

High Desert Middle School Forecasting for the 8th Grade

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Name: _____ ID#: _____

You will be taking Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and PE. In addition, choose a total of 4 semesters from the following:

Semester Amount	Course	Semester Amount of Your Course Choice
	Full Year Electives (both semesters)	
2	Advanced Art – must have Mrs. Monte's approval	
2	AVID	
2	Band	
2	Choir	
2	Orchestra	
2	French	
2	Spanish	
	Semester Long Electives (one semester)	
1	Art	
1	Foods 1	
1	Foods 2 – must have Mrs. Meredith's approval	
1	Guitar / Ukulele	
1	Introduction to World Language	
1	Design & Modeling	
Semester Total Must Equal 4		

All efforts will be made for you to take the electives you have chosen. Please choose two alternate courses you would like to take if your first choice is not available.

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Course descriptions may be found on the back of this page.

Full Year Classes

Advanced Art (full year = 2)

This year long class is for those that have a high level of interest in Visual Arts and are comfortable with drawing. You will be responsible for mature studio work and pushing yourself to go above and beyond beginning art. There will be opportunities for public shows, travel and creating a portfolio that will travel with you to high school. To be in this class you must write your own letter of recommendation, have a teacher sign it, and bring it to Mrs. Monte with an original piece of art work to Mrs. Monte before the end of the school year.

AVID (full year = 2)

AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) is a nation-wide program whose mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing students for college readiness and success in a global society. In this elective, students will learn strategies for organization, note-taking, and collaboration to better prepare them for high school. Students will also work with high school and college aged tutors, visit college campuses, connect with other AVID students at other schools in Oregon, and maintain a precise binder for all academic classes. Students will need to apply and interview for this full-year commitment.

Band (full year = 2)

This class offers instruction for students who have already been playing an instrument. Students will work on developing technical skills. Public performances are required. Instructor approval required.

Choir (full year = 2)

A mixed choir of 7th & 8th grade students who perform a wide variety of music, learn elements of musicianship, sing a variety of three to four part harmonies, perform two concerts at HDMS, one concert at BSHS and District Festival.

French (full year = 2)

Learn to communicate in French about your activities, friends, school and what you eat. Successful students are eligible to take French 2 as a freshman in high school.

Orchestra (full year = 2)

Advanced technique learned in this ensemble is designed to develop the skills necessary at the high school level. Students learn a variety of music, including ethnic, cultural, movie scores, popular music and classical music from all eras. Participation in festivals, public performances and school concerts is required. There will be an opportunity to audition for All-State and District Honor Orchestra. Instructor approval required.

Spanish (full year = 2)

Learn to communicate in Spanish about your activities, friends, school and what you eat. Successful students are eligible to take Spanish 2 as a freshman in high school.

Semester Long Classes

Art (semester = 1)

This class is for anyone who is curious about art. If you can't draw yet, you will learn techniques that will help you get started. If you are the creative type and want to learn to use ink, paint, calligraphy pens, and draw, sign up and enjoy this semester class. We will study the elements of art: line, shape, space, form, texture, value and color in many ways.

Foods 1 (semester = 1)

Through a focus on food and nutrition, this course will help you develop knowledge and skills needed to help you be more comfortable in the kitchen. Students will learn to read and prepare recipes, explore nutrition, use kitchen equipment and budget for meal planning. Please be aware that we cannot accommodate for students with food allergies or sensitivities.

Foods 2 (semester = 1)

In Foods 2 students have the opportunity to develop advanced food preparation skills while applying the nutrition information and food preparation skills learned in Foods 1. Students explore areas of interest which may include international cuisines, cake decorating, cupcakes, convenience foods, creating and adapting recipes, and entertaining. Prerequisite: Foods 1 and teacher approval. Note: this class cannot accommodate for food sensitivities or allergies.

Guitar/Ukulele (semester = 1)

Learn to play harmony and melody with the guitar and/or ukulele as a solo instrument as well as in an ensemble setting. This course will cover a wide range of music for beginning and experienced students.

Introduction to World Language (semester = 1)

If you aren't sure which World Language you want to take, this class will introduce you to both Spanish and French. Learn the basics of French and Spanish language and culture through games, songs, art and travel projects.

Design & Modeling (semester = 1)

Learn to become a designer. This is an introductory course into the world of engineering design principles that can be applied to many fields of engineering, including architectural, mechanical, computer and more. The course will focus on using traditional drafting skills and computer modeling software to explore real world problems by utilizing engineering principles.