

Fishers Junior High School

**Junior High Scheduling Information
Incoming 7th Graders
2026-2027**

Plans are underway for next year's classes for junior high students. In order to begin our scheduling process, we need an accurate count of enrollees for the elective classes. Students have one elective choice for 7th grade. They will choose between the Fine Arts Option or the Family and Consumer Science (FACS) Option. Students who choose a fine arts elective may take art, band, choir or orchestra. Students may take band or orchestra even if they have not participated in sixth grade band or orchestra. **Participation in seventh grade band or orchestra will require the rental of an instrument.** If your child has already participated in band or orchestra in sixth grade, the intermediate band and orchestra teachers will recommend placement in the appropriate level of seventh grade band or orchestra if your child chooses to continue with these programs for next year.

Sixth grade teachers will be asked to recommend students for advanced placement in seventh grade English, math, and science classes. If you have questions concerning how your child will be recommended, please contact your child's sixth grade English, math, and/or science teachers.

All sixth-grade parents **and** students are invited to attend FJH Preview Day this summer. Our open house style Preview Day will take place on July 29th, 2026 1-6 pm. This will be a day for parents and students to tour the building, learn about extracurricular opportunities at FJH, and meet seventh grade staff. We would like you to discuss the elective option with your child before they make their selections. Students will be electronically submitting their elective choice in their 6th grade homeroom. Please remember that your child is choosing this elective for the **entire** school year. If you would like to make a change to your child's elective choice after Friday, February 20th, please contact the Fishers Junior High Guidance Department at 317-594-4150. Changes will be made up until May 22, 2026. **Schedule changes will not be made after May 22nd, 2026**

SEVENTH GRADE COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH 7

MATH 7

SCIENCE 7

SOCIAL STUDIES 7

WELLNESS

COMPOSITION 7 (One semester)

BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (One semester)

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE (One semester if no fine arts)

ART SURVEY (Nine-week course)

GENERAL MUSIC (Nine-week course)

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (Nine-week course)

ROBOTICS (Nine-week course)

EXPLORING WORLD CULTURES AND LANGUAGES (one semester if no fine arts)

ELECTIVE CHOICE -

FINE ARTS

OR

**FAMILY AND
CONSUMER SCIENCE**

Choice of:

**Family and Consumer Science
(FACS-semester)**

**BAND (full year) – or
CHOIR (full year) - or
ORCHESTRA (full year) - or
ART 7 (full year)**

Sample Schedules Attached

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7TH GRADE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

2025-2026

English 7 – The focus for seventh grade English will be on reading fiction and non-fiction, improving various writing skills, and speaking and listening. Students will delve into the world of novels (done individually and as a class), short stories, articles, and poetry. They will participate in group discussions, give speeches, write detailed paragraphs and essays, and create various projects. Since the world of language arts is so broad, students will have varied experiences throughout the year, allowing them to improve their skills using a variety of texts and assignments.

Advanced English 7 – Students in advanced English at the junior high must enter the course having BOTH above-average reading skills and a *desire to read* academically and personally. The keys to making the course rigorous for the students will be in the relevancy of the texts and the differentiation of instruction that is implemented by the teacher. This includes, but is not limited to, numerous literary devices (irony, tone, mood, allegory, figurative language, theme, point of view) and certain skills, such as how to annotate a text. As in all language arts classes, a wide range of texts, including many that are above grade level, will be used to teach these concepts, but at the advanced level a greater emphasis will be placed on critical-thinking skills, higher-level questions, and literary analysis. The specifics of these will come from the 7th grade standards, but there is an expectation that students will be asked to go above grade level when appropriate. *It is the expectation of HSE schools that students in the advanced in classes in junior high will continue to the honors level and AP courses in high school. Admittance into this course is predetermined at the sixth grade level.*

Composition 7 – Composition is a one semester course focusing on the skills necessary to effectively communicate ideas in writing in a grammatically correct manner. Students will use the library to conduct research for a research paper and utilize the computer lab to gain experience in researching and word processing skills. Students will also participate in at least one oral presentation.

Math 7 – The seventh-grade math class prepares students for their final year of pre-algebra study. The curriculum includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Operations of whole numbers, decimals, fractions, and integers

Applications of each set of numbers, using problem solving strategies

Number theory

Algebraic expressions and equations

Geometric definitions and concepts

Uses of measurements of plane and solid geometric figures

Percents and their applications

Statistics and graphs

Probability

Coordinate graphing and equations in two variables

Advanced Math 7 – This advanced math class prepares students to take high school Algebra I in eighth grade. The curriculum consists of the topics listed below. *Placement is based on grades and teacher recommendation.*

Algebraic concepts

Trigonometric ratios

Graphing algebraic equations

Percents and their applications

Geometric definitions and concepts

Uses of measurements of plane and solid geometric figures

Probability and Statistics

Square roots, Pythagorean Theorem

Solving equations with whole numbers, decimals, fractions, and integers

Science 7 – Topics covered include cells, the scientific method, what is a Scientist? and environmental science. An in-depth study of plants and animals is also covered as well as how these fit into different biomes. Students will be studying the different concepts in a lab setting which will help to develop their scientific thought.

Advanced Science 7 – Topics covered include cells, the scientific method, what is a Scientist? and environmental science. An in-depth study of plants and animals is also covered as well as how these fit into different biomes. This class will require students to be an independent thinker, be able to handle a faster pace setting, and be able to utilize higher thinking skills while studying each topic. *Placement is based on grades and teacher recommendation.*

Social Studies 7 – Seventh grade social studies will explore the Eastern World from ancient to modern times. Major civilizations and historical events (e.g. Ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, South Africa, colonization) are studied through a wide variety of means to include, but not limited to, lectures, group and individual projects. Map skills, historical literature analysis, and writing skills are also implemented.

Art 7 – Students will have the opportunity to create both two and three-dimensional art projects. They will explore drawing and painting as well as printmaking, clay, papier-mâché and other media. Experiences

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with web quests, digital photography and learning about and discussing the work of professional artists will also be part of this class. Sketchbook assignments will be used to supplement art projects. This is a year long course.

Art Survey – This nine-week course will give students the opportunity to create both two and three-dimensional art projects. Drawing, painting and papier-mâché are some of the media explored.

Choir - Consists of a mixed group of 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in developing their vocal skills and musicianship through ensemble singing. Three choir courses are offered: *Charger Melody* (7th Grade Girls), *C-Force* (7th and 8th Grade Boys), and *Charger Sound* (8th Grade Girls). Students will focus on healthy vocal technique, music literacy, performance skills, and teamwork while preparing a variety of choral repertoire and musical styles throughout the year. Students from each choir are required to perform at quarterly school performances. Students have the opportunity to participate in additional school and community events outside of the regular school day such as Indiana All-State Honor Choir, Circle the State with Song, and ISSMA Solo & Ensemble. Some out-of-school performances may be required, including (but not limited to) Veterans Day performances, National Anthem performances, community performances, and ISSMA organizational festivals.

Band – **Symphonic Band** is for advanced 7th and 8th grade band students who display leadership qualities through practice habits, playing skill, and daily class work ethic. Performances include Fall, Winter, and Spring Concerts as well as band contest and solo and ensemble contest. *The intermediate school and junior high school directors select membership.* This is a year long course. **Concert & Varsity Band** are intermediate level groups for 7th and 8th grade students. Performances include Fall, Winter, and Spring Concerts as well as band contest and solo and ensemble contest. *The intermediate and junior high school directors select membership.* This is a year long course. **Beginning Band** is offered to 7th graders who want to learn to play an instrument. Students will perform at the Winter and Spring Concerts.

Participation in seventh grade band will require the rental of an instrument. Students will be fitted to an instrument within the first few weeks of school. Once an instrument has been selected, it will be the responsibility of the parents and students to obtain an instrument. Information regarding instrument rental will be handed out at the start of the school year. This is a year long course.

Orchestra – **Allegro Orchestra** is for beginning orchestra students and offers beginning instruction on violin, viola, cello and string base instruments. **Symphonic Orchestra** is for intermediate orchestra students who already have an understanding of basic music reading, instrument assembly and maintenance, correct playing position and sound tone production. **Chamber and Philharmonic Orchestra** are the advanced string groups and are comprised of students who have two or more years of playing experience. These classes concentrate on advanced technical and expressive skills in an advanced ensemble-focused setting. All orchestra students will participate in regular concerts and participate in string activities outside of school (Contest, Regional Orchestra Festival, etc.). **Participation in seventh grade orchestra will require the rental of an instrument.** *The intermediate and junior high school director will determine placement in the appropriate level.*

General Music – This nine-week course provides students with opportunities to sample hand chimes, keyboards, and guitars. Music history will also be visited.

Business Information Technology – In this semester course, students will improve their computer applications skills, using the touch-type method while utilizing Office 365 applications such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher. In addition, students will explore Computer Science and Coding, as well as basic concepts of Personal Financial Responsibility. Culminating projects will include activities which integrate these concepts and allow students to apply their newly acquired skills to real-world situations.

Wellness – This year-long course will focus on practicing healthy habits daily to improve the interrelatedness of physical, mental/emotional and social health, improving overall well-being to ensure that students are thriving not just surviving. Wellness lessons will include such topics as personal wellness, mental health, healthy relationships/human development, substance abuse prevention and introduction to various life-long skills and activities.

Family and Consumer Science – **FACS** – This is a semester class taken by 7th graders not enrolled in art, band, choir or orchestra. Topics include but are not limited to kitchen safety and sanitation, food preparation skills, nutrition, food guide pyramid and clothing care. This class also covers topics associated with childcare.

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Technology Education - Tech Ed is a nine-week course studying the following technological systems: transportation, manufacturing, construction and communications systems. Major projects include a truss bridge, a transportation vehicle, and a cutting board. The materials utilized in the lab include wood, plastic, and spray and brush paints.

Intro to Lego Robotics

This hands-on, project-based course offers students the opportunity to explore the dynamic fields of robotics and automation. Using LEGO Spike Prime, students will learn the fundamentals of mechanical engineering and coding. Working collaboratively in teams, students will address real-world challenges, develop innovative solutions, and enhance their problem-solving abilities. Along the way, they're not only learning how robotics works but also making real-world career connections and practicing valuable employability skills. Whether new to robotics or with prior experience, this course will engage student creativity and provide a deeper understanding of the future of technology. It is designed to be both challenging and rewarding, offering valuable learning experiences along the way.

Exploring World Cultures and Languages

In this semester-long course, students will gain a better understanding of our global community through the exploration of a variety of world cultures and languages. Topics will include basic language learning, cultural traditions, social norms and values, history and geography, and art and literature.

Sample Schedules Attached

Scheduling Options – 7th Grade Sample Only

(Courses will not be in this order.)

<u>With FACS Option</u>	<u>With Fine Arts Option</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English 2. Math 3. Science 4. Social Studies 5. Wellness (Full Year) 6. Composition (Sem) / Business Information Technology (Sem) 7. Art Survey (9 Wks) / General Music (9 Wks) Robotics (9 Wks) / Tech Ed (9 Wks) 8. FACS (Sem) / Exploring World Cultures (Sem) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English 2. Math 3. Science 4. Social Studies 5. Wellness (Full Year) 6. Composition (Sem) / Business Information Technology (Sem) 7. Art Survey (9 Wks) / General Music (9 Wks) / Robotics (9 Wks) / Tech Ed (9 wks) 8. Fine Arts Electives: (Choose One) Band/Choir/Orchestra/Art (Full Year)

Special Notes

1. English and/or Math Labs (May be required based on ILearn and reading scores).
2. Resource Classes (determined at case conferences).
3. Any student who signs up for full year art, will also take a semester of exploring world cultures, rather than the 9 week art class.