

Van Hoosen Middle School

New Student 8th Grade Registration Card

Name: _____
Last Name First Name

Phone: _____ Parent/Guardian E-Mail: _____

REQUIRED FULL YEAR ACADEMIC COURSES (40 Weeks)

United States History 8

Science 8

Language Arts 8 or *Advanced Language Arts 8 (if space allows)

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 (course will be held at Adams HS)

_____ French 1

_____ German 1 (course will be held at Adams HS)

_____ Spanish 1

High School Level 2*

_____ Chinese 2 (course will be held at Adams HS)

_____ French 2

_____ German 2 (course will be held at Adams HS)

_____ 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 3rd year band course, previous experience with woodwind/brass instruments required)

_____ Orchestra 8 (this is a 3rd 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

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Instructions for 8th 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.

ACADEMIC COURSES: Every student will be assigned four full year academic classes. The classes are 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 choose Advanced Language Arts 8 for the full year. 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 8th grade, however, it is **not** a required elective in 8th grade. Students who successfully complete a Level 1 language course in 8th grade can take the Level 2 course in high school. Students having successfully completed the Level 1 language course in 7th grade can take Level 2 of that language in 8th grade. Students receive a high school credit for passing this course. For this reason, they should be organized students who are capable of handling a high school level work load. **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).** ***Please be aware that once enrolled in 8th grade language, it is not an option to drop the language class during that school year and switch to another elective.*

MUSIC - Band 8 or Orchestra 8 should only be selected if Band/Orchestra was taken in 7th 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 from previous school.

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