

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Enrollment**

Seventh grade students are enrolled in seven classes that they attend each day. They have five required courses and two electives.

### **Required Courses:**

Pre-Algebra or \*Algebra I

Language Arts

Science

Social Studies

8<sup>th</sup> Rotation

\*Please note: Placement in this course will be based on the guidelines set forth by the math department. Students who complete Pre-Algebra in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Algebra I in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to complete three additional math credits (above Algebra I) in high school (state law). Grades earned in Algebra I in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will appear on the student's high school transcript and count towards his/her high school GPA. Students enrolled in Algebra I will follow the attendance and grading guidelines of Plainview High School.

### **Elective Choices:**

Art

Band

Choir

Competitive Athletics

Computer Applications

Family and Consumer Science

Yearbook

## Art

Students will explore basic **art** media and techniques such as: drawing, painting, graphic design, photography, collage, ceramics, printmaking, sculpture, and more. This class is a continuation of beginning art. Students receive a letter grade for this class.

## Band

This class will introduce the students to the band experience at an intermediate level. The students will have outside performances that are required. The students will be expected to practice outside of the school day. This class prepares students to join the Plainview High School marching band. Students receive a letter grade for this class.

## Choir

Students will participate in the Plainview Middle School choral program. This class will enhance the musicianship of each member. Students are expected to attend required concerts and performances, and are given a grade for their participation. Students receive a letter grade for this class.

## Competitive Athletics

This course is the course for participation in Plainview sponsored athletics. Students will enroll in this course if they wish to compete in sports that represent Plainview Middle School. Sixth grade options are: Cross-Country, Basketball, and Track. Seventh and eighth grade options are: Cross-Country, Softball, Football, Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball, and Track. Students are given a letter grade for this course. Students are expected to dress-out and participate DAILY in workouts. Students must attend games/meets and practices. Students must also remain eligible to compete. Students who do not meet these expectations, or who do not participate in one of the sports listed, will be removed from the class and have a schedule change.

## Computer Applications

This class will cover the basic skills of word processing, creating presentations, spreadsheets, and databases. Students will learn basic technology skills necessary for creating projects, papers, and reports.

### Family and Consumer Science

Family and consumer science (also called home economics) will cover subjects such as nutrition, budgeting, cooking, family living, sewing, child care, and many others.

### Yearbook

The yearbook class is responsible for creating the Plainview Middle School yearbook. The students will select the theme, take photographs, and create/assemble the pages. This class will only have an enrollment of 12 students.