

# 7th to 8th Grade Course Selection

Millbrook Middle School

# 8th Grade Courses

- English 8
  - Social Studies 8
  - Science 8 or Regents Earth Science
  - Math 8 or Integrated Algebra
  - World Language (Spanish 1b or French 1b)
  - Physical Education (every other day)
  - Technology 8 (every other day)
- Quarterly Classes:
- Art 8
  - Music 8
  - Health 8
  - Family and Consumer Science 8

# 8th Grade Courses

## Enrichment Courses:

- STEM 7/8 (every other day)
- Intro. to Culinary Arts (every other day)
- Enriched Studio in Art (every other day)
- PE Wellness Plus (everyday)
- History Through Film (every other day)
- Press Room (every other day)

## Music Courses:

- Band 7/8 (every other day)
- Chorus 7/8 (every other day)

**[Click here to learn more about our enrichment courses](#)**

# 8th Grade Courses

- Students will have room for **at most** 2 enrichment courses. They cannot retake a class they have already taken in 7th grade.
- While there is no guarantee that students will get their first choice for enrichment courses, we do our best to get 8th graders one of their top choices.
- \*\*Enrollment in enrichment classes is based on availability of the course and space in the student's schedule.
- \*\*AIS courses (i.e. Math Lab, ELA Lab, Reading Lab, Study Skills) and special education courses take priority.

# World Language

- Students will continue with the same world language (Spanish or French) that they took in 7th grade.
- Students took level 1A in 7th grade and will take level 1B in 8th grade.
- If students complete both 1A and 1B AND pass the proficiency exam at the end of 8th grade, they earn 1 high school credit in World Language, which is applied towards their NYS graduation requirement.

# World Language

- Upon successful completion of level 1B, students will be enrolled in level 2 in 9th grade. If your child does not wish to continue to with level 2, please speak with your child's high school counselor.
- In order to graduate High School with a Regents Diploma, students will need 1 credit in World Language (which they can receive by the end of 8th grade by passing the course and proficiency exam).
- In order to graduate High School with an Advanced Regents Diploma, students will need 3 credits in World Language.

# Integrated Algebra

- Students who successfully completed Math 7a in 7th grade, will advance to Integrated Algebra in 8th grade.
- This is a HS credit-bearing course. Students will take a Regents exam in June, and their scores will be recorded on their HS transcript.
- Students will walk up to the High School for this class, and then return to the Middle School for the remainder of their classes.
- Students will find out if they have been placed in Integrated Algebra through a letter and email sent home in June.
- Upon successful completion of Integrated Algebra in 8th grade, students will take Geometry in 9th grade.

# Regents Earth & Space Science

- Students recommended for Earth & Space Science have successfully met the necessary criteria in their Science 7 course. This criteria includes test averages, lab scores, quarterly grades, understanding of concepts, etc.
- This is a HS credit-bearing course. Students will take a Regents exam in June, and their scores will be recorded on their HS transcript.
- Students will walk up to the High School for this class, and then return to the Middle School for the remainder of their classes.
- Students will find out if they have been placed in Earth & Space Science through a letter and email sent home in June.

# Progression of Math & Science

## Math

<b>7th Grade</b>	<b>8th Grade</b>	<b>9th Grade</b>	<b>10th Grade</b>
Math 7	Math 8	Integrated Algebra	Regents Geometry
Math 7a	Integrated Algebra	Regents Geometry	Regents Algebra II

## Science

<b>7th Grade</b>	<b>8th Grade</b>	<b>9th Grade</b>	<b>10th Grade</b>
Science 7	Science 8	Life Science: Biology	Earth & Space Science
Science 7	Earth & Space Science	Life Science: Biology	Physical Science: Chemistry

# Looking Ahead: NJHS

- In December of 8th grade eligible students will be recommended to apply for National Junior Honor Society.
- NJHS is a prestigious middle school organization that recognizes students who excel in academics, service, leadership, character and citizenship.
- To be eligible to apply, students must have an average of 92.5 (without rounding) from 6th, 7th and the first quarter of 8th grade. Students and families will be notified if they are eligible.
- The NJHS application asked for leadership experience, community service hours, extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation and an essay.
- Eligible students will be able to apply for National Honor Society (NHS) in 11th grade, regardless of whether you were a member of NJHS.
- Additional information can be found [here](#), or contact the NJHS advisors, Mrs. Guley and Mrs. Winters.

# Next Steps

- ***Please speak with your child about their course options for next year.***
- Students will complete a Google Form to select their enrichment preferences.
- ***There is no guarantee that your child will receive their first choice for enrichment courses.***
- Your child will then have an individual meeting with their school counselor to discuss their schedule and answer any questions they may have.

# Any Questions?

If you have any questions about the course selection process, please reach out to your child's school counselor, Mrs. Domino.

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