



### REQUIRED ACADEMIC COURSES:

Every student will be required to take four core academic courses. The courses are United States History, Science 8, English Language Arts 8, and Math. Current Math 7 students will be enrolled in Pre-Algebra.

### ADVANCED LANGUAGE ARTS/ACCELERATED MATH COURSES:

- Advanced Language Arts 8 class placement will be determined in 7<sup>th</sup> grade through a self-selection process based upon recommended criteria. Information about the criteria and process can be found by scanning the QR code to the right.
- Students currently enrolled in Accelerated Math 7 will automatically be enrolled in Algebra 1.
- Students currently enrolled in Algebra 1 will automatically be enrolled in Geometry.
- Students taking Algebra 1 or Geometry are taking a high school course. The grade they receive will go on their transcript that goes to colleges. It will not, however, be factored into their high school grade point average (GPA).
- The Curriculum Department will send an email detailing the recommended criteria and process for students wanting to move from Math 7 to Algebra 1. This email is scheduled to go out on Feb. 9, 2024.*



### WORLD LANGUAGE ELECTIVE – Level 1 or Level 2: (THIS IS A HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL COURSE & NOT REQUIRED IN MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Students have the opportunity to begin learning a Level 1 World Language in 7<sup>th</sup> grade - PLEASE NOTE;

- World Language is **NOT** a required elective in middle school.
- 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 students earn 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).**
- Students who successfully complete a Level 1 language course in 7<sup>th</sup> grade can take the level 2 course of the same language in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- It is always recommended that students take consecutive World Language levels in consecutive years.
- For college bound students, it is recommended that students take at least one or two levels of World Language while at the high school.

### ELECTIVE COURSES: Students will take 2 full-year electives OR 1 full-year elective and 2 semester electives, OR 4 semester electives.

- If your choice is 2 full-year electives**, please choose either Band, Choir or Orchestra by marking an “X” **AND** choose your Level 2 World Language **or** rank order your preference for Level 1 World Language. Also rank order your preferences for the 20 week elective courses from 1-7.
- If your choice is 1 full year elective and 2 semester electives**, please choose either Band, Choir or Orchestra by marking an “X” **OR** choose your Level 2 World Language **or** rank order your preference for Level 1 World Language. Also rank order your preferences for the 20 week elective courses from 1-7. **Every effort will be made to give students their top choices.**
- Band 8 or Orchestra 8 should only be marked if your student took Band 7 or Orchestra 7 in 7<sup>th</sup> grade** or if special arrangements have been made through the Instrumental Music teacher.
- If your choice is 4 semester electives**, please rank the order of preferences for the 20 week elective courses from 1-7 (#1 being your top choice). **Every effort will be made to give students their top choices.**

### PARENTS: Please be sure to:

- Discuss with and assist your child in making appropriate course selections.
- Fill out the Schedule Card completely.
- Sign the bottom of the Schedule Card.

### STUDENTS – Please be sure to:

- Sign the bottom of the Schedule Card.
- Enter Elective courses and alternates in StudentVUE (Course Request)
- Double check that your selections in StudentVUE match the selections on your paper schedule card THEN turn in the Schedule Card to your Social Studies class by MARCH 7, 2024.**

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