

Blackmon Road Middle School  
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# 7th Grade Course Selection Guide



\*Course selections will occur through Infinite Campus Student Portal

All students will have the following options for classes:

- ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
- SOCIAL STUDIES
- MATHEMATICS
- SCIENCE
- CONNECTIONS (2)

### ACADEMIC CORE CONTENT COURSES:

The level of each of the four academic core content courses is chosen based on the previous course level the student completed as well as test scores/teacher recommendation. Students are then placed into gifted, advanced, or regular levels of academic core content courses. Gifted students are only required by law to be served in one academic area. If a student is behind in ELA and/or math, he/she may be placed in a Study Skills class instead of choosing two connections courses.

### FINE ARTS

*\*The following courses are year-long courses.*

#### 53.0340076 BEGINNING/INTERMEDIATE BAND

Beginning/Intermediate Band is an ensemble that provides students with learning and performance opportunities on wind and percussion instruments. Beginners in seventh grade band must choose from one of the following beginning instruments: flute, clarinet, trumpet or trombone. Intermediate band students will continue the development and expansion of basic skills begun the previous year that are necessary for effective instrumental music performance.



#### 53.0820076 BEGINNING GUITAR

Beginning Guitar students will learn to read, perform, improvise melodies, variations, and accompaniments, compose and arrange music within specified guidelines. Students will begin to understand relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts. Guitar must be provided by student.

#### 53.0542076 BEGINNING ORCHESTRA

Beginning Orchestra students learn how to play a stringed instrument (violin, viola, cello, or double bass). This course focuses on building fundamental techniques necessary to play music together as an orchestra. The course teaches skills in reading, rhythm, listening, theory, and music history. All first year students are loaned a school instrument free of charge.

#### 53.0541076 INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA

Intermediate Orchestra allows intermediate players to focus on further development of fundamental techniques. Students learn skills for solo and ensemble playing and perform music from a variety of styles and genres. In addition to studies in tone production, rhythm, and reading, this course covers theory, music history, and listening skills. If available, intermediate players are loaned a school instrument free of charge.

#### 50.0120076 VISUAL ARTS 7

Visual Arts is designed to give a sampling of art projects that emphasize the elements and principles of art. Students develop an understanding and appreciation of self and others through art history, culture, and heritage. A variety of media and techniques create an active learning experience.

#### 52.0120076 THEATRE ARTS

Theatre Arts students in the seventh grade will incorporate sensory and emotional experiences and observation techniques into presentational theatre activities. Students will apply vocal and movement techniques appropriate to theatre activities and presentations. The students learn beginning technical theatre skills, such as lighting and staging.

#### 54.0140076 BEGINNING CHORUS

Beginning Chorus provides opportunities to develop performance skills and knowledge in ensemble singing. The course may include any style period music. This class covers performance and production, analysis and theoretical studies, historical and cultural influences, creative aspects of music and appreciation of music. Stresses balance of individual progress and group success.

#### 54.0141076 INTERMEDIATE CHORUS

Intermediate Chorus provides opportunities for intermediate performers to increase performance skills and knowledge in large group choral singing. This class covers performance and production, analysis and theoretical studies, historical and cultural influences, creative aspects of music and appreciation of music. Stresses balance of individual progress and group success. Pre-requisite: Beginning Chorus.



### CONNECTIONS COURSES

*\*The following courses are one semester in length.*

#### 07.08340073 FOUNDATIONS OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT GRADE 7:

Foundations of Investment/Finance uses project based instruction to introduce students to the principles of business in the 21st century. Students build a knowledge base of computer applications, information systems, and internet safety. Careers in this area are also explored. Students will have exposure to networking and programming.

#### 25.0340076 HEALTHCARE SCIENCE IT AND BIOTECH GRADE 7:

Healthcare Science Therapeutic Services/Application Anatomy provides students with an introduction to healthcare careers, the safety procedures and skills required to succeed in this field. The course will enable students to receive exposure to healthcare science skills, wellness, and preventative care, and the responsibilities of today's healthcare provider.



### PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES

*\*The following courses are a year-long in length.*

#### 36.0080076 PHYSICAL EDUCATION/ HEALTH GRADE 7:

Physical Education/Health students perform complex combinations of movement specific to game, sport, rhythms, and/or physical activity settings. Specialized skills are adapted to meet the requirements of increasingly complex strategies. Students will examine the interrelationships of emotional, physical, social, and intellectual health, and how each aspect of health can be impacted by their surroundings.



A course selection date for students and instruction sheet will be emailed to all parents in upcoming days. Look for this email on completing your child's course selection for 2021-2022.

### ACADEMIC SUPPORT COURSES

*\*The following courses are year-long courses, and administrative placement can occur based on the academic needs of students who have experience failing grades in ELA and/or math as well as low Lexile scores.*

#### 23.0127076 LANGUAGE ARTS ENRICHMENT /GRADE 7:

Language Art Enrichment focuses on extending the reading experience through a more complete study and analysis of literature. The student will refine his or her skills in writing quality essays and narratives. Writing will focus on styles, the use of strong diction, refining, editing, and proofreading.



#### 27.0227073 MATH ENRICHMENT /GRADE 7:

Math Enrichment focuses on four critical areas: (1) developing an understanding of and applying proportional relationships; (2) developing an understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; (3) solving problems, and (4) drawing inferences about populations based on samples.

