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READINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear RMS Class of 2026 Families,

Readington Middle School is already preparing for the arrival of the class of 2026! We are excited to bring on board our newest Vikings. While many of your child's classes will be selected for them, there are some opportunities for student input. Students have the ability to choose from the following:

World Language: 6th grade students have the option of choosing one of three languages: French, Spanish or Mandarin Chinese. We hope to be able to assign all students their top selection, but you must indicate an alternate second choice as some schedules may be limited. Please consider these choices carefully, as students will study the same language through 6th, 7th & 8th grade.

Performing Arts: Sixth grade students may choose to take Band, or Orchestra as one of their encore classes. Students electing band or orchestra must currently be playing an instrument. Band/orchestra runs as a full year elective course.

Elective classes: Sixth grade students, who are not in band or orchestra, will be scheduled for elective classes (Chorus, Innovation & Design, Financial Literacy, Studio Art, General Music) in addition to their mandatory full-year Health and Physical Education classes and half-year coding class.

Students may be eligible for Literacy and/or Math Intervention classes. These classes may take the place of an Encore or the interventionist may push into your child's ELA or Math class. This all depends on the needs of your child. If students are scheduled for two intervention classes as Encores, there is a chance that they will not be able to participate in Band or Orchestra.

Please discuss these choices with your child. **The students will be completing an online version of this form in school during the week of January 30. The attached form is for your reference only, so it should not be returned to the school.**

Please keep in mind:

- Your child must choose a world language, and also indicate a second choice.
- Changes cannot be made after the scheduling has been completed.

We look forward to working with you and your child to prepare for the exciting three years ahead. Go Vikings!

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2023-2024 RMS Course Selection: Grade 6

Student's Name (**Last Name, First Name**)

WORLD LANGUAGES

Please write mark your choices with a **1** (first choice), **2** (second choice), or **3** (third choice):

___ Spanish ___ French ___ Mandarin

PERFORMING ARTS

Students may elect to enroll in **one** of the following programs. Students electing band or orchestra must currently be playing an instrument. Please mark your choices with a **1** (first choice), **2** (second choice):

___ Band/Instrument: _____ (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion)
___ Orchestra/Instrument: _____ (Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass)

ELECTIVE CLASSES

All students will receive mandatory Health and Physical Education. In addition, they will be given a choice of electives. Students who are placed in Literacy and/or Math Intervention will have those classes replace their electives. Please mark your choices with a **1** (first choice), **2** (second choice), **3** (third choice), **4** (fourth choice), or **5** (fifth choice). ***It is important to put a number next to each course:**

___ **Innovation & Design** (In this course, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) learning, innovative thinking, and creative problem solving are at the forefront of every class. Students will design a three-dimensional eco-friendly solar house to scale, and work collaboratively to design and construct a solar car and wind turbine.)

___ **Financial Literacy** (There are three major units in this project-based course: income/careers/money management, credit/debt management, and investment/financial planning. Some of the major course activities are choosing your college, buying your first car, how you can budget your money effectively and a net based stock market simulation.)

___ **Studio Art** (Student projects range from constructing, to drawing, sculpting and painting in order for all students to receive exposure to all the Visual Arts have to offer.)

___ **Chorus** (Chorus is designed to teach vocal technique and music literacy through choral repertoire. There is no prerequisite. Students will have the opportunity to study a variety of musical styles, genres, and languages. The course emphasizes the fundamentals of vocal technique, ensemble singing, and music literacy through study and performance of quality vocal music.)

___ **General Music** (Students will develop written and verbal skills to analyze music, as well as study different aspects of music through listening, composing, and performing.)