



Welcome to Middle School

Fall 2025

Rising 7th Grade
Presentation



Which middle school are you attending?

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SchoolLocator | Elgin School District U-46

Search

A House Number
Will be asked for in the next step

B Street Name
Start typing the name of your Street, then choose it from the list that appears.

I'm not a robot

Show a list of all schools in the Elgin School District U-46

Contact School Locator Administrator
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- Not sure which middle school you will be attending? Enter your address in the School Locator tool linked

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Which middle school are you attending?

- All middle schools will offer the dual language program except Hawk Hollow and Eastview
- All families will receive a letter by the end of October confirming your school for next year



A Typical Middle School Day

9 classes a day:
8 - 42 minute
classes
1 - 28 minute Advisory

4 minute passing
periods between
classes

NO RECESS!

Hall lockers with
combination
locks

PE class every day
No PE uniforms

26-27 Daily Bell Schedule

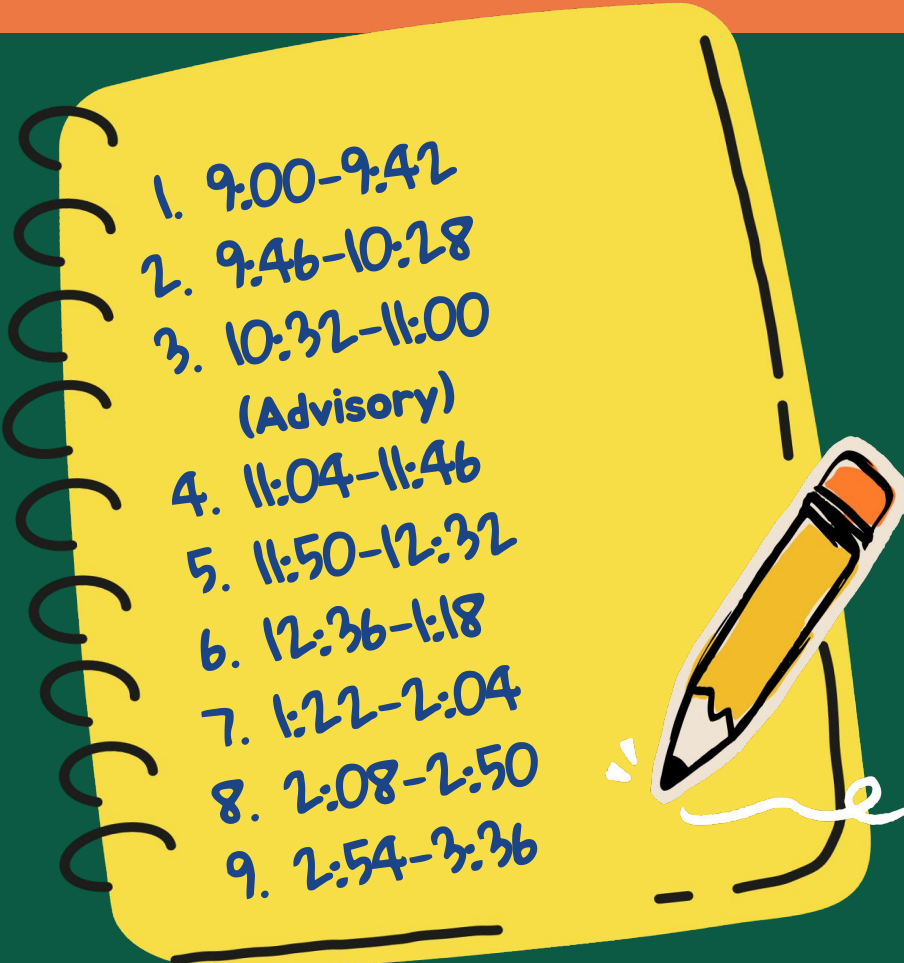


9 Period Day

4 Minute Passing Periods

42 Minute Periods

28 Minute Advisory Period

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1. 9:00-9:42
 2. 9:46-10:28
 3. 10:32-11:00
(Advisory)
 4. 11:04-11:46
 5. 11:50-12:32
 6. 12:36-1:18
 7. 1:22-2:04
 8. 2:08-2:50
 9. 2:54-3:36

9 Classes, Many Teachers

- 5-6 Core Classes (everyone has these):
 - English
 - Math
 - Science
 - Civic & Economic Studies
 - Spanish for Dual Language students
 - PE
- Different teachers for different subjects
- 2 Electives - You choose!
- Advisory
- Lunch



Advisory

Term S1 (08/11/25- 12/19/25)	
001	8PEGE19S-6 8TH PHYS ED Nelson, Heather J Rm: GYM
002	8SSGE19Y-2 8TH AMERICAN STUDIES Kolak, Erin & Logsdon, Rebecca
003	8SAGE19Y-4 8TH ADVISORY Nelson, Heather J Rm: C233 Team: 8th ELL Group 1
004	8SCGE79S-1 CULINARY & LEADERSHIP SKILLS Koch, Colleen Rm: C036
005	8SCGE19Y-3 8TH SCIENCE Kielbasa, Donna Rm: C062
006	9TEGE79S-2 STEM - AUTO AND ROBOT/PLTW Carrillo, Jessica M Rm: C010
007	9LUGE11S-4 STUDY/LUNCH Rm: Lunchroom
008	8LAGE19Y-3 8TH ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS Brunner, Elizabeth & Bacon, Brian Rm: C202
009	8MAGE19Y-12 8TH MATH Stortenbecker, Julie A Rm: C038

What is Advisory?

- Advisory is a regularly scheduled time where you will meet with one of your teachers on your team every day.
 - Advisory is only 28 mins
- Advisory can serve many purposes including:
 - Creating a strong community
 - Covering non-academic topics
 - Developing a support system
 - Strengthening relationships
 - Academic supports

Middle School Transition Year Placement



Rising Grade 7

Default → 7th Grade Math

65th %ile → Accelerated 7th

i-Ready 541 → Hon Algebra 1

Name _____ ID # _____ Current School _____

7th Grade Course Selection Sheet for the 2026-2027

Middle school classes are scheduled into a 9-period school day. Students will be scheduled into one period of the following classes per semester (in no particular order):

1. English - English Language Arts (ELA), English as a Second Language (ESL), or Honors English
2. Math -placement based on district criteria from standardized tests and teacher recommendations
3. Advisory
4. Social Studies or Spanish Social Studies (DL Students)
5. Science
6. Physical Education or Health
7. Lunch
8. Elective Period – Dual Language (DL) students will have Spanish Language Arts (ALE) during this period
9. Elective Period

* Note – Students selected for the Gifted Program through the district office will have honors or gifted classes in English, Science, and Social Studies. Special education students will have the same classes above with specific placement and accommodations determined by their IEP.

My Elective Choices

Each student will have 2 full-year electives worth of choices. Prioritize your selections 1,2,3,4, ...
Make sure to select more 6 or more semesters worth of choices to allow for alternates.

Full-Year/2 Semester Elective Options

- AVID 7
- Intermediate Band (Level 2)
- Middle School Band (Level 3)
- Choir (Level 1)
- Choir (Level 2)
- Intermediate Orchestra (Level 2)
- Middle School Orchestra (Level 3)
- World Language (Spanish 1A) **
- World Language (Spanish 1A Heritage) **

** Not for DL Students

Half-Year/1 Semester Elective Options

- Artistic Vision
- Automation and Robotics
- Automation and Robotics (Spanish)
- Broadway Bound!
- Culinary Arts 1
- Culinary Arts 2
- Dance Conservatory
- Essential Technology
- Graphic Artistry
- Here We Come, Hollywood!
- Interactive Media
- Medical Detectives
- MixINcedu (Entrepreneurship)
- World Dance Exploration

Full-Year/ 4-Quarter Elective Rotation Options (Order of rotation will vary)

- Explore Justice, Design, and Enterprise
Quarter classes: Art Exploration, Civic Justice, Design & Modeling, Intro to Business
- Explore Voice, Vision, and Vocation
Quarter classes: Career Exploration, Computer Technology, Human Development, Be a Star!

Important Note: It is the student's responsibility to secure and check their schedule and make a counselor appointment to correct any errors prior to each new semester. Per School District U-46 procedures – requests for changes to course selections after registration will only be granted if there is space available and no requests will be granted after June 1st unless there is a documented health or safety concern.

Course Selection Sheet

You will be given a **Selection Form** to identify your elective preferences

Please rank **6 electives** that you are interested in by numbering 1-6

Mark your choices on the Selection Form in the order you prefer - #1 is your first choice, #2 is your second preferred choice, etc.



Elective Classes



Rotations:

Explore Justice, Design, & Enterprise:

- Art Exploration
- Civic Justice
- Design & Modeling
- Intro to Business

Explore Voice, Vision, and Vocation:

- Be a Star!
- Career Exploration
- Computer Technology
- Human Development

*Rotation courses each last a quarter and may occur in any order.





Elective Classes



Semester-Long Classes:

- Artistic Vision
- Graphic Artistry
- Automation & Robotics
- Automation & Robotics (Spanish)
- Broadway Bound!
- Here We Come, Hollywood!
- Dance Conservatory
- World Dance Exploration
- Culinary Arts 1
- Culinary Arts 2
- Essential Technology
- Interactive Media
- Medical Detectives
- MxINCedu





Elective Classes



Year Long Classes:

- AVID 7
- Intermediate Band
- Middle School Band
- Choir Level 1
- Intermediate Orchestra
- Middle School Orchestra
- Spanish 1A
- Spanish 1A Heritage



*ALE: Artes de Lenguaje en Español
(Required for DL students)



Yearlong Electives



**READY FOR
SCHOOL**

Arte de Lenguaje
(ALE) Spanish

Language Arts (Dual
Language Only)

All Dual Language Students Must Take

World Language
(Not for DL students)

Spanish 1A

OR

Spanish Heritage 1A

**Yearlong Elective
Descriptions**

AVID

Explore Careers and Colleges
Interview and application required
School performance criteria

Spanish

(For Non-DL Students)

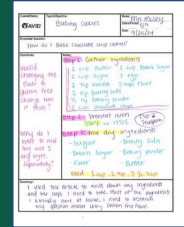
Spanish Language Opportunities – Allows for a student to start high school in the 2nd year of the Spanish program and can receive high school credit if Spanish 1A and Spanish 1 are successfully completed.

- Spanish 1A or Spanish 1 – Two-year Spanish program for non-Spanish speakers. Must pass both semesters of Spanish 1A to move on to Spanish 1.
- Spanish Heritage 1A or Spanish Heritage Speaker 1 – Two-year Spanish class for students who live in a home where Spanish is spoken. Must pass both semesters of Spanish Heritage 1A to move on to Spanish Heritage 1.

AVID

AVID is a year long elective that teaches students strategies and skills that will help them achieve their college and career goals

- Note-Taking
- Organization
- Goal Setting/Tracking
- Study Habits
- Time Management
- Self-Advocating
- Tutorials (academic support)
- Collaboration / Team Building
- College & Career Exposure - (Research, Guest Speakers, & Field Trips)



AVID

AVID Student Profile:

- For students who want to prepare for challenging classes and explore options for after high school
- A collaborative environment
- A class community
- For determined, motivated & willing students
- Desire and determination to succeed
- Average - High test scores
- Minimum 2.0 GPA or C average and higher
- Satisfactory Attendance & Citizenship
- Leadership Potential



Band

- Can either already be playing an instrument in 6th grade OR a first timer!
- Required Evening Concerts
- Types of instruments include: Flute, Trumpet, Trombone, Drums, Clarinet, Tuba

Orchestra

- Can either already be playing an instrument in 5th grade OR a first timer!
- Required Evening Concerts
- Types of instruments include: Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass

Yearlong Elective Descriptions

Level I Choir

Required Evening Concerts

Rotations



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Art Exploration

Try out lots of different art projects. Learn to draw in new ways and to paint with watercolors. Make things with clay. By the end of the class, you'll have a collection of all your best artwork to show how much you've grown as an artist.

Civic Justice

Learn how to make your community a better and fairer place for everyone. Find out how laws and rules are made, and how you can speak up for what's right. Work on real projects in your community to help make a positive change.

Explore, Justice, Design, & Enterprise

Design and Modeling

Learn how to use a computer to create and build new things. Use 3D software to make your ideas real. Work on projects that solve real problems to help you become a better problem-solver and a creative thinker.

Intro to Business

Learn how to come up with great ideas and turn them into a business. Practice finding problems and thinking of solutions, like a real boss! This class will help you become a creative thinker and work with others to make a big impact.

Be a Star!

Learn how to tell stories and act on stage. Discover how to be confident when you talk in front of people, use your body to show feelings, and find your own special voice. Work with a small group to act out a scene for the class at the end of the course.

Computer Technology

Use computers to solve problems and create new, cool things. Work with different computer programs to design projects using tools like shapes and layers. This class teaches you how to think like a programmer and use technology to build and test your ideas.

Explore Voice, Vision, and Vocation

Career Exploration

Begin figuring out what you want to be when you grow up. Learn about different jobs in places like schools, hospitals, and restaurants. The course helps you match your interests and what you're good at with different career ideas, and you'll find out what kind of schooling you need for each job.

Human Development

Learn about how babies and young kids change as their bodies get bigger, their brains learn new things, and they get better at making friends. Learn about how families and schools help children grow. This class can help you if you ever want to be a teacher or work with kids.



Semester Electives

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- _____ Graphic Artistry
- _____ Here We Come, Hollywood!
- _____ Interactive Media
- _____ Medical Detectives
- _____ MxINCedu (Entrepreneurship)
- _____ World Dance Exploration

Art

- Artistic Vision :

Try out many different ways to make art. You'll learn to draw, paint, and even use computers to create digital art. You'll also get to make cool sculptures and work with others on fun projects. By the end of the course, you'll have a portfolio filled with all the art you made, showing how much you've improved.

- Graphic Artistry :

Learn how to create art for things like products and buildings. You'll get to work on projects like digital design, 3D product design, and even packaging. By the end, you'll have a portfolio of your work to show what you've learned.

**Semester
Elective**

Technology

- Essential Technology:

Learn how to be a creator of technology instead of just a user. You'll get to try out coding, 3D printing, and even programming drones! You'll work on fun projects, like creating 3D prints, websites, animations, and video games. This course will help you prepare for future careers in technology, including jobs that haven't even been invented yet!

- Interactive Media:

Learn how to use technology to solve problems and create amazing things. You'll get to try out coding, robotics, 3D printing, podcasting, and even virtual reality! You'll work on projects that you get to choose, which will help you get ready for jobs in technology that don't even exist yet.

**Semester
Elective**

Culinary

- Culinary 1:

Learn how to be a baker! You'll discover the science behind baking and get to make all sorts of yummy things. You'll practice important skills like measuring ingredients, mixing dough, and decorating your creations. You'll also learn how to be safe and clean in the kitchen. By the end of the class, you'll feel confident and ready to bake on your own.

- Culinary 2:

Learn how to cook and prepare different foods. You'll practice important kitchen skills, like being safe and clean while you cook. You'll also learn about healthy eating, planning meals, and making your food look amazing! Working together with your classmates, you'll gain the confidence to make your own delicious and balanced meals.

****Culinary classes can be taken in any order****

**Semester
Elective**

STEM

- STEM - Automation and Robotics:

Work with a team to learn about automation and robotics. You'll build and program robots to solve real-world problems, just like real engineers. You'll get to be a mechanical engineer, a software developer, and an electrical engineer as you create your own inventions. This class will help you become a great innovator.

**Semester
Elective**

Dance

- Dance Conservatory

Learn different types of dance, like ballet, jazz, and tap. You'll practice various moves and work with your classmates. At the end, you'll get to show off what you've learned in a final performance.

- World Dance Exploration

Learn dance styles from all over the world, like hip hop, African dance, and Indian dance. You'll learn the basic moves for each style and find out about the culture and history behind them. At the end, you'll perform what you've learned with your classmates in a final show.

Semester
Elective

Theater

- Broadway Bound:

Learn everything you need to be a great actor on stage. You'll practice telling stories, acting without talking, and using your body to express feelings. You'll also get to learn about how to create a stage, design costumes, and even do makeup! By the end of the class, you and your classmates will perform in a play together.

- Here We Come, Hollywood:

Learn how to make movies! You'll get to explore everything that goes into making a film, both in front of and behind the camera. You'll learn about things like lighting, sound, camera skills, and video editing. By the end, you and your classmates will work together to make and star in your very own short film.

**Semester
Elective**

PLTW

Project Lead the Way

- Medical Detectives

Solve medical mysteries! You'll collect clues and analyze medical information to figure out what's wrong with a patient. You'll get to do hands-on projects and labs, like checking vital signs and examining how the human body works. By the end of the course, you'll have solved a medical mystery.

**Semester
Elective**

Business

- MxINCedu (Entrepreneurship)

Learn how to be a business owner. You'll find a problem in the world and create a product or service to solve it. You will create a name for your business, figure out prices, and make ads to sell your product. By the end, you'll have a real business and a product you created and launched!

Semester
Elective



Year Long Electives

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** Not for DL Students

What courses are best for me?

[Here is a link](#) to the Career Pathways that are offered in high school. This may help with course you might want to take.

What is next?

A middle school counselor will be back in November to complete your course selection with you.

Now it's your turn!



Any questions? Email a counselor

[All the Counselors](#)

