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CLUBS

Ski Club (Beginner and Advanced)

Leadership

Respect for All

Nature/ Outdoor

Drama Club

Jr. Classic League

Arts & Crafts/ FACS Club

Homework Club

Frisbee Golf

Strategy & Games Club

Writers Workshop

History Club

Japanese Club

Photography Club

Art Club

Book Club

Youth Advocacy League

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Shaler Area Middle School

Course & Scheduling Outline

2022 - 2023 School Year

Grades 7 & 8

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7th and 8th grade course offerings are designed for student exploration. Courses are offered to all students in the core subject areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Physical Education. However, to maximize the middle school experience, students are exposed to the Arts, Music, Computers, Foundations, Family and Consumer Science, Technology Education, STEM and World Language. These middle school years are for discovery as our students journey towards a career path and the rigors of the high school curriculum.

REQUIRED COURSES

7th grade students
will take each of the following courses

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 7

The seventh grade English Language Arts program is designed to further students' communication skills. The course is two periods of English Language Arts (ELA). This course has a strong emphasis placed on building skills in grammar, vocabulary, speaking, listening, writing, and reading.

LIFE SCIENCE 7

The course begins by reviewing the basic nature of science and moves into the characteristics of living things.

ANCIENT EMPIRES 7

This course is a survey of world history from the time of the Roman Empire until the Late Middle Ages.

MATHEMATICS (1 of 3 offerings)

- **MATH 7**
 - *Prerequisites: Math 6, or Accelerated Math 6 students who do not meet the standards on the scoring rubric to move on to Accelerated Math 7 or Algebra 1 7.*
- **ACCELERATED MATH 7**
 - *Prerequisites: A rubric score consisting of final grade in Math 6, STAR Assessment, PSSA scores (when available), and teacher recommendation, or Accelerated Math 6 students who do not meet the standards on the scoring rubric to move on to Algebra 1 7*
- **ALGEBRA I 7**
 - *Prerequisites: A rubric score consisting of final grade in Accelerated Math 6, STAR Assessment, PSSA scores (when available), and teacher recommendation.*

EXPLORATORY ARTS 7

Nine-week Rotations

All 7th grade students will take each of the following for a nine-week period

- VISUAL ARTS (9-weeks, every day)
- FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE (9-weeks, every day)
- COMPUTERS 7 (9-weeks, every day)
- STEM 7: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (9-weeks, every day)

EXPERIENTIAL COURSE OFFERINGS

Students in Resource Class
will not participate in the courses below

- **FOUNDATIONS 7**
(Full year course, *every other day*)
Foundations is a course to prepare children as they transition to middle school. Students will learn study skills, organization, time management and the necessary requisites to be a successful student.
- **WORLD LANGUAGE EXPLORATION**
(Full year course, *every other day*)
Students will EXPLORE the four World Languages offered at Shaler Area High School: Spanish, Latin, Japanese and French. This exploratory rotation will provide students with a basic exposure to introductory vocabulary in each of languages.

All 7th grade students will participate in the following & choose ONE music elective

- **PHYSICAL EDUCATION 7**
(Full year course, *every other day*)
Meets opposite your elective

ELECTIVE CHOICES

Students are to choose ONE of the following electives

- **BAND 7**
(Full year course, *every other day*)
- **STRING ORCHESTRA 7**
(Full year course, *every other day*)
- **CHORUS 7**
(Full year course, *every other day*)
- **A TASTE of MUSIC 7 and Tutorial**
(Half year of each, *every other day*)

SAMPLE OF A 7th GRADE SCHEUDLE

- 1st period ELA
- 2nd period MATH CLASS
- 3rd period Exploratory Art Rotations
 - (Changes each nine weeks)
- 4th period Elective or PE
 - (Changes every other day)
- 5th period Lunch
- 6th period ELA
- 7th period SCIENCE
- 8th period ANCIENT EMPIRES
- 9th period MATH CLASS
- 10th period Foundations or World Language Rotations
 - (Changes every other day)or a Resource Class if Spec Ed