

IV 7th Grade Course Selection Presentation

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Middle School Schedule / Course Selection



The Why:

Provide a schedule that is developmentally appropriate for each grade level and focuses on the transitions in middle school. Additionally, provide interventions, support, increased instructional time, and a greater variety of related arts for adolescent learners.

Priorities:

1. Maintain Teaming
2. Incorporate a more responsive approach to 6th grade transition
3. Balance instructional time in core content areas
4. Incorporate a daily Focus Period (intervention, extension, advisory)
5. Expand social & emotional learning
6. Increase opportunities to review data, meet with professional learning communities, implement best practices, meet for child study

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Grade Level Overview

Grade 6	FOCUS 7:42-8:12	Block 1 Related Arts 8:15-8:56	Block 2 Core 8:59-10:04	Block 3 Core 10:07-11:12	Lunch 11:15-11:45	Block 4 Core 11:48-12:53	Block 5 Core 12:56-2:01	Block 6 Related Arts 2:04-2:45
Grade 7	Focus 7:42-8:12	Block 1 Core 8:15-9:20	Block 2 Related Arts 9:23-10:04	Block 3 Related Arts 10:07-10:48	Block 4 Core 10:51-11:56	Lunch 11:59-12:29	Block 5 Core 12:32-1:37	Block 6 Core 1:40-2:45
Grade 8	Focus 7:42-8:12	Block 1 Core 8:15-9:20	Block 2 Core 9:23-10:28	Lunch 10:31-11:01	Block 3 Related Arts 11:04-11:45	Block 4 Related Arts 11:48-12:29	Block 5 Core 12:32-1:37	Block 6 Core 1:40-2:45

Students will follow an A/B schedule.

7th Grade Schedule Snippet

Arrive	A	Focus	Science	RA/CA	RA	ELA	Lunch	SS	Math	
										
		30	65	41	41	65	30	65	65	
	B	Focus	Science	RA	RA	ELA	Lunch	SS	Math	
										
		30	65	41	41	65	30	65	65	
		7th Grade Teams				Related Arts (RA)/Creative Arts (CA) Offerings				

4 person - approximately 108 students
6 person - approximately 162 students

All Students will receive PE (all year) and Guidance (1 semester)
band, chorus, orchestra (all year) + (3 electives)
Art, Entrepreneurship, FCS, Health, Tech. Ed.

FOCUS Block



Dynamic process to meet the identified and emerging needs of all students with the support of all staff.

- ❖ Weekly schedule to support the whole child

Advisory	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Guidance counselors and teachers are developing grade specific course content to address specific developmental and social emotional needs of middle school students● Themes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Team Building* Career Exploration* Problem Solving* Conflict Resolution* Mindfulness* Opposing Viewpoints* Empathy* Transitions* Goal Setting
Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Data informed● Small group● Specialized programming
Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Data informed● Interest inventories

7th Grade Academic Experience

*English Language Arts	Social Studies	Related Arts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Investigating Characterization Through Author Study ● Essential Research Skills for Teens-Need to Create ● Dystopian Book Clubs ● Writing about reading: From Readers Notebooks to Companion Books ● The Art of Argument ● Realistic Fiction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fall of Empires ● Emergence of New Empires ● Middle Ages ● Beginning of Modern Time ● Meanwhile in American 	<p style="text-align: center;">Art Drawing Painting Mixed Media</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Family Consumer Science Foods Childcare</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Tech Ed Principles and elements of design, photoshop projects and video/media</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Business Introduction to Entrepreneurship Business</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Guidance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wellness</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Band, Chorus, Orchestra</p>
*Science	Math	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chemistry: <i>How Do I Make New Stuff From Old Stuff?</i> ● Earth Science: <i>What Makes Weather Change?</i> ● Life Science: <i>What is Going On Inside of Me?</i> ● Physical Science: <i>Why Do Some Things Stop While Others Keep the Same?</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rational Numbers ● Expressions and Equations ● Proportional Relationships ● Geometry ● Statistics and Probability 	

Middle School Schedule RA/CA Choices

Performing Arts

Band, Chorus, Orchestra (all year / every other day)

PE (all year / every other day)

Guidance (1 semester / every other day)

Choice of 3 Electives

- Art, Entrepreneurship, FCS, Health, Tech. Ed.
- All electives are 1 semester / every other day

S1

Block	A	B
2	PA	PE
3	Guid.	Elect. 1

No Performing Arts

PE (all year / every other day)

Guidance (1 semester / every other day)

- Art, Entrepreneurship, FCS, Health, Tech. Ed.
- All electives are 1 semester / every other day

S2

Block	A	B
2	PA	PE
3	Elect. 2	Elect. 3

Planning for 2019-20

Course Selection Process:

- Team Meetings with Ms. Toby, Mrs. Raught, Dr. Heller and Dr. Pammer.
- Ms. Toby and Mrs. Raught will meet with students to discuss scheduling options.
- Students will receive course selection sheet. Parents will sign-off on selections.
- Students will make course requests in HAC.
- Schedules will be available in August.

Timeline:

- Friday, March 29 - Course Selection Sheets distributed to students in science class.
- Friday, April 5 - Course Selection Sheets returned to science teacher.
- Monday, April 8 and Tuesday, April 9 - School Counselors meet with students in science classes and make course selections in HAC.
 - Monday, April 8 - Team Mariner
 - Tuesday, April 9 - Team Adventurer