program in which students who successfully complete a course receive transcribed college credit and high school credit. University or college credit is awarded to students who successfully meet the standards of both the high school and college course. Eligibility criteria for concurrent enrollment courses vary for each course. Please see the individual course descriptions for these criteria.



Advanced Placement (AP)

AP is an international program of college-level coursework. Typically, students who earn a 3, 4 or 5 on the AP test may qualify for college credit. To make sure that a particular college accepts AP credit, students must contact the specific college. The students' experience in an AP course, and what makes them eligible for college credit, include preparing for and taking the AP National Exam are taken into account. There are no eligibility criteria for AP courses established by the College Board. However, there may be prerequisite or co-requisite course requirements.



Project Lead the Way (PLTW)

PLTW is a national program that provides students opportunities to gain the science, technology, engineering and math skills necessary to succeed in a global economy. High School students can earn university credits through the completion of Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses. College credit eligibility varies by university. There are no eligibility criteria for participation in PLTW courses, however students should see the course instructor or counselor regarding any eligibility requirements needed to access college credit.



St. Cloud State University: Students need to earn at least an 80% in the class and have a score of “Accomplished” on the end of course exam. Three credits in ETS199 can be earned per course at a fee of \$100 per credit.



Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT): Some PLTW classes at Shakopee High School are eligible for credit at RIT at a cost of \$225 per credit.



Articulated College Credit (ACC)

ACC can be earned in courses that have agreements with Minnesota Technical, Community or 4-year Colleges and Universities. Students who successfully complete these courses, and any other additional requirements, have the option to earn college credit and high school credit. ACC is only awarded if students register for credits at CTECreditMN.com in high school and attend one of the partnering institutions after high school. ACC is NOT transcribed until you have enrolled and taken a course at a partnering institution. There are no eligibility criteria for participation in ACC, however students should see the course instructor or counselor regarding any eligibility requirements.



REQUIRED COURSES - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

GRADE	GENERAL	ACCELERATED
6	Reading & Language Arts 6	Accelerated Reading & Language Arts 6
7	English 7	Accelerated English 7
8	English 8	Accelerated English 8

6 6TH GRADE OPTIONS

LANGUAGE ARTS 6

Required, Full Year

The sixth grade language arts curriculum consists of various modes of writing and focuses on essays, poetry, and reports. Major writing projects include argumentative, descriptive, and research papers. The language arts class also provides a foundation for writing in other content areas. Grammar, spelling and writing conventions are taught in the context of students' own reading and writing.

READING 6

Required, Full Year

This course places an emphasis on the development of reading comprehension skills and continued development of rich vocabulary. Students are involved in literature circles, reading workshops, read-alouds, and independent reading. Reading units are based on reading strategies and aligned with the MN state standards to prepare students for the MN Comprehensive Assessment (MCA). Differentiated instruction is provided through a literature library. The goal is to provide students the necessary skills for success in the classroom and for a lifelong love of reading.

ACCELERATED READING & LANGUAGE ARTS 6

Required, Full Year

This course will compact and address critical 6th and 7th grade standards in one year. Accelerated students will work at a rigorous pace with complex texts in a variety of genres. Additionally, students will be expected to demonstrate a high level of critical thinking for both fiction and nonfiction through reading and writing. *Students in this course do not take Language Arts 6 or Reading 6.*

7 7TH GRADE OPTIONS

ENGLISH 7

Required, Full Year

This course is a comprehensive study of literature, writing and speaking and listening skills with an opportunity to learn through group activities as well as individual expression.

7 7TH GRADE OPTIONS CONTINUED

ACCELERATED ENGLISH 7

Required, Full Year

This course will compact and address critical 7th and 8th grade standards in one year. Students will be reading texts that are considered two years above grade level (9th Grade reading level). Accelerated students will work at a rigorous pace with complex texts in a variety of fictional genres, including poetry, narrative nonfiction, short stories, and novels. Additionally, students will be expected to demonstrate a high level of critical thinking for both fiction and non-fiction through reading and writing. The course will emphasize:

- Inquiry, analysis, and interpretation
- In-depth and challenging projects
- Focused approaches to writing
- Verbal communication
- Faster-paced deadlines and collaborative learning opportunities

8 8TH GRADE OPTIONS

ENGLISH 8

Required, Full Year

This course is designed to meet the Language Arts core requirement for eighth grade. Literature, grammar, writing, speaking and listening skills will be studied throughout this course through a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.

ACCELERATED ENGLISH 8

Required, Full Year

Accelerated English 8 provides an exciting opportunity for students to develop their own writing voices while reading a variety of complex texts. First semester is structured as a survey of different types of texts and writing, while the second semester allows students to delve deeper into that which interests them. The course will develop the critical thinking and analysis skills that are necessary for Advanced Placement classes in the future.



REQUIRED COURSES - SOCIAL STUDIES

6 6TH GRADE OPTIONS

MINNESOTA STUDIES

Required, Full Year

In this introductory history course, students will investigate how the state of Minnesota has been shaped throughout the last few centuries. Students will explore how Minnesota was involved in critical moments throughout U.S. History, study various groups of people who have lived here, discuss foundational elements of Minnesota government and practice mapping skills with geography. An emphasis will be placed on building informational reading comprehension and other literacy skills within the curriculum.

7 7TH GRADE OPTIONS

U.S. STUDIES

Required, Full Year

Students will explore American history from the American Revolution to the Industrial Revolution. Students will take a closer look at the foundations of the U.S. Government through this time period. An emphasis will be placed on building informational reading comprehension and analyzing primary source documents throughout the curriculum.

8 8TH GRADE OPTIONS

GLOBAL STUDIES

Required, Full Year

Students will explore the different cultural regions of the world through the lens of the eight traits of culture: history, religion, economics, daily life, social groups, government, art and language. This course will act as a foundation for students' upcoming Human Geography, Modern U.S. History and Modern World History courses.



REQUIRED COURSES - HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

6 6TH GRADE OPTIONS

HEALTH 6

Required, First Quarter

Sixth grade health will cover self-identification, mental/emotional health, physical health and social health. Students will engage in a variety of activities that reflect their understanding of how these topics impact their daily lives, specifically during middle school. This will lead them to interpreting, advocating for and improving upon their own personal health and wellness.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 6 - ALT

Required, Full Year, Every Other Day

Physical education includes fitness concepts for life, plus opportunities to participate in individual and team sports.

7 7TH GRADE OPTIONS

HEALTH 7

Required, First Quarter

Health will cover four main categories: decision making, stress and emotions, mental health and substance use. Students will learn how to make healthy decisions, maintain positive health and avoid substances. The goal is for students to apply the knowledge to their lives. Students can expect multiple real life projects and activities to prepare them to make healthy decisions in the future.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 7 - ALT

Required, Full Year, Every Other Day

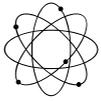
Students will explore personal fitness through their understanding of the rules and skills of team and individual sports. Heart rate monitors are used to assist students in assessing their own fitness levels. Activities may include football, fitness testing, soccer, softball, swimming, basketball, frisbee, golf, badminton and the fitness center.

8 8TH GRADE OPTIONS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 7 - ALT

Required, One Semester or Full Year - Every Other Day

Students will reflect on how their values and choices personally impact the six areas of wellness in their lives. They will explore personal fitness through the use of heart rate monitors during activities such as speedball, rollerblading, broomball, pickleball, yard games and cross country skiing. Students will gain a variety of skills while participating in activities and learn about goal setting, stress management, relationships and nutrition. Students will evaluate the risks and consequences associated with age appropriate sexuality including factual information regarding abstinence, adolescent pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS.



REQUIRED COURSES - SCIENCE

GRADE	GENERAL	ACCELERATED
6	Earth Science	
7	Life Science	Accelerated Life Science
8	Physical Science	Accelerated Physical Science

6 6TH GRADE OPTIONS

EARTH SCIENCE 6

Required, Full Year

Using science and engineering practices, students will explore Earth’s Place in the Universe, Earth systems, weather, climate and human impact and sustainability on Earth's systems.

7 7TH GRADE OPTIONS

LIFE SCIENCE 7

Required, Full Year

In Life Science, students solve problems using science and engineering practices. This is demonstrated through experiments and modeling. Students study cells and the function of life, genetics, evolution, how living organisms interact with each other and their environment and the systems of the human body.

ACCELERATED LIFE SCIENCE 7

Required, Full Year, Open Enrollment

This course is intended for any student who is interested in Accelerated Science course options at the High School.

Accelerated Life Science is a rigorous course that explores the diverse world of living things in an authentic, student-driven collaborative environment. Topics covered include cell biology, genetics, evolution, human body systems and ecology. Emphasis will be on reading, writing and thinking like a scientist. This course will combine state science standards for seventh grade with some of the High School biology and earth and space standards.

8 8TH GRADE OPTIONS

PHYSICAL SCIENCE 8

Required, Full Year

In Physical Science, students will be exploring the world through observing real-world phenomena from the basics of atoms to how energy is transferred in systems. Students will be working with hands-on experiments and scientific readings to create models which will aid in developing their understandings. Topics included are chemical reactions, light waves, phase changes, magnetic fields, forces and motion.

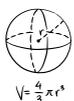
ACCELERATED PHYSICAL SCIENCE 8

Required, Full Year, Open Enrollment

This course is intended for any student who is interested in Accelerated Science course options at the High School.

Accelerated Physical Science is a rigorous course that will be observing real-world phenomena in a student-driven collaborative environment. Topics included are chemical reactions, light waves, phase changes, magnetic fields, forces and motion. This course will combine the state science standards of eighth grade with some of the High School chemistry, physics and earth and space standards.





REQUIRED COURSES - MATHEMATICS

GRADE	GENERAL	ACCELERATED (one grade level)	DOUBLE ACCELERATED (two grade levels)
6	Math 6	Accelerated Pre-Algebra	Accelerated Algebra 1
7	Pre-Algebra	Accelerated Algebra 1	Accelerated Geometry
8	Algebra 1	Accelerated Geometry	Accelerated Algebra 2

6 6TH GRADE OPTIONS

MATH 6

Required, Full Year

The curriculum includes key mathematical concepts such as problem solving, decimals, fractions, percents, probability, ratios, proportions, estimation, algebraic expressions and equations, perimeter/area/surface area of two and three-dimensional figures and angles in geometric figures.

ACCELERATED PRE-ALGEBRA

Required, Full Year, Open Enrollment

Pre-Algebra provides the opportunity to explore topics such as problem solving, decimals, statistics, integers, coordinate graphs, factors, fractions, rational numbers, ratios, proportions, percent, polynomials, equations and geometry in two and three dimensions.

ACCELERATED ALGEBRA 1

Required, Full Year, Open Enrollment

This is a course in which students will learn concepts such as data analysis, spatial reasoning, patterns and relationships, which includes solving equations and linear functions.

7 7TH GRADE OPTIONS

PRE-ALGEBRA

Required, Full Year

Pre-Algebra provides the opportunity to explore topics such as problem solving, decimals, statistics, integers, coordinate graphs, factors, fractions, rational numbers, ratios, proportions, percent, polynomials, equations and geometry in two and three dimensions. The skills learned will serve as the foundation of supporting mathematical learning throughout middle school and high school.

ACCELERATED ALGEBRA 1

Required, Full Year, Must Complete Accelerated Pre-Algebra

This is a course in which students will learn concepts such as data analysis, spatial reasoning and patterns and relationships, which includes solving equations and linear functions.

7 7TH GRADE OPTIONS CONTINUED

ACCELERATED GEOMETRY

Required, Full Year, Must Complete Accelerated Algebra 1

Credits: 2 - Upon successful completion of the course, the grade and credits will be placed on the student's transcript and will impact their High School grade point average (GPA).

The study of geometry will develop the student's ability to use geometric reasoning and think logically. Topics include similarity, congruence, trigonometry, perimeter/circumference, area, surface area, volume, properties of polygons and circles, as well as others. *These classes will have a mix of double accelerated 7th Graders and accelerated 8th Graders.*

8 8TH GRADE OPTIONS

ALGEBRA 1

Required, Full Year

This is a course in which students will learn concepts such as data analysis, spatial reasoning and patterns and relationships, which includes solving equations and linear functions.

ACCELERATED GEOMETRY

Required, Full Year, Must Complete Accelerated Algebra 1

Credits: 2 - Upon successful completion of the course, the grade and credits will be placed on the student's transcript and will impact their High School grade point average (GPA).

The study of geometry will develop the student's ability to use geometric reasoning and think logically. Topics include similarity, congruence, trigonometry, perimeter/circumference, area, surface area, volume, properties of polygons and circles, as well as others.

ACCELERATED ALGEBRA 2

Required, Full Year, Must Complete Accelerated Geometry

Credits: 2 - Upon successful completion of the course, the grade and credits will be placed on the student's transcript and will impact their high school grade point average (GPA). *Students may be bussed to the High School for this course.*

The course will explore relationships and functions of linear, quadratic and trigonometric. Other topics included are sequences and series, radicals, probability and statistics and properties of exponents. It is designed to meet the needs of students who plan to attend a four-year college.



GLOBAL ELECTIVES - MUSIC

6 6TH GRADE OPTIONS

BAND 6 - ALT

*Required (if not choosing Music Production or Choir),
Full Year - Every Other Day*

Prerequisite : Previous Band experience

Students who wish to try band for the first time, or newcomers to the district, are asked to consult with the Band instructor before registering for this course. Band rehearses on opposite days from Sixth Grade Choir. Band students who are not in Choir have PE on non-Band days.

Small group instrumental lessons are given during the day. Course requirements and grading can be found in the Band Handbook. Assignments and assessments will be given to fulfill State and National Arts Standards. Sixth Grade Band performs three concerts per year: Fall, Winter and Spring.

CHOIR 6 - ALT

*Required (if not choosing Music Production or Band),
Full Year - Every Other Day*

Choir rehearses every other day, opposite Band or PE. Students will also have small group lessons during the school day approximately every two weeks. Choir emphasizes vocal and musical development and the fun of singing! Students learn how to sing in unison and two-parts. Students will sing music from a variety of genres and cultures and perform two evening concerts during the school year. *Any Sixth Grade choir member may also audition for an extra-curricular Choir that meets before school.*

MUSIC PRODUCTION - ALT

*Required (if not choosing Choir or Band),
Full Year - Every Other Day*

Students will analyze, examine and create all types of music through the use of technology and musical instruments. This class will also focus on applying musical elements to focus on the consumption and creation of music. Students will use apps such as Garage Band to experience digital music recording.

Band or Choir students interested in a music production experience should register for the course "Drop a Beat" in 7/8th Grade.

7 8 7/8TH GRADE OPTIONS

BAND - ALT

Elective, Full Year - Every Other Day

Prerequisite : Previous Band experience

This class is open to all students who have previous Band experience. Band placement will be determined in the fall based on enrollment, instrumentation, ability and program development.

Band meets every other day and is scheduled as a class. Small group lessons are scheduled for each student, usually occurring on the alternate days. Occasional assignments and assessments are given to fulfill the National Arts Standards. Course requirements and grading can be found in the Band handbook. Bands perform at least three concerts each year; a Winter Concert, Mid-Winter concert and Spring concert. Standard and new Band literature is used for these performances.

CHOIR - ALT

Elective, Full Year - Every Other Day

Choir is open to any Seventh and Eighth grade student who wishes to sing. These choirs rehearse every other day, opposite Band/ PE/Study Hall. Students will also have small group lessons during the school day approximately every two weeks.

Seventh and Eighth Grade choirs emphasize vocal and musical development, and the fun of singing! Singers learn unison, two-, three- and four-part music. Students will sing music from a variety of genres and cultures and perform two evening concerts during the school year. *Any 7/8th Grade Choir member may also audition for an extra-curricular choir that meets before school.*

NOTE| Only one course must be taken as a required course. Students may choose to take both Band and Choir, but students taking Band or Choir will not be able to take Music Production.



GLOBAL ELECTIVES - WORLD LANGUAGE

For students looking ahead to a 4-year college, the minimum entrance requirement is often two years of the same language with some postsecondary institutions requiring up to four.

7 8 7/8TH GRADE OPTIONS

SPANISH 1

Elective, Full Year

Credits: (2) - *Note - Upon successful completion of this course, the grade and credits will be placed on the student's transcript and will impact their High School grade point average (GPA).*

This course is recommended for students that are committed to multiple years of language study into high school. Designed exclusively for students with no prior exposure to Spanish, Spanish I focuses on the four basic skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Relevant aspects of Hispanic culture are introduced. Students explore the culture and language through projects, music, and games. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to express basic information about themselves.

8 8TH GRADE OPTIONS

SPANISH 2

Elective, Full Year

Credits: (2) - *Note - Upon successful completion of this course, the grade and credits will be placed on the student's transcript and will impact their High School grade point average (GPA).*

Prerequisite: *Successful completion of Spanish 1*

Designed for students who have successfully completed Spanish I, Spanish II focuses on the progressive development of the four basic skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. The class focuses on the mastery of basic grammatical structures and extending vocabulary. Students explore the culture and language through projects, music and games. It is recommended students take this course the year following Spanish I.

8 8TH GRADE OPTIONS CONTINUED

SPANISH FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS 1

Elective, Full Year

Credits: (2) - *Note - Upon successful completion of this course, the grade and credits will be placed on the student's transcript and will impact their High School grade point average (GPA).*

Prerequisite: *This class is for students who speak Spanish at home as a primary or secondary language. Students should be conversational in Spanish, but not necessarily able to read and write in the language.*

This course is designed for students that speak Spanish conversationally or fluently and want to improve their Spanish skills. The class will be taught exclusively in Spanish, but it is not assumed that students know academic Spanish; academic vocabulary will be taught. The emphasis will be placed on developing reading, writing, spelling and grammar.

The objective is to support the student with their linguistic skills and provide them with the necessary academic skills to develop written and spoken language from their current level, both in Spanish and by transferring these skills to English.

The class will include literature from Spanish speaking countries, cultural analysis, and activities that will help students to define and understand how cultures intersect.



The **Academies of Shakopee** includes eight career Academies within Shakopee High School. Students enter the 9th Grade Academy (Alpha or Omega) to discover their own unique interests. They then choose a home Academy for their sophomore through senior year. Each Academy has its own physical location inside the High School, a team of teachers, an Academy Principal, an Academy Champion and elective courses tied to each Academy career pathways. Teachers, school counselors and the administrative team support families throughout their journey at the Academies so students can become life and career pathway ready!

In order for students to explore each of these Academies, every middle school student will participate in a one quarter “Gateway” course in each area during 6/7th Grade. Along with their required classes, students will then have choices during their 7/8th Grade years to select from a variety of elective courses aligned to the Academies to further pursue their interests.



Portrait of a Graduate

At Shakopee High School,

Students are resilient, responsible, resourceful, and respectful.

Students are seen as confident, creative, collaborative, and culturally responsive.



STUDENT PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS



The Lily Pad Project

For the 23 juniors & seniors in Mr. Hendrickson’s Engineering & Manufacturing Academy and CAPS class, a unique project request from healthcare equipment designer & manufacturer CentiCare led to an exciting solution for pediatric hospital patients.



The Green Bandana Project

Not all students have a reliable resource when it comes to mental health concerns or expressing personal feelings. Students identified this need and took action through the Green Bandana Project. Learn more about this student-led initiative.

ACADEMY PROGRAMS OF STUDY



- Music Performance and Production
- Video Production
- Graphic Design & Animation
- Creative Design



- Accounting & Finance
- Entrepreneurship & Business Management
- Marketing & Sales
- Hospitality & Restaurant Management



- Architecture & Construction
- Manufacturing & Fabrication Technologies
- Engineering & Design
- Transportation Technologies



- Biomedical Science
- Public Health
- Exercise Science
- Healthcare



- Teaching & Educational Services
- Social & Mental Health Services
- Public Service
- Law & Legal Services

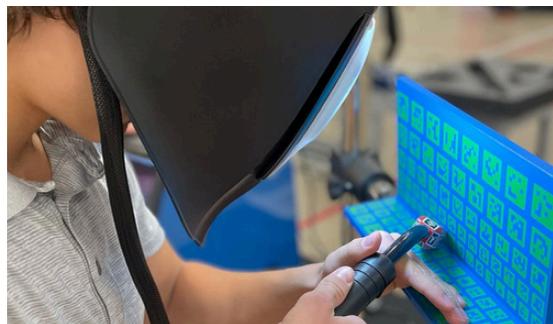


- Computer Science
- Information Technology Solutions
- Renewable Energy & Electrical Systems
- Environmental Science



"Students get the opportunity to explore many different career paths. If they decide that a certain path is not for them, then they don't have to take any classes in that path. The Academies of Shakopee really help students decide what they want to do."

Allison Lassiter | *Engineering & Manufacturing Academy*



"The Academies of Shakopee provided the opportunity to take business classes that helped prepare me for my career path. I'm learning key skills for life, which has been very helpful."

Roman Garwood | *Business & Entrepreneurship Academy*

PARTNERSHIPS



Academy Champions have made a commitment to give \$300,000 worth of time, talents and treasures. They give in a variety of ways. Some examples include: professional mentoring, involvement in course development ensuring relevant skills are being taught, sharing industry knowledge, internships, teacher externship and industry-related equipment donations. Thank you to our generous partners!



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SIOUX COMMUNITY



Shakopee's Center for Advanced Professional Students provides high school students with a professional, innovative and entrepreneurial education through career-oriented experiences that are both hands-on and real-world. Aside from CAPS Programs within the Academies, Shakopee CAPS also partners with Normandale Community College, Hennepin Technical College, and St. Cloud State University to give students the opportunity to earn college credit in addition to High School elective credits.

HOW TO READ YOUR ACADEMY CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK



MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL			
Area of Interest Courses (Grades 6-8)	Program of Study	Introductory Courses	Intermediate Courses	Advanced Courses
Area of Interest Gateway (Grade 7): Think Tank Middle School Electives (Grades 7 & 8): Innovation Lab Money Doesn't Grow on Trees Teen Chef Middle School Connection	Accounting and Finance	Program of Study Business Dynamics	Accounting Finance and Investments	Advanced Business Seminar Three Course Sequence
	Entrepreneurship and Business Management		Management and Leadership Entrepreneurship	
	Marketing and Sales		Marketing	
	Hospitality and Restaurant Management	Business Dynamics Culinary Arts 1	Hospitality Management Culinary Arts 2	
	Additional Academy Elective Courses:	Baking & Pastry Business Technology Culinary Arts 3	Sports & Entertainment Marketing Social Media Marketing	
CAPS Program:	CAPS Business Administration and Management (Can substitute for the Advanced Course in any Business & Entrepreneurship Program of Study)			

KEY TERMS

Area of Interest - Broad area of interests commonly used by universities and the Minnesota Department of Education as career clusters.

Programs of Study - A sequence of courses that increase in depth and complexity in a more focused program within an Area of Interest and directly relates to 2-yr and 4-yr post-secondary options and relevant career opportunities.

Gateway Course - A quarter length course that introduces each Academy and is a requirement for 6/7th Grade students at the middle level.

Introductory Course - The first course in a sequence of courses within a program of study. Typically, taken by 9th or 10th Grade students exploring academies.

Intermediate Course - The second course in a sequence of courses within a program of study. Typically taken by 10/11th Grader students within the Academy.

Advanced Course - The third course in a sequence of courses within a program of study. These courses must include value added programming. Typically, taken by 11/12th Grader students within the Academy.

Academy Elective - An elective course within an Academy that builds on the programs of study and is available to students outside of the Academy.

Global Elective - A course that is not embedded within an academy. Typically meets a post-secondary or graduation requirement (e.g. World Language, Fine Arts).

CAPS Program - A profession-based, immersion program for 11/12th Grade students who attend class, with a High School teacher, at an industry partner location, with an opportunity for a second-semester internship.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn 56 total credits in Grades 9-12 in order to graduate from Shakopee High School. In addition to earning credits to graduate, students must meet or exceed credits in each of the below subject areas. The High School year is divided into two semesters. A successfully completed one-semester course will earn one semester credit. Courses concurrently enrolled with a college or university will earn one high school credit for every two college/university semester credits.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS		
TOTAL CREDITS	GRADE(S)	TYPICAL COURSES OFFERED THAT MEET GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
ENGLISH		
8 Credits	9	English 9 OR Accelerated English 9
	10	English 10 OR Accelerated English 10
	11	English 11 OR AP Lang & Comp, CIS Public Speaking, CIS Intro to Literature
	12	English Requirements 2 Semesters - See Department section for qualifying courses
HEALTH		
1 Credit	10-12	Healthy Lifestyles
PHYSICAL EDUCATION		
2 Credits	9	Fit For Life OR Intro to Sport Performance
	10-12	Advanced Fit for Life OR Advanced Sport Performance
MATHEMATICS		
6 Credits	9	Intermediate Algebra OR Accelerated Algebra II OR Pre-Calculus OR AP Pre-Calculus
	10	Geometry OR Pre-Calculus OR AP Pre-Calculus OR Calculus OR CIS CSE Calculus I
	10	Class of 2026, 2027 Functions, Statistics, & Trigonometry OR Pre-Calculus OR AP Pre-Calculus OR See Department section for additional options
	11	Class of 2028 and Beyond Algebra II OR See Department section for additional options
SCIENCE		
6 Credits	9	Physics 9 OR AP Physics I
	10	Chemistry OR AP Chemistry
	11	Biology OR AP Biology
SOCIAL STUDIES		
8 Credits	9	Human Geography OR AP Human Geography
	10	Modern U.S. History OR AP US History
	11	Modern World History OR AP World History
	12	US Government OR CIS: American Democracy in a Changing World
	12	Economics OR CIS: Principles of Microeconomics
	9-12	Required additional 1 credit Social Studies Elective See Department section for qualifying courses
FINE ARTS		9TH GRADE SEMINAR
2 Credits		1 Credit
FINANCIAL LITERACY		PROGRAM OF STUDY (3 COURSE SEQUENCE)
1 Credit		3 Credits

TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS	TOTAL ELECTIVE CREDITS	TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED TO GRADUATE	TOTAL POSSIBLE CREDITS
38	18	56	64

Arts & Communication Academy



Related Careers: Art Directors, Curator, Stage Manager, Museum and Exhibit Manager, Director, Performer (Musician, Actor), Music Directors and Composers, Audio and Video Technician, Sound Engineer, Producers and Directors, Editors, Writers and Authors, Public Relations and Fundraising Manager, News and Print Media, Journalist, Multimedia Artists and Animators, Interior Designers, Artist and Art Marketer, Graphic Designers



Student Project
Spotlight

MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL			
Area of Interest Courses (Grades 6-8)	Program of Study	Introductory Courses	Intermediate Courses	Advanced Courses
Area of Interest Gateway (Grade 6): Heroes Middle School Electives (Grades 7 & 8): Digital Art Pencils, Paints, and Prints Drop a Beat House of Style Saber Animation & Video Sculpt It	Music Performance and Production	Music Production 1	Music Production 2 Performance Studio	Creative Professional: Music
	Video Production	Video Production 1	Video Production 2	Creative Professional: Video
	Graphic Design and Animation	Graphic Design 1	Graphic Design 2 Photography	Creative Professional: Design
	Creative Design	Design Fundamentals	Photography Drawing, Painting, Printmaking	
	Additional Academy Elective Courses:	Interior Design Fashion Merchandising and Design Creative Writing Public Speaking	Yearbook Journalism 1 Yearbook Journalism 2 Animation & Game Design	
	CAPS Program:	 Shakopee CAPS: Creative Marketing & Communications (Can substitute for the Advanced Course in any Arts & Communication Program of Study)		

*Students must complete a 3 Course Program of Study

Mission Statement:

VOICE - The Arts & Communications Academy will develop skills for a 21st century world by fostering relevant experiences that Validate student's Originality by Inspiring Creative Expression.

Academy Champion



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6 6TH GRADE REQUIRED GATEWAY COURSE

HEREOS

Required, One Quarter

Here comes Arts and Communication to save the day! Who's your hero? This class provides students with an introduction to the Arts and Communication Academy through a visual art design process. Throughout the experience, students will explore different art mediums and communication styles while designing their own Hero. Topics covered include drawing, painting, sculpture, writing a story and digital creation.

7 8 7/8TH GRADE ELECTIVE OPTIONS

PENCILS, PAINTS AND PRINTS

Elective, One Semester

Do you like to draw and paint? Would you like to learn new art techniques and try out other art mediums created on paper and canvas? This is a studio-centered class where you will create artwork using many types of art materials, including but not limited to, pencil, watercolor, acrylics, ink, and more. After trying many different 2D mediums, you will create a capstone project of your choice, with the opportunity to show your work in the school.

DIGITAL ART

Elective, One Semester

Do you like to play around on your iPad or computer? What about Manga, video games, animation, and photography? In this class you will create a variety of digital media artworks; animation, illustration, graphic design, gaming and digital photography. While exploring various digital tools and creative techniques, you will create many digital designs and have the opportunity to print and show them in the school.

DROP A BEAT

Elective, One Semester

In this class, students can expect to get "hands-on" experience with some of the latest technology, while learning how the technology operates. The class will also focus on learning how to plan and record a basic musical composition, while studying the components of most pieces of music. Students will gain some knowledge of recording techniques and will be able to share their creations on a live streaming radio cast.

7/8TH GRADE ELECTIVE OPTIONS CONTINUED

HOUSE OF STYLE

Elective, One Semester

Is it your dream to be on Project Runway? Do you find yourself watching HGTV and wanting to design your own space? House of Style is the class for you! This class will introduce you to the world of textiles and interior design through hands-on projects. In order to showcase design skills learned, students will choose their own adventure and create a project related to the careers of fashion and interior design. Come explore your creative side.

SABER ANIMATION & VIDEO

Elective, One Semester

The Saber Animation & Video course will teach students how to produce digital and animated shorts, live action broadcasts and all the background work that goes into a video or animation production. Students will learn about storyboarding, shots and angles, lighting, green screen use and audio and sound recording, as well as how to utilize video and animation software and apps on iPads and computers.

SCULPT IT!

Elective, One Semester

Do you like to work with clay? Have you ever thought of making art from wire, plaster, wood or recycled materials? Sculpt It! is the class for you! This is a studio-centered class where you will create artwork using many types of art materials. After trying out these 3D mediums, you will create a capstone project of your choice, with the opportunity to show your work in the school.



Business & Entrepreneurship Academy



Related Careers: Accountant, Bookkeeper, Actuary, Insurance Underwriters, Loan Officer, Financial Planner, Tax Preparer, Venture Capitalist, Small Business Owner, Entrepreneur, Business Analysts, Office Manager, Supply Chain Manager, Hotel Management, Event Planner, Tour Operator, Food and Beverage Manager, Executive Chef, Sous Chef, Restaurant Owner, Market Research Analysts, Recruiters, Social Media Marketing Manager, Sale Representatives & Retail Managers, Fundraiser, Media Buyer

MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL				
Area of Interest Courses (Grades 6-8)	Program of Study	Introductory Courses	Intermediate Courses	Advanced Courses	
Area of Interest Gateway (Grade 7): Think Tank Middle School Electives (Grades 7 & 8): Innovation Lab Money Doesn't Grow on Trees Teen Chef	Accounting and Finance	Business Dynamics	Accounting	Advanced Business Seminar	
	Entrepreneurship and Business Management		Finance and Investments		Management and Leadership
			Entrepreneurship		Global Business
	Marketing and Sales		Marketing	Advanced Business Seminar CAPS: Creative Marketing & Communications	
	Hospitality and Restaurant Management	Business Dynamics	Hospitality Management	Advanced Business Seminar	
		Culinary Arts 1	Culinary Arts 2	Culinary Arts 3	
Additional Academy Elective Courses:	Sports & Entertainment Marketing		Baking & Pastry 1		
	Social Media Marketing		Baking & Pastry 2		
	Business Technology		Culinary Arts 4		
CAPS Program:	Shakopee CAPS: Business Administration and Management (Can substitute for the Advanced Course in any Business & Entrepreneurship Program of Study)				

Mission Statement:

The Business and Entrepreneurship Academy aims to prepare students for career, college, and entrepreneurial success by providing students personalized, relevant opportunities that foster innovation and integrity in the global community.

Academy Champions





7 7TH GRADE REQUIRED GATEWAY COURSE

THINK TANK

Required, One Quarter

Think Tank is a course that will challenge your imagination and innovation. Students will work in group and individual challenges to create, develop and market a product. Using technology, creativity and design, students will explore the exciting world of entrepreneurship.

7 8 7/8TH GRADE ELECTIVE OPTIONS

INNOVATION LAB

Elective, One Semester

In this class, students will come up with an idea for designing a service-based business while creating a business plan using the design process. In addition to designing all aspects of this business, students will work on company branding using logo design, marketing strategies and advertisement. Many aspects of being an entrepreneur will be addressed. If you are interested in starting your own business one day, this is the class for you!

MONEY DOESN'T GROW ON TREES

Elective, One Semester

Wouldn't life be easier if money did indeed grow on trees? This class will teach you how to manage your money so that you can make good financial decisions. Students will focus on how money is earned, spent, saved and invested. Learning will be fun and interactive to help students understand wants, needs, and money management. Students will wrap up the course by creating a company, securing a loan, projecting profit, then baking and selling a product for Snack Shop.

7/8TH GRADE ELECTIVE OPTIONS CONTINUED

TEEN CHEF

Elective, One Semester

Start becoming more independent by learning how to plan and prepare delicious meals. As a lab team, you will create and compete for the honor of top chef. Students will begin to explore what it takes to work in the culinary setting. Some of the favorite labs include the grilled sandwich challenge, stir fry, cupcake wars and Korean beef bowls.



Engineering & Manufacturing Academy



Related Careers: Aircraft Mechanic, Aeronautic Engineer, Architect, Building Engineer, Civil Engineer, CNC Machinist, Computer Control Programmer/Operator, Design Electrical Engineer, Engineer, Electrician, Entrepreneur, HVAC Controller, Industrial Engineer, Machinists, Manufacturing Mechanical Engineer, Process Engineer, Packaging Engineer, Process Engineer, Robot Technician, Quality Engineer, Structural Engineer, Tool and Die Maker, Welder



The Lily Pad Project



NASA Visits Shakopee

MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL			
Area of Interest Courses (Grades 6-8)	Program of Study	Introductory Courses	Intermediate Courses	Advanced Courses
Area of Interest Gateway (Grade 7): Teen Engineer Middle School Electives (Grades 7 & 8): GTT: Architecture (PLTW) GTT: Design and Manufacturing (PLTW) GTT: Robotics (PLTW)	Architecture and Construction	Manufacturing and Construction	Construction Civil Engineering & Architecture (PLTW**)	Construction Management and Development
	Manufacturing and Fabrication Technologies		Welding and Metal Fabrication Manufacturing for Production	Manufacturing Design and Development
	Engineering and Design	Intro to Engineering Design (PLTW**)	Principles of Engineering (PLTW**) Computer Integrated Manufacturing (PLTW**) Aerospace Engineering (PLTW**) Civil Engineering & Architecture (PLTW**)	Engineering Design & Development (PLTW**)
	Transportation Technologies	Small Gas Engines	Marine, Motorsport, and Outdoor Power Equipment	Super High Mileage Vehicle
	Additional Academy Elective Courses:	Advanced Welding – Design & Fabrication Advanced Woodworking – Cabinetry & Furniture		Youth Skills Training
	CAPS Program:	 Shakopee CAPS: STEM (Science & Technology Engineering & Manufacturing) (Can substitute for the Advanced Course in any Engineering & Manufacturing Program of Study)		

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Academy Champion

Mission Statement:

In the Academy of Engineering and Manufacturing all students will build life skills and develop innovative solutions to enhance their communities.





7 7TH GRADE REQUIRED GATEWAY COURSE

TEEN ENGINEER

Required, One Quarter

Engineering and Manufacturing is a growing field that helps students understand how human made solutions can solve real-world problems. Through this gateway experience, students will learn skills using computer aided drafting, 3D printers, laser engraver/cutters, woodworking hand and power tools. Projects created in class that can be taken home include a wooden keepsake box, catapult, personal name tag and a selection of 3D printer projects.

7 8 7/8TH GRADE ELECTIVE OPTIONS

GATEWAY TO TECHNOLOGY: ARCHITECTURE (PLTW)

Elective, One Semester

Gateway To Technology (GTT): Architecture is a creative Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering course that introduces students to the world of architecture and construction. Students take on the role of an architect as they design the floor plan and 3D model of their dream home. Students will learn how to apply architectural design principles, 3D drafting, and construction materials and techniques through building a scale model of their home.

GATEWAY TO TECHNOLOGY: DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING (PLTW)

Elective, One Semester

Gateway To Technology (GTT): Design and Manufacturing is an engaging Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering course that introduces students to the world of computer aided design and manufacturing. Students will experience the world of engineering and manufacturing first hand while they design and model a variety of projects, such as a mechanical arm, iPad stand, laser cut clock, and a student designed 3D printer project. Students will then manufacture their designs using high-tech (3D printers, laser cutters) and traditional manufacturing techniques.

7/8TH GRADE ELECTIVE OPTIONS CONTINUED

GATEWAY TO TECHNOLOGY: ROBOTICS (PLTW)

Elective, One Semester

Gateway To Technology (GTT): Robotics is a hands-on Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering course that introduces students to the world of robotics and automation. Students will learn how to design and build robotic systems and write computer programs to control them. Students will complete exciting projects such as: maze-solving vehicles, drag racers, robotic arms, elevators and many more.

Learn more about a project through Scott County where students helped build four camper cabins at the Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park



Health Science Academy



Related Careers: Aircraft Mechanic, Aeronautic Engineer, Architect, Building Engineer, Civil Engineer, CNC Machinist, Computer Control Programmer/Operator, Design Electrical Engineer, Engineer, Electrician, Entrepreneur, HVAC Controller, Industrial Engineer, Machinists, Manufacturing Mechanical Engineer, Process Engineer, Packaging Engineer, Process Engineer, Robot Technician, Quality Engineer, Structural Engineer, Tool and Die Maker, Welder



Students Supporting Students **CAPS Program Spotlight**

MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL			
Area of Interest Courses (Grades 6-8)	Program of Study	Introductory Courses	Intermediate Courses	Advanced Courses
Area of Interest Gateway (Grade 7): Snack Attack Middle School Electives (Grades 7 & 8): GTT: Medical Detectives (PLTW) 2 Fit 2 Quit Code Red	Biomedical	Human Body Systems	Principles of Biomedical Science (PLTW**)	Medical Interventions (PLTW**)
	Healthcare		Principles of Biomedical Science (PLTW**)	Nursing Assistant Emergency Medical Responder
	Public Health		Healthcare Simulation	Community Health
	Exercise Science		Healthcare Simulation	Sports Medicine Emergency Medical Responder
			Global Health and Disease Prevention	
	Additional Academy Elective Courses:		CIS: Human Physiology, Technology, and Medical Devices	Youth Skills Training
CAPS Program:	 Shakopee CAPS: Healthcare and Medicine (Can substitute for the Advanced Course in any Health Science Program of Study)			

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Mission Statement:

The Health Science Academy will empower all students to serve their community through improving health/wellness, while also becoming innovative and compassionate leaders.





7 7TH GRADE REQUIRED GATEWAY COURSE

SNACK ATTACK

Required, One Quarter

This gateway class explores the area of Health and Human Services. Learn about careers and skills that professionals use to better the physical, social and emotional health of others. Students will get the chance to prepare nutrient dense foods to explore how the nutrients can positively impact health.

7 8 7/8TH GRADE ELECTIVE OPTIONS

2 FIT 2 QUIT

Elective, One Semester

Interested in fitness, weight lifting, and learning about how your body works? Well look no further. In 2 Fit 2 Quit, students will learn how to create personalized workout plans, examine how heart rate affects training, learn about major muscles of the body, and correct lifting form. 2 Fit 2 Quit will teach you how to improve your health, athletic performance and understand the human body.

CODE RED

Elective, One Semester

If not you, then who? The first few minutes after any emergency are the most important. In this course, students will learn how leadership and quick emergency response can help you manage life or death situations. Learn the skills needed for the exciting career fields in healthcare, leadership and athletic training while earning First Aid, CPR and AED certification. It is time for YOU to be the Hero!



7/8TH GRADE ELECTIVE OPTIONS CONTINUED

**GATEWAY TO TECHNOLOGY:
MEDICAL DETECTIVES**

Elective, One Semester

Gateway to Technology: Students engage in the role of real-life medical detectives as they analyze genetic testing results to diagnose disease and study DNA evidence found at a “crime scene.” They solve medical mysteries through hands-on projects and labs, investigate how to measure and interpret vital signs and learn how the systems of the human body work together to maintain health. Learning about the human body muscular and skeletal system the students will create prototype prosthetics by using the design process.

St. Francis Regional Medical Center is an Academy Champion for the Health Services Academy that is a part of the Academies of Shakopee at the High School. As part of their partnership with the District, they provide numerous real-world learning opportunities for students. If you haven't heard of the DaVinci Surgical Robot, check out the video to learn more about this unique experience!



Human Services Academy



Related Careers: Early Childhood Educator, K-12 Teacher, Administrator, Educational Paraprofessional, Training and Development Manager/ Supervisor, Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers, Correction Officers and Jailers, Attorney, Court Reporters, Paralegal and Legal Assistants, Government Service, Labor Relations Specialist, Firefighter, Military Service, Non-Governmental Organization, Lobbyist, Social and Human Service Assistant, Mental Health Counselors, Health Educators, Clinical Counseling, and School Psychologist



Project Spotlight

MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL				
Area of Interest Courses (Grades 6-8)	Program of Study	Introductory Courses	Intermediate Courses	Advanced Courses	
Area of Interest Gateway (Grade 6): Be The Change Middle School Electives (Grades 7 & 8): Law and Order More Than Social Media	Teaching and Educational Services	Intro to Human Development	Exploring Education	Multicultural Education	
	Social and Mental Health Services	Human Relations	Positive Psychology: Building People and Community	Community Leadership and Service	
	Public Service	Human Relations	Generation Now		
	Law and Legal Services	Criminal Justice and the Court	A Case for Justice	Law and Legal Services	
	Additional Academy Elective Courses:	Advanced Child Development		Sociology of the Family	
	CAPS Program:	Shakopee CAPS: Human Services (Can substitute for the Advanced Course in any Human Services Program of Study)			

Academy Champion

Mission Statement:

The Academy of Human Services prepares all students for a global Society by developing Empathy, fostering Relationships, promoting common Values and Equity





6 6TH GRADE REQUIRED GATEWAY COURSE

BE THE CHANGE

Required, One Quarter

This is a quarter-long gateway course to Human Services. Students will learn interpersonal skills while exploring their own personalities and how to work with others. Students will also practice effective communication, problem solving and decision making skills while they explore the change process and brainstorm how to make a change in their world. Inspiration will be found in the many activities and guest speakers from our community that are part of the class.



7 8 7/8TH GRADE ELECTIVE OPTIONS

LAW & ORDER

Elective, One Semester

Have you ever thought about how the laws from the past affect us in today's society and what rights students, minorities and adults have? Then this is the class for you. In this class we will explore the inner workings of the legal system through the eyes of judge, lawyer, jury, accused, victim and society as a whole. After building foundational knowledge, students will actively take part in mock trials putting their skills to use in multiple roles.

MORE THAN SOCIAL MEDIA

Elective, One Semester

Did you know teens currently spend an average of 9 hours consuming media each day? This course will teach you the healthy and unhealthy approach to media use, and the impact that it has on your overall wellness. Explore how you can maximize your relationships, and how to use social media to build deeper connections with individuals and the community.



Science & Technology Academy



Related Careers: Electrician, Electrical Engineer, Electronics Technician, Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers, Power Plant Technician and Operator, Electrical Systems Designer and Drafter, Network and Computer Systems Administrators, Computer Network Architects, Computer Hardware Engineer, Computer Hardware Technician and Repairer, Computer Research Scientist, Software Developer, Computer Systems Analyst, Computer and Information Systems, Computer Programmers, Information Security Analysts, Database Administrators, Natural Sciences Managers, Environmental Engineer, Green Technology and Alternative Energy Designer, Geoscientist & Conservation Scientists, Mining and Geological Engineer

MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL				
Area of Interest Courses (Grades 6-8)	Program of Study	Introductory Courses	Intermediate Courses	Advanced Courses	
Area of Interest Gateway (Grade 6): Programming is Electric	Computer Science	Computer Hardware and Software	AP Computer Science Principles (PLTW**)	Technological Innovations	
	Information Technology Solutions		Cyber Security Robotic Process Automation		
Middle School Electives (Grades 7 & 8): Energy and Flight App Creations	Renewable Energy and Electrical Systems	Electricity	Energy and Power Generation		Environmental Solutions
	Environmental Science	Energy, Food, and The Outdoors	AP Environmental Science Environmental Ethics Ecology		
Additional Academy Elective Courses:		Mobile App Development Web Development	Youth Skills Training		
CAPS Program:		Shakopee CAPS: STEM (Science & Technology Engineering & Manufacturing) (Can substitute for the Advanced Course in any Science & Technology Program of Study)			

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Mission Statement:

Students in the Academy of Science & Technology will **Iterate, Design, Experiment, and Analyze** to be thoughtful global contributors.

Academy Champion

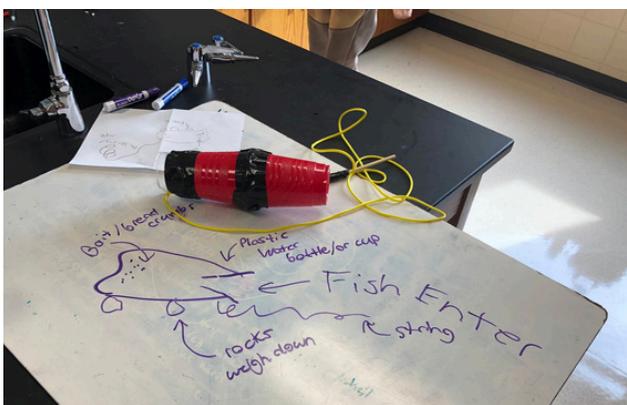




6 6TH GRADE REQUIRED GATEWAY COURSE
PROGRAMMING IS ELECTRIC

Required, One Quarter

We will explore the science of electricity, digital electronics, and how they interact with computer programming. Students will develop electronic devices that will have to be programmed to solve a problem. We will acquire knowledge and skills in basic circuitry design and examine the logic behind computer programming.



7 8 7/8TH GRADE ELECTIVE OPTIONS
APP CREATIONS - PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

Elective, One Semester

Students will learn the basics of computer science through mobile app development (PLTW). Students will start with basic concepts of programming in Blockly, a simple drop-and-drag programming language using MIT's App Inventor. Students will then progress to Python, in which they learn introductory elements of text-based programming and language syntax. Students will explore the impact of computing in society and the application of computing across career paths.

ENERGY & FLIGHT - PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

Elective, One Semester

Invisible particles are running rampant through our world! You press the pedal, and the car goes; you flip the switch, and the light comes on; you hit the button, and the screen lights up. Have you thought about where you get your power from? How do tiny pieces of matter change the way we live? Electrons power our iPhones, air particles allow planes to fly from continent to continent, and greenhouse gasses intensify natural disasters. Scientists and Engineers have developed ways to harness these particles to power our world. Join us in exploring the good, the bad, and the ugly impacts of these small-scale fragments.





ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMMING

A variety of programs are available to students who have specific needs or interests. Families and students should contact their Dean or School Counselor for possible recommendation to any aspect of the programs. Programs are located onsite at each middle school. Placement is limited, so it is necessary that students be prioritized based on their needs. Placements in alternative programs are determined through program specific procedures.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Programs

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Emotional or Behavior Disorder
- Developmental Cognitive Delay
- Physical/Visual Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Deaf & Hard of Hearing
- Speech or Language Impairment
- Severe Multiple Impairment
- Other Health Disability

Students who move to Shakopee with an active IEP from another school district will be placed in Special Education programs in accordance with the law. A case manager will immediately be assigned, and they will contact the parent/guardian. It is most helpful if the parent/guardian of the student moving to Shakopee brings a copy of their IEP with them when they register the student.

Students who do not receive Special Education services, but whose parent/guardian feels that an assessment is necessary, should contact an Assistant Principal, the School Counselor or the School Social Worker. A referral will be made to the Evaluation Team. Specific procedural requirements must be met before a student can be taken through the assessment process. The team will work with you and the Special Education team to determine if such an assessment is appropriate.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT FOR MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS (ML)

English Language Development for Multilingual Learners includes courses and services that are designed for students with a home or primary language other than English. Students are provided with English Language Development in addition to grade level content concepts.

Students qualify for ML support according to their scores on the ACCESS test/WIDA screener. The amount and type of support will be determined based on the ACCESS assessment, MN Department of Education guidelines and the district program model. Students will be scheduled into appropriate courses based on qualifying criteria.

AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination)



AVID is a college readiness elective class held five days a week during the school day. It is offered to students who would like to prepare to attend a college or university. Students participate in AVID voluntarily. Students who would like to be in the class must complete an application and be interviewed to be considered for possible selection.

The curriculum includes WICOR (writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, reading), note-taking, study skills, test preparation, and test-taking skills. There are also career and team building activities and visits to colleges and universities.

If selected, students sign the AVID Student Agreement committing to be in the class at least one year and to completing all required AVID work, taking notes in all subject area classes daily, using the AVID binder and planner for all classes and participating twice weekly in small group tutorial sessions during the AVID class with AVID tutors.

Other requirements include good citizenship, appropriate classroom behavior, good attendance, and minimum 2.0 GPA. AVID students are required to take at least one rigorous course each year. They must be able to complete advanced level work. Students must also demonstrate motivation, individual determination, and take responsibility for their own learning and success.

AVID - GRADES 7/8

Elective, Full Year

Get Organized! Introduction to WICOR (writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading) skills and strategies that will propel students into developing study habits which support their success in rigorous classes. Note-taking skills and habits will also be developed. Students are introduced to AVID-style tutorials which develop critical thinking and collaboration skills. Weekly binder checks aid students in maintaining a binder organization system.

FUTURE AVID CLASSES, GRADES 9-12

AVID 9: Personal Growth

AVID 10: Laying the Foundation

AVID 11: Gearing Up

AVID 12: Making It Happen

SHAKOPEE SABERS

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES



Located in one of the fastest growing suburbs in the Twin Cities, Shakopee Public Schools is proud to serve the cities of Shakopee, Savage and Prior Lake as well as Jackson, Louisville and Sand Creek Townships. The district directly supports roughly 8,000 students, has 1,000+ dedicated staff members, 11+ buildings, 1.7+ million square feet of space and over 350+ acres of land, making it one of the premier location for athletics and activities.

As part of the South Suburban Conference (SSC) and Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL), students have been proud to represent Saber Nation at the local, state and national level - even overseas!

An Activity for Every Student and Every Student in an Activity.

Additional amenities that directly support students include:

- State-of-the-art auditoriums with superior audio/visual systems
- Outdoor turf and grass fields, and indoor field house
- Diverse activities that reflect the student body

Shakopee Community Education, the City of Shakopee and local youth organizations also provide various offerings for students of all ages.

Interested in the latest highlights, awards and accomplishments? Check out 'Saber Activities' and 'Shakopee Schools' on Instagram, Facebook and X!



Did You Know?

Shakopee High School is proud to be a National Banner Unified Champion School and ESPN Honor Roll school.

Shakopee is only one of five schools in the state to earn the 2023 National Banner designation and is the only school in the Midwest to be recognized on ESPN's Honor Roll.

A Special Olympics Unified Champion School has an inclusive school climate and exudes a sense of collaboration, engagement and respect for ALL members of the student body and staff.



SHAKOPEE SECONDARY ATHLETICS

Shakopee High School is proud to offer various athletic opportunities. East and West Middle School students can tryout for select High School athletics throughout the school year. The MSHSL determines grade eligibility for select sports. Alternative programs may be available through select youth associations or Shakopee Community Education.

*Middle School student eligibility is determined by High School registration/demand. Availability may vary each year.

Athletic Opportunities

Fall 🍁 Winter ❄️ Spring ☀️

Sport (Season)	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Adapted Soccer 🍁	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Boys/ Girls Cross Country 🍁	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Girls Swim & Dive 🍁	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Performance Dance 🍁	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Boys Swim & Dive ❄️	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Competitive Dance ❄️	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Adapted Floor Hockey ❄️	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Alpine Ski ❄️	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Nordic Ski ❄️	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Adapted Softball ☀️	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Boys Volleyball ☀️	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Girls Hockey ❄️	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Girls Lacrosse ☀️	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Volleyball 🍁	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Football 🍁	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Boys Soccer 🍁	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Girls Soccer* 🍁	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Girls Tennis* 🍁	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Cheerleading 🍁	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Boys Basketball ❄️	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Girls Basketball* ❄️	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Boys Hockey ❄️	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Wrestling ❄️	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Baseball ☀️	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Softball ☀️	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Track & Field ☀️	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Boys Lacrosse ☀️	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Boys Tennis* ☀️	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Boys Golf ☀️	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Girls Golf ☀️	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red

Associations

Shakopee is supported by an active and engaged community. Learn more about offerings provided by various youth organizations listed below.

Shakopee Youth Baseball

Age/Grade: 1st - 12th Grade

Shakopee Hockey

Age/Grade: 4 - 19 yrs. old

Shakopee Girls Softball

Age/Grade: 1st - 6/7th Grade

Shakopee Youth Football

Age/Grade: K - 8th Grade

Shakopee Boys Basketball

Age/Grade: 2nd - 8th Grade

Shakopee Girls Basketball

Age/Grade: 1st - 8th Grade

Shakopee Soccer

Age/Grade: 2 - 19 yrs. old

Shakopee Youth Mat Club

Age/Grade: 4 yrs. old - 8th Grade

Shakopee Volleyball

Age/Grade: K - 12th Grade

Shakopee Tennis

Age/Grade: 4 - 17 yrs. old

Shakopee Lacrosse

Age/Grade: K - 8th Grade

Information subject to change





SHAKOPEE SECONDARY ACTIVITIES

Middle School Clubs & Activities

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| Band | Middle School Musical |
| Choir | National Junior Honor Society |
| Jazz Band | Saber Squad |
| Junior GLOmies | Science Olympiad |
| Knowledge Bowl | Student Council |
| Mountain Bike Club | Yearbook |

The list of clubs at East and West Middle Schools changes every year. Check in with your school's office to see what is currently offered!

Scan the QR code to cheer along with the crowd at the next event!

Check out the sing-a-long Shakopee Fight Song video created by Shakopee High School students.



High School Clubs & Student-Led Activities

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| ACTA (Astrology) | Film Production Club | One Act Play |
| ALAS (Association of Latino) | Fishing | Percussion Ensemble |
| Ambassadors of Shakopee) | GLOMIES | Prom Committee |
| Anime Club | HOSA | Saber Pause |
| American Sign Language Club | Intramural Basketball | Saber Student News |
| Amnesty International | Japanese Club | SAGA |
| Art Club | Jazz Band | Science Olympiad |
| Asian Student Union | KPOP Dance Club | Spanish Club |
| Badminton Club | LEAD | Spring Play |
| Black Student Union | Letters of Love | Student Council |
| Book Club | Literary Arts Magazine | SUN (Students |
| Chess Club | Link Crew | Understanding Nature) |
| Computer Science Club | Magic: The Gathering Card Game | Tech Club |
| D&D Club | Mountain Bike Club | Ultimate Frisbee |
| DECA | Musical | Youth in Government |
| Drama Club | Muslim Student Association | Vocal Ensembles |
| Educators Rising | National History Day Club | Yo-Yo Club |
| Fellowship of Christian Athletes | National Business Honor Society | |
| Feminist Club | National Honor Society | |

Competitive Teams

- Debate (Fall)
- E-Sports (Fall & Winter)
- Knowledge Bowl (Winter)
- Mock Trial (Winter)
- Robotics (Winter)
- Speech (Winter)

Affiliated Programs

- Bowling Club
- Trap Club

The list of student-run clubs changes from year to year. If you don't see the club you'd like to be in, talk to the Activities Director about starting it!



CONNECT & REGISTER

Athletics, Fine Arts and Competitive Activities Registration

Registration is required for all secondary Shakopee athletics, fine arts programs and competitive activities. Registration can be completed online through the Activities Department webpage and must be completed BEFORE an individual may participate. Registration must be done every season. There are three parts to the registration process:

1 REGISTER ONLINE AT [SHAKOPEESABERS.COM/REGISTRATION](https://shakoopesabers.com/registration) or by scanning the QR code. A SportsEngine account must be created if one does not exist already.



2 SUBMIT PAYMENT OR DISCUSS OPTIONS
Fees are paid online at the end of the registration process. **No student will be excluded from any activity based on the inability to pay the fee.** The student or parent/guardian should call or email the Activities Office questions on financial assistance.

3 PHYSICAL EXAM: All athletes must have an MSHSL Sports Qualifying Physical Examination Form filled out by their physician and on file with the school. Once completed, physicals are good for 3 years. Forms are available on the Activities website and in school offices. Various free physicals are offered throughout the year by health providers. Please contact the Activities Office for support.



80+ athletics and activities

FALL SPORTS

Registration Starts

July

Practices Begin

Mid-August

WINTER SPORTS

Registration Starts

October

Practices Begin

Mid-November

SPRING SPORTS

Registration Starts

February

Practices Begin

Mid/Late March

ACTIVITIES

Various Timeframes

Sept. - May

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