



Course Registration & Academic Planning Guide 2026-2027

Vision

To provide an environment where our 7th and 8th grade students have the freedom to explore educational avenues, the support to foster their social and emotional IQs, and the courage to build the essential skills to succeed in their next chapter.

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PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS & COURSES

STEP 1: Review the promotion requirements.

Note: CUSD junior high students must earn a minimum of 4 credits each year in order to be promoted to the following grade level. Each semester passing grade earns 0.5 credits. Failure to pass both language arts and math will result in retention. Additionally, if students fail to pass one or more of the other core academic classes (science or social studies), they will either be retained or required to attend summer school. High school level courses taken prior to 9th grade do not meet high school graduation requirements.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	Grade 7 Course	Grade 8 Course
	English Language Arts 7 OR Honors English Language Arts 7	English Language Arts 8 OR Honors English Language Arts 8
MATHEMATICS	Grade 7 Course	Grade 8 Course
	Math 7 OR Honors Pre-Algebra OR Honors Algebra 1	Pre-Algebra OR Honors Algebra 1 OR Honors Geometry
SCIENCE	Grade 7 Course	Grade 8 Course
	Integrated Science 7 OR Honors Integrated Science	Integrated Science 8 OR Honors Integrated Science
SOCIAL STUDIES	Grade 7 Course	Grade 8 Course
	Social Studies 7	Social Studies 8
ELECTIVES	In addition to the four core courses, students are required to take TWO elective courses each semester. Please see	
	STEP 3: Pick your elective courses <i>for a comprehensive list of available elective courses.</i>	

REQUIRED COURSES

STEP 2: Pick your core courses.

In order to participate in honors courses, students must obtain a teacher recommendation or meet the academic pre-requisite. Your academic success at Casteel is our priority! Please refer to the [course catalog](#) for course descriptions and information regarding pre-requisite requirements.

LANGUAGE ARTS CORE

Course #	Course Name	Grade Level	Duration	Teacher Recommendation/Academic Pre-requisite Required
ENG700	English Language Arts 7	7	Year	
ENG705	Honors English Language Arts 7	7	Year	<i>Recommended B or higher in prior Language Arts class</i>
ENG800	English Language Arts 8	8	Year	
ENG805	Honors Language Arts English 8	8	Year	<i>Recommended B or higher in prior Language Arts class</i>

MATHEMATICS CORE

Course #	Course Name	Grade Level	Duration	Teacher Recommendation/Academic Pre-requisite Required
MAT700	Math 7	7	Year	<i>For students who took Math 6 in 6th grade</i>
MAT705	Honors Pre-Algebra	7	Year	<i>Recommended B or higher in Math 7</i>
MAT105	Honors Algebra 1	7	Year	<i>Based on Math 7 and AZM2 Test Score</i>
MAT800	Pre-Algebra	8	Year	
MAT105	Honors Algebra 1	8	Year	<i>Recommended B or higher in Honors Pre-Algebra for both semester & final exams</i>
MAT205A/B	Honors Geometry	8	Year	<i>Recommended B or higher in Honors Algebra 1 for both semester & final exams</i>

SCIENCE CORE

Course #	Course Name	Grade Level	Duration	Teacher Recommendation Required
SCI700	Integrated Science 7	7	Year	
SCI705	Honors Integrated Science 7	7	Year	<i>Recommended B or higher in prior Science class</i>
SCI800	Integrated Science 8	8	Year	
SCI805	Honors Integrated Science 8	8	Year	<i>Recommended B or higher in prior Science class</i>

SOCIAL STUDIES CORE

Course #	Course Name	Grade Level	Duration	Teacher Recommendation Required
SOC700	Social Studies 7	7	Year	
SOC800	Social Studies 8	8	Year	

ACCELERATED ACADEMY

STEP 2: Pick your core courses.

The Casteel Junior High School Accelerated Academy is offered to students who qualify as gifted on the COGAT test and/or score highly proficient on both the Math and ELA portion of the state assessment. Other students may apply and will be admitted based on prior academic performance and teacher recommendation as space permits. Please refer to the [course catalog](#) for course descriptions and information regarding pre-requisite requirements.

ACADEMY CORE COURSES

Course #	Course Name	Grade Level	Duration
ENG705	Honors English Language Arts 7	7	Year
ENG805	Honors English Language Arts 8	8	Year
SCI720	Honors Integrated Science 7	7	Year
SCI805	Honors Integrated Science 8	8	Year
SOC705	Honors Social Studies 7	7	Year
SOC805	Honors Social Studies 8	8	Year
MAT705	Honors Pre-Algebra	7	Year
MAT105	Honors Algebra I	7	Year
MAT205	Honors Geometry	8	Year
MAT305	Honors Algebra 2	8	Year

REQUIRED ACADEMY ELECTIVE OPTIONS (Must Choose One World Language or Performing Fine Art)

Concentration Area	Course #	Course Name	Grades	Duration	Audition/ Application Required?
Band	BND700	Beginning Band	7-8	Year	Fee
	BND710	Cadet Band	7-8	Year	Fee
	BND720	Concert Band	7-8	Year	Fee
Orchestra	ORC700	Cadet Orchestra	7-8	Year	Fee
	ORC710	Chamber Orchestra	7-8	Year	Fee
	ORC720	Concert Orchestra	7-8	Year	Audition/Fee
Choir	CHR700	Beginning Choir	7-8	Year	Teacher approval/Fee
	CHR710	Intermediate Choir	7-8	Year	Teacher approval/Fee
	CHR720	Advanced Choir	7-8	Year	Audition/Fee
Dance	DAN700	Dance	7-8	Year	
Theatre	THR700	Theatre Workshop	7-8	Year	
World Language	FRE100	French 1	7-8	Year	
	GER100	German 1	7-8	Year	
	SPA100	Spanish 1	7-8	Year	
	FRE200A/B	French 2	8	Year	
	GER200A/B	German 2	8	Year	
	SPA200	Spanish 2	8	Year	

ELECTIVE COURSES

STEP 3: Pick your elective courses.

Please review the *course catalog* for full course description and pre-requisite information.

Concentration Area	Course #	Course Name	Grades	Duration	Audition/ Application Required?
Physical Education	DAN700	Dance	7-8	Year	Audition for beyond Beginning
	PED800	Physical Education	7-8	Year	
	PED720	Athletic Performance Academy	7	Year	Aspiring athletes only
	PED300A/B	Football Academy	8	Year	Coach approval required
	PED320A/B	Academy Boys Soccer			
	PED325A/B	Academy Girls Soccer			
	PED330A/B	Academy Softball			
	PED350A/B	Academy Boys Tennis			
	PED355A/B	Academy Girls Tennis			
	PED360A/B	Academy Boys Volleyball			
	PED365A/B	Academy Girls Volleyball			
	PED370A/B	Academy Boys Wrestling			
	PED375A/B	Academy Girls Wrestling			
	PED380A/B	Academy Boys Basketball			
	PED385A/B	Academy Girls Basketball			
	PED390A/B	Academy Baseball			
	PED400A/B	Academy Badminton			
	PED410A/B	Academy Flag Football			
Band	BND710	Cadet Band	7-8	Year	Fee
	BND720	Concert Band	7-8	Year	Audition/Fee
	BND760	Percussion Ensemble	7-8	Semester	Fee
	MUS 700	Creative Musicianship Exploratory	7-8	Semester	Fee
Orchestra	ORC700	Cadet Orchestra	7-8	Year	Fee
	ORC140	Beginning Orchestra	7-8	Year	Fee
	ORC720	Concert Orchestra	7-8	Year	Audition/Fee
Choir	CHR700	Beginning Choir	7-8	Year	Fee
	CHR710	Intermediate Choir	7-8	Year	Teacher Approval/Fee
	CHR720	Advanced Choir	7-8	Year	Audition/Fee
English	FLM720	Yearbook	7-8	Year	Application/Fee
	ENE190	Academic Pentathlon	7-8	Year	
World Language	FRE100A/B	French 1	8	Year	
	GER100A/B	German 1	8	Year	
	SPA100	Spanish 1	8	Year	
Fine Arts & CTE & General Electives	CSC720	Computer Science	7-8	Semester	
	EGR720	Engineering – Design & Modeling (Even Years)	7-8	Semester	
	EGR730	Engineering – Automation & Robotics (Odd Years)	7-8	Semester	
	PHO100*	Beginning Photography	7-8	Semester	
	DRA700	Drama	7-8	Semester	Fee
	THR710	Technical Theater Basics	7-8	Semester	Fee
	ART700	General Art	7-8	Semester	Fee
	FLM710*	Digital Media	7-8	Semester	
	THR700	Theatre Workshop (<i>Pre-requisite: Drama</i>)	7-8	Semester	
	FAC700*	Family & Consumer Science	7-8	Semester	Fee

	ELE840	Discovering Your Path	7-8	Semester	
	ELE850	Navigating Your Future	7-8	Semester	

*Not recommended to repeat