PIONEER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Eastern Carver County Schools

Return this form to your Science teacher by Friday, January 16, 2026

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

2026-27
7th Grade Course Registration

Welcome to 7th grade registration! In 7th grade, all students will take one year of Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. Additionally, students may choose **optional advanced academic and elective courses.**

I. ADVANCED ACADEMIC OPTIONS

Advanced Academic Options – Overview
Advanced courses follow the same state standards as standard courses but move at a faster pace with greater depth, independence, and inquiry-based learning to prepare students for advanced high school coursework.

Review the comparison chart on backside before selecting an Advanced course.

Advanced Language Arts 7 ☐ No ☐ Yes

Advanced Science 7 ☐ No ☐ Yes

II. ELECTIVE OPTIONS

Are you taking Full-Year High School Spanish 1?

☐ **NO**, Complete **Section A** (students NOT taking Spanish)

☐ **YES**, Complete **Section B** and Spanish consent on back

Complete ONLY ONE Section Below

SECTION A – This section is for students NOT taking Spanish 1			
Options	**Encore Electives**	**Performing Arts**	**Physical Education**
1 ☐	Art, FACS, Tech Ed, Health	**No Music**	Daily, all year
2 ☐	Art, FACS, Tech Ed, Health	**Select One:** ☐ Band ☐ Choir ☐ Orchestra	Alternates with music, all year
3 ☐	Art, FACS, Phy Ed, Health	**Select Two:** ☐ Band ☐ Choir ☐ Orchestra	Semester length, alternates every other day with another elective
SECTION B – This section is for students taking Spanish 1. *Parent consent MUST be signed on page 2.*			
4 ☐	Art, FACS, Phy Ed, Health	**No Music**	Semester length, alternates every other day with another elective
5 ☐	Art, Phy Ed, Health* *Health class taken asynchronously outside of school day	**Select One:** ☐ Band ☐ Choir ☐ Orchestra	Semester length, alternates every other day with another elective

Important Notes:

- Some students with specific academic needs may have one or more elective classes replaced by a support class based on individual needs.
- We strive to accommodate course selections; however, final schedules are subject to course availability.

ADVANCED ACADEMICS & WORLD LANGUAGE GUIDELINES

Advanced Language Arts & Advanced Science (Grades 7–8)

Advanced Language Arts features increased reading, more frequent and complex writing, and deeper analysis of texts. Students should be strong, independent readers who enjoy academic challenges and can manage regular work outside of class.

Advanced Science emphasizes inquiry, experimentation, scientific reading, and data analysis. Students design investigations, analyze data, and progress through content at a faster pace with greater independence.

How do Advanced Courses Compare to Standard Courses?

Standard Language Arts	Advanced Language Arts
Units last 4–6 weeks	Same units completed in 3–4 weeks with deeper learning
Read ~20 minutes nightly; finish a book every 3–4 weeks	Read a grade-level text every 1–2 weeks
2–3 major writing assignments per semester	Frequent writing on complex topics, short and extended
Most work completed in class	Regular work outside of class (up to ~2 hrs/week, plus reading)
Standard Science	**Advanced Science**
Units last 4–6 weeks	Same units completed in 3–4 weeks with deeper learning
Teacher-designed labs and activities	Student-designed experiments and evaluation of methods
Teacher-led instruction using shared texts	Independent research, analysis, and scientific writing
Most work completed in class	Some work outside of class (up to ~1 hr/week)

High School–Level Spanish in Middle School – Guidelines & Consent

- ✓ **Curriculum:** Mirrors the high school Spanish curriculum; a full-year course with daily homework and recorded on the high school transcript (not included in the cumulative GPA).
- ✓ **Pace and rigor:** Accelerated and challenging for the average middle school student.
- ✓ **Schedule:** Replaces Encore or elective courses; meets daily.
- ✓ **Classroom setting:** Multi-grade classroom possible.
- ✓ **World language:** Beginning world language later may benefit students who complete only two years when preparing for college placement exams.

CONSENT FOR FULL-YEAR SPANISH: We have read and understood the expectations required for the Spanish course.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

We strongly encourage parents and students to thoroughly read and discuss the content for the advanced classes before signing up.
Scan QR code to explore course descriptions.

Questions?

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