

# **COURSE INFORMATION SHEET -7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COURSES - 2017-18**

## **Elko Middle School**

- ☐ Course selections will be done online for next school year on PowerSchool. This form explains the classes our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will take and the elective options that can be chosen. Please refer to the **“Important Scheduling Information and Dates”** page to view the time-frame of the scheduling process and read the information concerning the parent online process.
- ☐ Seventh grade students will take a total of 6 or 7 classes depending on the elective(s) chosen: English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Health/PE, and an elective. Students will need to select an elective option from either ONE of our year-long courses or TWO of our semester courses. If the 1<sup>st</sup> choice is dropped, full, or if there is a conflict with other classes, the school counselor will contact the student.
- ☐ Elective classes for selected students: If a student is identified as Gifted, the student will take the Gifted Enrichment class. If a student is identified ESL level 1-5, the student will take the ESL class. In most cases, these courses would replace the elective.
- ☐ Double-blocked courses: All English and math classes will be double-blocked. This means that students will have English and math every day, and have all other classes every other day.

### **REQUIRED COURSES:** Course numbers are in parentheses.

#### **1) English/Language Arts – One class will be recommended by current teacher**

- English 7 (1110)
- English 7 Advanced (1110V) – summer reading requirement for this course
- English 7 Self-contained – IEP (1110E)
- English 7 Collaborative – IEP (1110I)
- Functional English for MS Students – IEP (780I or 780IQ)

#### **2) Social Studies - One class will be recommended by current teacher**

- Social Studies 7 (2355)
- Accel. Social Studies 7/Economics (2355V) – must have completed Accelerated Social Studies 6/Civics
- Social Studies 7 Collaborative – IEP (2355I)
- Functional Social Studies for MS Students – IEP (7803 or 7803Q)

#### **3) Math – One class will be recommended by current teacher**

- Math Course 2 (3111)
- Algebra I (3130MS) - must have completed Math Course 2 in 6<sup>th</sup> grade; this is a high school credit course
- Math Course 2 Self-contained – IEP (3111E)
- Math Course 2 Collaborative – IEP (3111I)
- Functional Math for MS Students – IEP (7802 or 7802Q)

#### **4) Science - One class will be recommended by current teacher**

- Life Science 7 (4115)
- Advanced Physical Science (4125V) – must have completed Adv. Life Science in 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Life Science Collaborative – IEP (4115I)
- Functional Science for MS Students - IEP (7804 or 7804Q)

**5) Health and Physical Education - One class will be recommended by current teacher**

- Health & PE 7 (7120)
- Adapted Health & PE 7 – IEP (7205)

**6) ELECTIVES: Each student will take one full year elective or two 18-week exploratory electives. If the 1<sup>st</sup> choice is dropped, full, or if there is a conflict with other classes, the school counselor will contact the student. Students can choose from full year electives or semester exploratory options:**

**Full Year**

- Art 7 (9105)
- Beginning Band (9228BP)
- Beginning Band (9228WW)
- Intermediate Band - Brass/Percussion (9230B)
- Intermediate Band – Woodwinds (9230W)
- Beginning Strings (9252MS)
- Intermediate Strings (9253MS)
- Intermediate Chorus (9270C)
- Foundations of Spanish A (5513) – this course is the first part of a two-part series to earn HS credit. **Foundations of Spanish courses do not receive high school credit until the student has successfully completed Foundations of Spanish A in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Foundations of Spanish B in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**-OR-**

**Exploratory** Each class is 18-weeks or one semester in length. If you choose exploratory as your elective class, please select TWO of the following semester class options:

- Intro to Coding (6609)
- Teen Living 7 (8263)
- Technological Systems 7 (8463)
- Inventions/Innovations 7 (8464)
- Art Exploratory 7 (9106)

**7) Additional Classes (for selected students) – to be recommended by current teacher**

- Social Studies 8: Civics/Economics (2220)
- Physical Science (4125)
- Functional Reading for MS Students – IEP (7805 or 7805Q)
- Social Skills – IEP (7816 or 7816Q)
- MS Daily Living Skills – IEP (7895MS)
- Middle School Personal Development – IEP (7894)
- Academic Enrichment TAG 7 - for Identified Gifted Learners only (9843L)
- English as a Second Language - for ESL students only.
  - Level I (5710MS)
  - Level II (5720MS)
  - Level III (5730MS)
  - Level IV (5731MS)
  - Level V (5733MS)

**\*\*\* If you have any questions about your child's course recommendations, please contact your child's teacher(s).**

# **Important Scheduling Information and Dates**

## **Elko Middle School Rising 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

- ☐ **Getting Started:** Review the [Course Information Sheet](#) and the [Planning Guide for Students and Parents, 2017-18](#). Course descriptions can be found in the guide. The [Planning Guide](#) is available online.
  - Teachers will make recommendations for the next school year in PowerSchool.
  - Parents will be required to create a login using their student's id number (similar to ZippSlip) to access the parent portal in PowerSchool.
  - Once successfully logged into PowerSchool, students/parents will be expected to accept the recommended core courses and select elective courses through the parent portal.
  - Directions to include videos and handouts will be made available closer to the parent window, which will officially begin on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

- ☐ **Understanding the Instructional Grouping:** Certain course numbers have a letter following the number, i.e., 1110V. The letter distinguishes grade level or course content level. Commonly used letters are:

B = Brass/Percussion

I = Collaborative (used for students with IEP's)

E = Self- Contained (used for students with IEP's)

Q = Autism

K = 6<sup>th</sup> grade

L = 7<sup>th</sup> grade

M = 8<sup>th</sup> grade

V = Advanced/Accelerated

W = Woodwinds, including flute and saxophone

### **Dates to keep in mind:**

- ☐ **January 23:** Teachers will begin making course recommendations online through PowerSchool.
- ☐ **January 26: Transition Meeting/Curriculum Fair for Rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and families, to be held at Elko Middle School from 5:45 –6:45 PM.** We will discuss course options, course planning, transition information, and give families an opportunity to interact with many of our core and elective teachers to learn more about our course offerings and what to expect in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.
- ☐ **February 6 - February 17:** Elko Middle school counselors meet with current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to choose elective courses and discuss course planning and transition information for next year.
- ☐ **February 6:** PowerSchool directions for parents will be sent home with students through homeroom classes, along with a list of course options and reminders.
- ☐ **February 6-17:** Parents will review and accept teacher recommendations, and select electives online, using PowerSchool; school counselors will also work with students to select classes online.
- ☐ **February 17:** Deadline for parents to complete the course request process using PowerSchool.
- ☐ **February 20 – March 3 –** School counselors to follow up with students who did not complete requests online and address parent questions.
- ☐ **Mid-May -** Course Request Verification Sheets distributed to students (will be sent home with students through homeroom classes)
- ☐ **June 16 -** Deadline to request schedule change. Changes will only be honored if space is available in the course being requested.

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