



Course Offerings Grade 7

English Language Arts (ELA) 7

Foundational Course #: 908473

Academic Course #: 908476

Honors Course #: 908478

Students in the 7th grade will spend an equal amount of their classroom time reading complex, sophisticated literary and informational texts. Students will analyze and critique both the structure and content of complex texts to evaluate the effectiveness of an author's presentation of ideas and themes, the strength of the arguments and assertions put forth by an author, and the implications of the author's ideas and conclusions for them personally and for society.

In addition, students in grade 7 will be increasingly challenged to sharpen their ability to speak and write with more coherence and impact than before. Students will compose arguments of varying lengths, supporting their claims with strong evidence and logical reasoning. Also, students will continue to compose refined explanatory essays that synthesize and evaluate information from multiple non-fiction texts, both assigned and self-selected. Finally, students will compose personal narratives that extend the ideas and themes encountered in their reading, while making personal connections where appropriate.

Family and Consumer Sciences 7

Course #: 408570

The focus of seventh grade family and consumer sciences is the individual and the family. Special attention is given to family roles and communication, family membership throughout the life cycle, nutrition, financial literacy and resource management and career exploration. Class activities include large presentations, demonstrations, laboratories, small group work, and individual projects. This course is designed for all seventh grade students.

Fine Arts 7

Art 7

Course #: 608570

The grade seven art program continues the study of concepts begun in grade six in each of the areas and broadens the concepts to give greater definition in drawing to gesture, figure, portraiture, and caricature. Greater in-depth study is given to artists, their works, and student understanding of how to view and describe how artists use various concepts and techniques to accomplish their goals in a work.

Chorus 7

Course #: 658770

Vocal music opportunities are provided to interested students in activity periods or as extracurricular activities. Students are selected based on interest and ability. Offerings vary depending on student interest and teacher availability.

General Music 7

Course #: 658570

Course #: 658970 – Part I

Course #: 659070 – Part II

Seventh grade music continues study in the elements of music and provides experiences with the styles of music from the Mediaeval through the Romantic Period. Opera is studied in a broad generic sense. Students study a unit focusing on careers in music with emphasis placed on careers in the music industry as well as in the field of education. Laboratory experiences begin in grade seven in the areas of piano, recorder, synthesizer, guitar and research activities.

Instrumental Music 7

Band Course #: 658670

Orchestra Course #: 658870

Instrumental Music is provided on a scheduled basis. Students are scheduled in small group classes based on their ability. Large group activities are provided on the basis of student interest and teacher availability. Some ensembles meet as extracurricular activities. The three year program is sequentially developed to provide opportunities for students to progress in developing their skills.

Health 7

Course #: 308570

The seventh grade Health Curriculum focuses on overall wellness with topics ranging from mental health and goal setting, substance abuse prevention, consumer health, nutrition, eating disorders, safety & injury prevention, family life and human development, and disease prevention and control. This course encourages students to develop skills, attitudes, and behaviors that will empower them to make responsible decisions that promote healthful behaviors.

NOTE TO PARENTS: A letter will be sent home from your child's health educator explaining the Family Life and Human Development component of the course. This letter will include a permission slip which must be returned to school for your child to participate.

Mathematics 7

Foundational Course #: 208573

Academic Course #: 208576

Advanced Academic Course #: 208596

Honors Course #: 208598

The 7th grade mathematics program will focus on the following critical areas: developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; developing understanding of operations with rational numbers, expressions, and linear equations; solving problems involving scale drawings, geometric constructions, surface area, and volume; and drawing inferences about populations based on samples in their study of probability and statistics. Concepts taught will emphasize procedural skill along with conceptual understanding in the context of real world problem solving. Various forms of technology may be used as critical thinking skills are expanded to prepare students for future coursework.