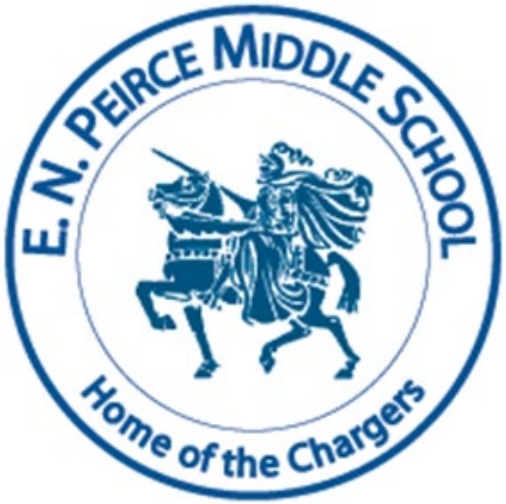
Peirce Middle School

Rising 7th Grade
How to Select Courses for 7th Grade

Winter 2026



Middle School Course Description Guide Distribution

- Was pushed out to student laptops on January 15th
- Also available on the WCASD and Peirce website
  - **Course Selection 2026-2027**

Course Selection Timeline

January 7 through January 23	Teacher recommendation window
January 26 through February 13	Student and parent course selection weeks
February 14 through February 27	Course selections may be viewed on the Parent Portal. All requests to change course selections and/or recommendations must be submitted to Mrs. Roesener during this window.
February 27- Course change deadline – Course level waiver recommendations	Course change deadline - Course level waiver recommendations require administrative approval beyond this date.

LEVELING DESCRIPTORS

Grade Level	Honors	Accelerated Honors
➢Students who learn at a continuous pace ➢Courses provide essential skills & content knowledge aligned to grade level standards ➢Collaborative & guided learning through a variety of instructional activities and assessments	➢Students who learn enriched content at a challenging pace ➢Rigorous grade level curriculum ➢Collaborative, guided, & self-directed learning through a variety of instructional activities and assessments	➢Students who learn advanced content at an accelerated pace ➢Rigorous curriculum that extends beyond grade level ➢Collaborative & self-directed learning through a variety of instructional activities and assessments

JANUARY 7TH - JANUARY 23RD

- Teachers made recommendations for Math, English, Reading/World Language.

- All recommendations were based on your performance and potential in your current classes.

January 26TH – February 13TH

- View your teachers' recommendations
- Choose Music (Band 7, Chorus 7, Orchestra 7, or Music Production and Technology)
- If not recommended for Reading, choose French 1, German 1, Italian 1, Latin 1, Spanish 1, or Reading Through Time 7 Honors

Reading or World Language

- You were recommended for either **Reading** or a **World Language.**
- If you were recommended for a World Language, you may still choose to take Reading Through Time 7 Honors instead.
- If you were recommended for a Reading class, you will be placed into a Reading Through Time 7 Honors, a Reading Through Time 7 Grade Level, or a Reading Plus 7 class.
- If you take Reading in 7th grade you will only have **one** reading class.

Reading OR World Language

- **IMPORTANT!**

➢ If recommended for Reading:

➢ You will see a Reading class listed as part of your recommendations (**DO NOT** select a World Language)

- ➢ If World Language is selected but a Reading recommendation was made, it will over enroll the student and the World Language will be dropped from the student's requested courses.
- ➢ If you would like to take a World Language and have a Reading class recommended for 7th grade, a waiver **must be submitted** to replace Reading with a World Language.

➢ If NOT recommended for Reading:

- ➢ Select either French 1, German 1, Italian 1, Latin1, Spanish 1, or Reading Through Time 7 Honors

Reading OR World Language

- **IMPORTANT!**

- **If recommended for a Level 1 World Language**
  - You will not see a Reading class or a World Language class listed as part of their recommendations. A non-recommendation of Reading is the way students are "recommended" to take a Level 1 World Language
    - You may select a Level 1 World Language class
      - Select either French 1, German 1, Italian 1, Latin1, or Spanish 1
    - You may select Reading Through Time 7 Honors. However, your reading teacher believes you are ready for a Level 1 World Language class.

Performing Music

- All rising 7th Grade students must select a music class:
  - Music Production and Technology **OR** a Performing Music (Band 7, Chorus 7, or Orchestra 7).

- Students in Band 7, Chorus 7, and Orchestra 7 will perform individually, in small groups, and in an ensemble.

- Students in all music classes will receive a grade.

- Students in a performing music class must have an interest in improving their singing or playing an instrument.

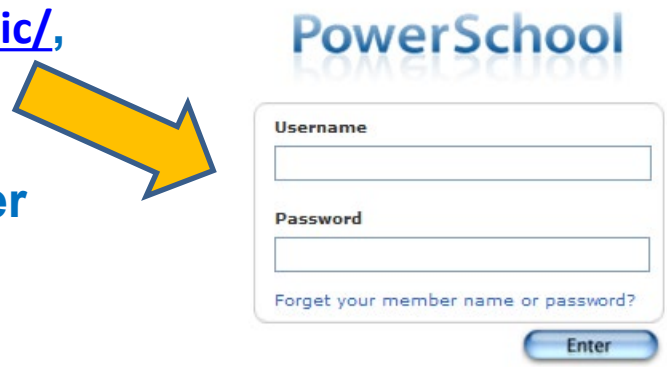
What do YOU need to do in Parent Portal with your parents?

- Click the ***Class Registration*** Tab

- Review the Teacher Recommendations
- Make a selection
  - French 1, German 1, Italian 1, Latin 1, or Spanish 1 (if no Reading class has been recommended by your Reading teacher) **OR**
  - Reading Through Time 7 Honors (if no Reading class has been recommended by your Reading teacher but you want to take Reading)
- Choose one Music Class
  - Band 7, Chorus 7, Orchestra 7, or Music Production and Technology
    - *Any student who is not continuing with their performing music from this school year is asked to communicate their intention with the performing music teacher.*

Course Selection Screens

1. Go to: https://ps.wcasd.net/public/, log into PowerSchool.
   - Enter either student user name/password or parent user name/password



2. Click the "Class Registration" icon (on the menu on the left)



What you'll see…

3. Click "View course requests"



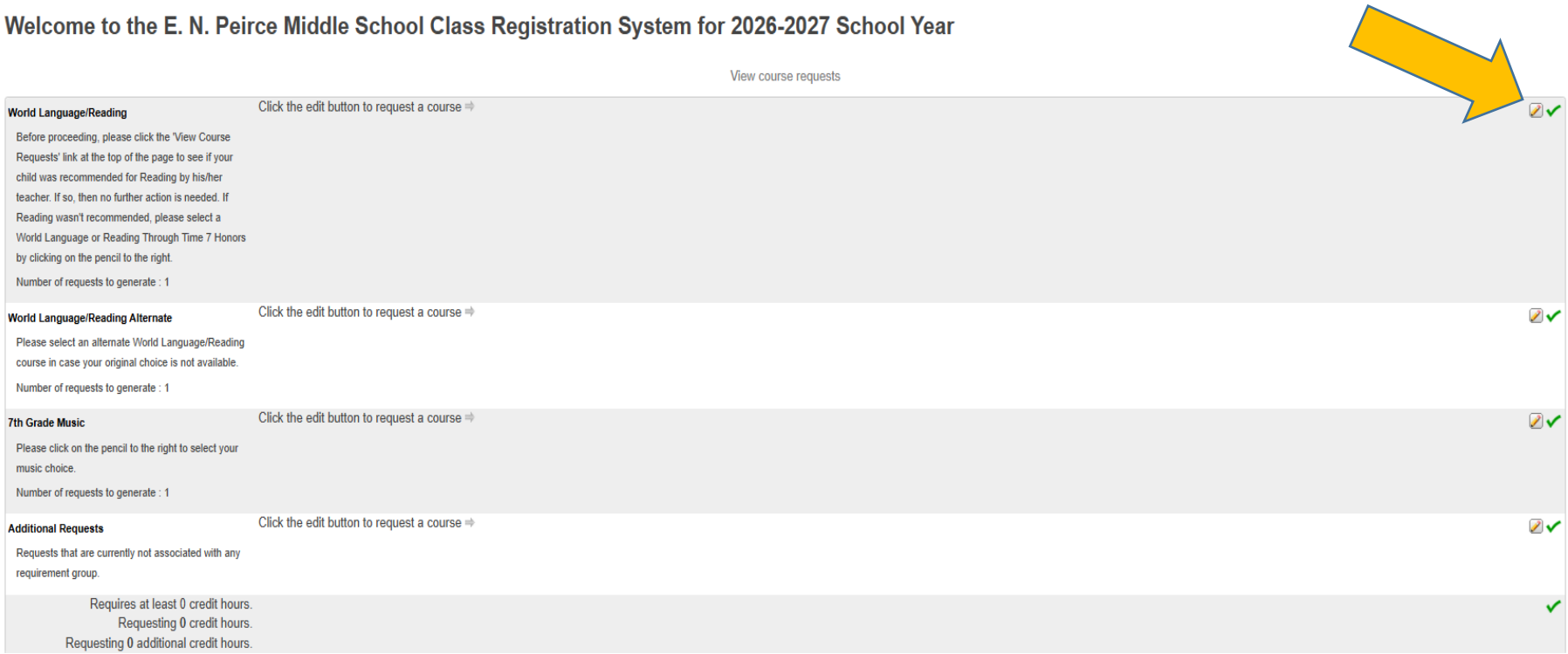
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4. After viewing the teacher recommendations, click "Class Registration" link (on the left) again to World Language or Reading, and Music.

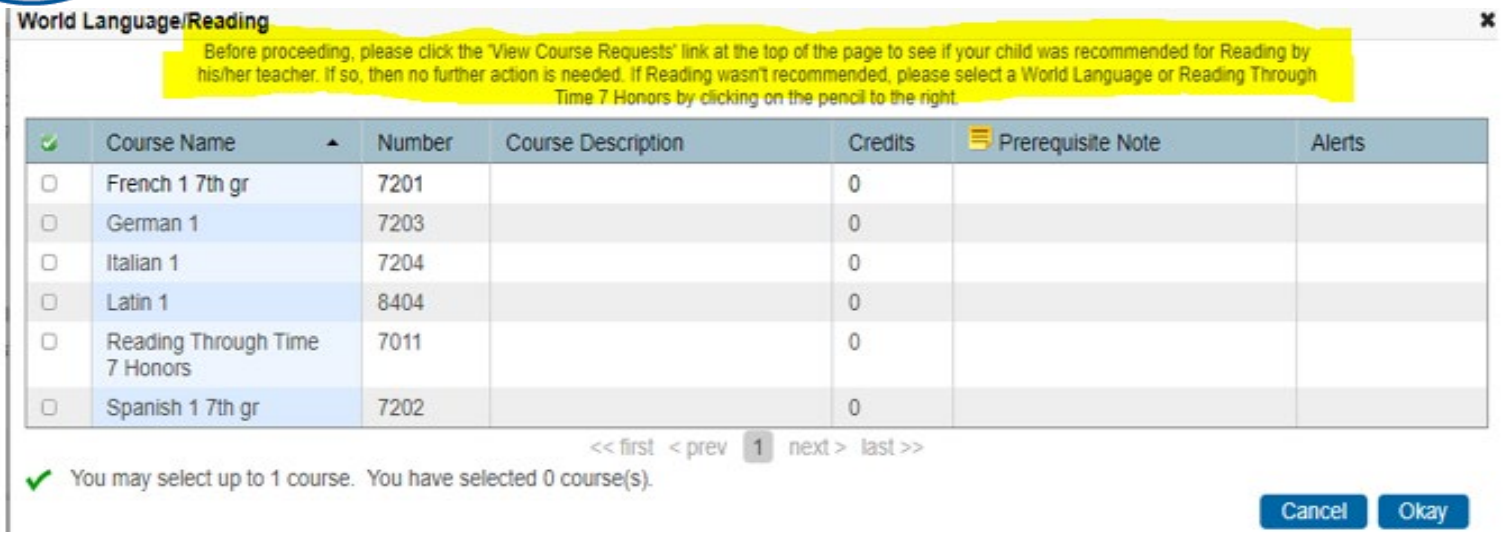


What you'll see…

5. Edit by clicking on the pencil across from the World Language or Music category.



What you'll see…



World Language/Reading

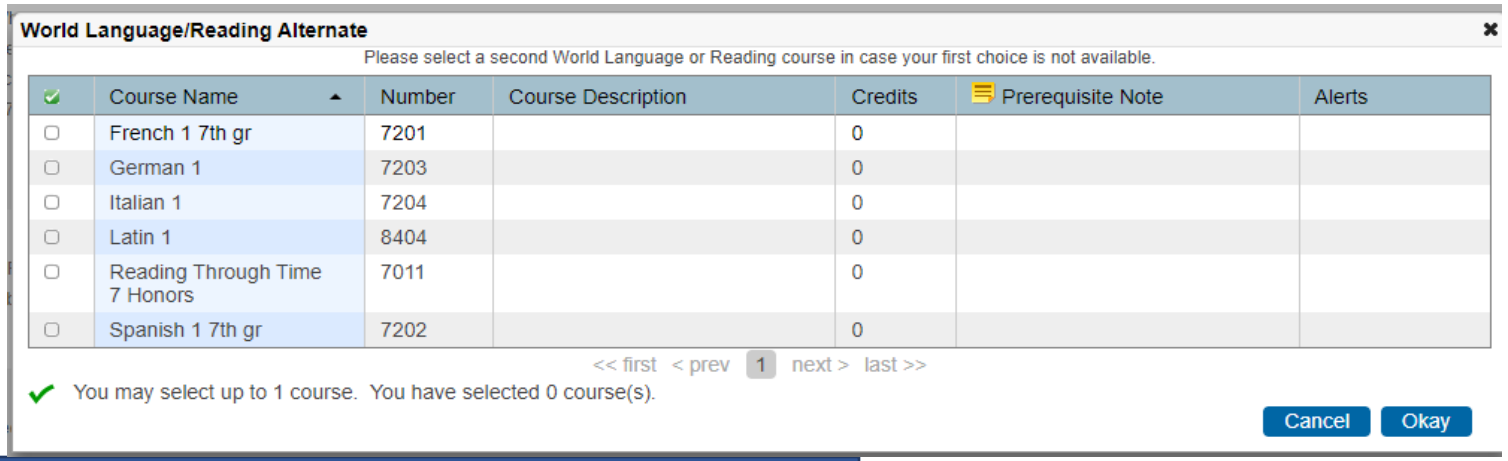
Before proceeding, please click the 'View Course Requests' link at the top of the page to see if your child was recommended for Reading by his/her teacher. If so, then no further action is needed. If Reading wasn't recommended, please select a World Language or Reading Through Time 7 Honors by clicking on the pencil to the right.

	Course Name	Number	Course Description	Credits	Prerequisite Note	Alerts
☐	French 1 7th gr	7201		0		
☐	German 1	7203		0		
☐	Italian 1	7204		0		
☐	Latin 1	8404		0		
☐	Reading Through Time 7 Honors	7011		0		
☐	Spanish 1 7th gr	7202		0		

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✔ You may select up to 1 course. You have selected 0 course(s).

Cancel Okay



World Language/Reading Alternate

Please select a second World Language or Reading course in case your first choice is not available.

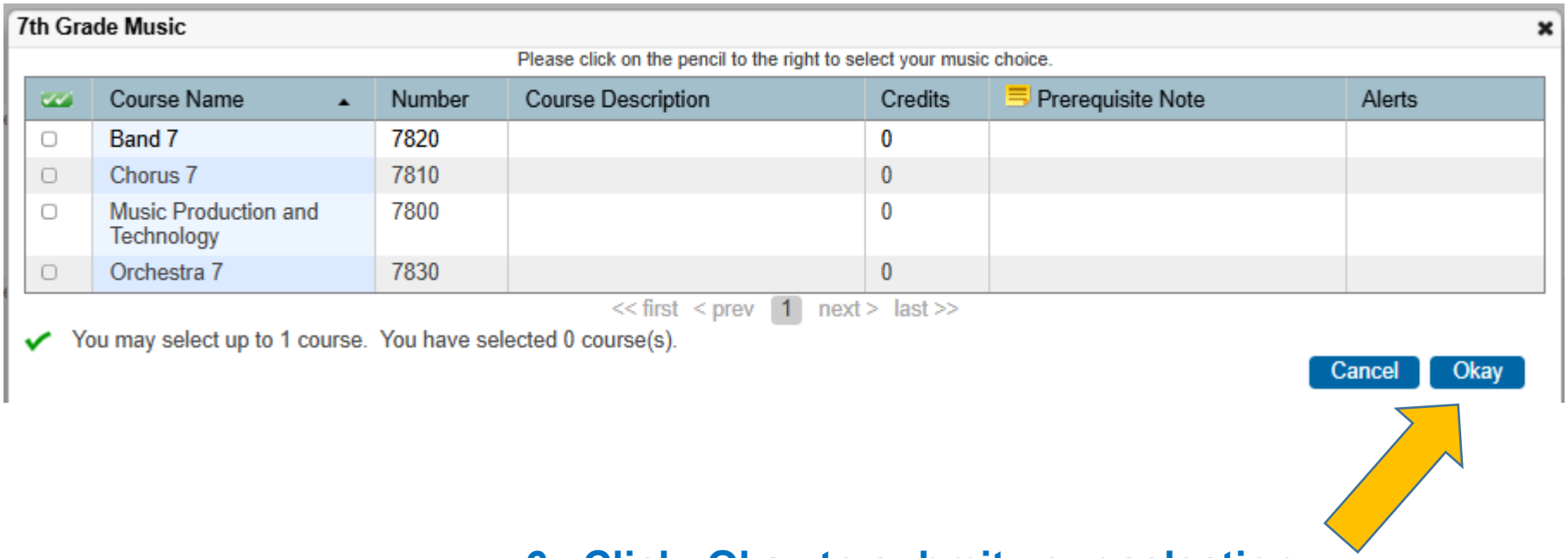
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Cancel Okay

What you'll see…



6. Click: Okay to submit your selection.

February 14TH – February 27TH



- Review your course selections on the Parent Portal. All requests to change course selections must be submitted to Mrs. Roesener during this window (you cannot make changes yourself online during this time period).
- Use a Course Request Waiver Form found in the main office or on the Peirce website.
- A few days after submitting a course change, check to see that the changes are reflected online.
- If after a few days the changes are not reflected online, students should see Mrs. Roesener or Dr. Matilla

Course Waiver Form

Course Change Request Form for the 2026-2027 school year

Name_____ Current Grade (please circle) **6 7**

This form should be submitted for the following purposes:

Section 1 – requests to **change** any non-recommended classes (i.e. Music, Unified Arts, World Language)

Section 2 – must be completed by any student/parent requesting to override a teacher recommendation (as indicated in Parent Portal)

Section 1 – Request to Change Non-Recommended Classes (Current 6th and 7th Grade Students)

**This section must be completed for any change request to music classes, Unified Arts electives, or World Language.*

Courses to be Removed:	**Courses to be Added:**
Course Name _____	Course Name_____
Course Name _____	Course Name_____
Course Name _____	Course Name_____
Course Name _____	Course Name_____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to your school counselor ASAP. All forms must be returned by Friday, February 27th.

Section 2 – Course **Placement** Waiver Agreement (Current 6th & 7th Grade Students)

During the course selection process, teachers make recommendations for individual students carefully after considering a variety of data. If you have questions about the course and/or level that you feel would be most appropriate for your child, or would like more information on your child's current recommendation, it is strongly encouraged that you contact your child's recommending teacher or counselor. If after consideration, you still wish to override the teacher recommendation, please complete the following section of this form:

Student's Name : _____ Current School: _____

School Counselor: _____ Grade: ____ Homeroom: _____

Recommended Course/level to be changed:	**Parent/Student Selected Course/Level to be added:**
Course Name/Level: _____	Course Name/Level: _____
Course Name/Level: _____	Course Name/Level: _____
Course Name/Level: _____	Course Name/Level: _____

- I request that my child be placed in the courses I have selected and listed above. I have discussed the selections with my child's teacher and understand why my child did not meet the criteria for the particular courses. However, after careful consideration of these criteria, I still believe that the courses we have selected represent the appropriate placement for my child.
- I understand and accept full responsibility to provide my child with any support or remediation that may be needed to ensure his/her success in this course.
- I fully understand that a request to reverse this waiver and place my child in the class originally recommended by the teacher is not guaranteed. Placement in the original teacher recommended course after my request is approved is based upon availability, considering predetermined class sizes. If the original teacher recommended course has reached the maximum capacity, my child will remain in the course I requested.
- I fully understand that waiving into this course does not guarantee placement in this course.
- I understand that this agreement does not allow a student to skip prior coursework needed to fulfill a course prerequisite.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Approval Routing:
☐ School Counselor
☐ Building Administrator
☐ District Supervisor

All forms must be returned by Friday, February 27th.

February 27TH

DEADLINE FOR

Course Level Change Waivers and

Reading/World Language or Music

Course Changes

Please see Mrs. Roesener or me if you have questions!



We are here to help you!