

# Van Hoosen Middle School - New Student 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration Card

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name

First Name

Parent/Guardian E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Former School (Name, City, State): \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please attach a copy of most recent report card and schedule*

## **REQUIRED FULL YEAR ACADEMIC COURSES (40 Weeks)**

United States History 8

Science 8

Language Arts 8 or \*Advanced Language Arts 8

Pre-Algebra or \*high school Algebra 1

*\*PLEASE NOTE: Please see information on back of this card regarding selecting Adv. LA 8 and/or Algebra 1 course.*

*Only students who have completed Pre-Algebra may select Algebra 1. Students taking Algebra 1 are taking a high school course; the grades they receive will appear on the transcript that goes to colleges. It will not, however, be factored into the high school grade point average (GPA).*

***Students will take 2 full-year electives OR 1 full-year plus 2 semester electives  
OR 4 semester elective courses***

## **FULL-YEAR ELECTIVE COURSES (40 Weeks)**

**World Language – Level 1 or Level 2**

*These full year language classes are for high school credit, are a full year commitment, and the grade students receive will appear on the transcript that goes to colleges.*

*(Rank courses 1-4 in order of preference if choosing a **Level 1** course)*

**High School Level 1**

\_\_\_\_\_ Chinese 1

\_\_\_\_\_ French 1

\_\_\_\_\_ German 1

\_\_\_\_\_ Spanish 1

**High School Level 2\***

\_\_\_\_\_ Chinese 2

\_\_\_\_\_ French 2

\_\_\_\_\_ German 2

\_\_\_\_\_ Spanish 2

*\*Students must have completed a full year of **high school credit** Level 1 course in order to select Level 2.  
Please provide transcript.*

**Music**

\_\_\_\_\_ Choir 8

\_\_\_\_\_ Band 8 *(this is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year band course, previous experience with woodwind/brass instruments required)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Orchestra 8 *(this is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year orchestra course, previous experience with stringed orchestra instruments required)*

## **SEMESTER ELECTIVE COURSES (20 Weeks)**

*(Rank courses 1-7 in order of preference)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Art 8 05508

\_\_\_\_\_ Choir 8 05118

\_\_\_\_\_ Foods and Nutrition 08008

\_\_\_\_\_ Introduction to Theatre 01509

\_\_\_\_\_ Multimedia 08808

\_\_\_\_\_ Physical Education 8 03008

\_\_\_\_\_ STEM 8 08408

*\*Complete course descriptions are located on the RCS District website: <https://www.rochester.k12.mi.us/academics/curriculum/secondary>*

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## Instructions for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration Card

Our school day consists of six class periods that meet every day of the week. The school year consists of two 20 week semesters.

*\*All courses are subject to seat availability.*

**ACADEMIC COURSES:** Every student will be assigned four full year academic classes; US History 8, Science 8, Language Arts, and Math.

\* Students who have consistently earned A's in language arts classes and have a passion for reading and strong writing skills may be able to choose Advanced Language Arts 8 for the full year; students may be asked to complete an assessment. Students who have completed Pre-Algebra may select Algebra 1 (please provide documentation).

**ELECTIVE COURSES** – Students will take 2 full-year electives, **OR** 1 full-year elective plus 2 semester electives, **OR** 4 semester electives.

- **If your choice is 2 full year electives**, please rank/choose the appropriate World Language elective and mark an "X" next to the choice for Music.
- **If your choice is 1 full year plus 2 semester electives**, rank the 20-week elective classes in order of preference (1-7) and select the appropriate World Language or Music class.
- **If your choice is 4 semester electives**, please **only** rank the 20-week elective choices.  
*\*\*Please note that students choosing 4 electives cannot be guaranteed their top choices and may be placed in alternative choices based on availability.*

**WORLD LANGUAGE** – Students have the opportunity to take a World Language class in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, however, it is **not** a required elective in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Students who successfully complete a Level 1 language course in 8<sup>th</sup> grade can take the Level 2 course in high school. Students having successfully completed the Level 1 language course in 7<sup>th</sup> grade can take Level 2 of that language in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Please provide transcript to show completion of Level 1 high school credit if selecting Level 2.** Students receive a high school credit for passing this course, therefore, the workload, pacing, and expectations reflect the norms of a high school level language course. The grade they receive in this course will be on the high school transcript that goes to colleges. It will not, however, be factored into the high school grade point average (GPA).

**MUSIC** - Band 8 or Orchestra 8 should only be selected if Band/Orchestra was taken in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or special arrangements have been made through the instructor. No experience necessary to choose Choir.

### **Parents – Please be sure to:**

1. Discuss with and assist your child in making the appropriate elective class selections.
2. Fill out the registration card completely and include required signatures.
3. Provide documentation/a copy of current report card and schedule from previous school.
4. Return completed registration card to Van Hoosen office as soon as possible.

*Questions should be directed to the Van Hoosen Counseling Department:*

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