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## Planning Your Education

Your school provides this course curriculum guide as a means of assisting students and parents in understanding and planning their course of study. Students are encouraged to carefully select related arts courses during the registration process.

Your school's guidance counselors and teachers stand ready to assist them. Parents are invited and encouraged to actively participate by assisting their student.

Related arts classes are scheduled based upon student requests. However, due to schedule conflicts and changes in course offerings, the staff cannot guarantee that students will be scheduled for all courses they request. In addition, be aware that the school builds a master schedule and employs teachers based on students' requests; therefore, schedule changes will only be considered on a very limited basis.

## Online Registration

Online Registration was implemented in 2004. It allows parents and students to request related arts courses for the next school year from home via the Internet. Families who do not have access to the Internet will be given opportunities to use school computers to register online. Parents and students should understand that requesting a related arts course through online registration does not guarantee that the student is placed in the course the next school year. Final placement in a course is dependent upon enrollment, scheduling feasibility, and teacher allocation. Schools will post the courses that they will be offering the next school year in a course curriculum guide which will be located on the school's website. Parents without Internet access at home will receive a printed copy of the course curriculum guide by request. The window for students to select related arts courses online is posted by the school on the school's website and in parent newsletters. Schools will provide instructions on accessing the online registration tool.

## Promotion Criteria for Grades Six through Eight (GCS IHE / Rule 9/11/2006)

**Criterion 1:** Students in grades six through eight are expected to learn, at a minimum, curriculum standards in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies, and meet attendance requirements.

**Criterion 2:** The student earned a minimum average grade of 70% in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies (if language arts is taught as a separate subject in grades 6-8, the English language arts grade will be determined by the mean of the yearly average of reading and language arts.)

### End of Year Promotion Status

The following are summary designation and descriptors for end-of-year promotion status of students in grades six-eight.

**Promoted** – The student met all promotion criteria. The one exception is that students who fail a high school credit bearing course in middle school are promoted but must retake the course. Enrollment in these credit bearing courses will be determined by the district criteria as stated in the Master Catalog of Middle School Courses which is located in the Important Items section of the Infoweb.

**Promoted - Summer School Required** - The student failed to meet the criteria for one or two core academic areas, but successful performance in summer school for any deficient area was met.

## IGPs, Career Clusters and Personal Pathways to Success

The South Carolina Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) requires school districts to develop a curriculum organized around the career cluster system—16 career clusters, schools of study, and majors. In the organization of the district curriculum around the career cluster system, Greenville County Schools divided the 16 career clusters into five schools of study. These five schools of study include School of Arts, Media, & Communication; School of Business, Marketing & Information Systems; School of Engineering, Manufacturing & Environmental Sciences; School of Health Science; and School of Public and Human Services. Under each school of study a student will find related career clusters. The career clusters are then broken down into academic focus areas (majors) that students may choose based on interests and skills.

Personal Pathways to Success is the name given to this reorganization of the curriculum which is designed to help students take control of planning for their futures. Personal Pathways to Success provides the solid mix of academic and technical skills students need to compete in the global economy. It gives students a reason to achieve in school by connecting success in school with success in life. It maintains South Carolina's core academic requirements while opening up pathways to success for students no matter where they lead – to two-year colleges, four-year colleges or universities, the military, or directly into the workforce. Students, parents, and counselors work together to develop Individual Graduation Plans (IGP) that specify a student's cluster, academic focus (major), post-secondary goals, planned high school activities, and planned out-of-class activities. The Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) is a document that states the student's intentions related to courses that are taken during high school. **The IGP is initiated in the 8th grade with the choice of a cluster area. When the IGP is updated in the 10th grade, the student will select an academic focus (major) within their cluster of choice.** The courses that are taken are determined by the student's interests. It can be modified over time as interests and skills develop or change. The IGP is like a road map to the future: if the student stays on course, the student will reach the destination – graduation – with all the courses, skills and experience needed to take his education or career to the next level. Each year the student, parents/guardians, and counselors will review and update the plans for the coming year. Switching clusters or majors is okay -- as the high school years progress and the student learns more about his interests and skills there are bound to be changes in choice of coursework. It is just as important for a student to learn what he doesn't like as it is for him to learn what he does like. Just remember: This is a road map to the future.

The following link provides more information on Personal Pathways to Success: <http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/district/schools/eeda/index.asp>

## IMPORTANT EVENTS IN THE REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- January 23, 2012:** Curriculum Night.  
**February 6, 2012:** Teachers make recommendations for current students.  
**February 13, 2012:** Students begin registering for classes.  
**April 9, 2012:** Students receive a copy of their course requests.

## ACADEMIC COURSES:

Current teachers recommend students for the appropriate levels of language arts, literature, and math. The teachers' recommendations are based upon district criteria. Please contact the appropriate subject area teacher if you have a question or concern regarding any course recommendation. A discussion concerning a student's placement needs to take place prior to the end of the current school year as our master schedule is based on course requests. Parent overrides will be honored per district policy; however, it should be noted that parents *may not* override their students into 7th grade Algebra I or into the Gifted and Talented program.

All students will be assigned to the following courses:

- Science
- Social Studies
- Physical Education/Health

The students in these courses **are not** grouped according to ability levels.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSES

Bryson Middle School serves both resource and self-contained students. Such students have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and are placed in classes according to this plan. At Bryson Middle, many of our special education students are served in the regular education classroom through the inclusion model. Some students will also be placed in a tutorial class which meets during one of the related arts blocks. Again, placement in tutorial classes is a function of a child's IEP. If you have questions, please consult your child's special education teacher. Parents of special education students will be invited to an annual review of their student's IEP.

## COURSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

At Bryson Middle School, the following courses are offered for high school credit: Algebra I (7th and 8th grade), Computer Keyboarding (7th and 8th grade), English I (8th grade only), Geometry (8th grade only) and Spanish I (8th grade only). Students who are recommended for these courses or who choose to participate in these courses will receive high school credits upon successful completion of the courses. These credits will count towards fulfilling high school diploma requirements. Because these courses are true high school courses, parents and students should understand that these courses will be taught *as such, addressing the same standards as in the high school setting. Students who choose to participate in these courses should demonstrate maturity and a strong work ethic.* As is the policy with all high school courses, students must be in attendance

170 days to receive credit for the course.

Students will have the option of retaking high school credit courses when they enter high school, but it should be noted that the grade earned during the retaking of the course will be the grade recorded for transcript purposes.

## **ELECTIVE COURSES**

Students participate in two elective (related arts) courses each day. Students may request up to three elective courses from among the following: *agriculture education, art, band, chorus, computer keyboarding, gateway to technology, guitar, life fitness, percussion, piano keyboarding, Spanish, and strings.*

Elective courses are either one or two semesters in duration. Students may request 3 total semesters worth of elective classes. Classes which are 2 semesters in duration include band, chorus, strings and Spanish I.

Some of these elective courses including band, chorus and strings do have prerequisites. In other words, a student must meet certain criteria in order to participate. This year, Bryson Middle will offer advanced options in both agriculture education and art. Students who are interested should consult the appropriate teachers as teacher recommendation is required for admission.

Rising eighth grade students will have the option of requesting Spanish I as one of their elective courses. Students should note that this course is a year in duration and will prevent them from participating in band, chorus or strings. In addition, parents and students should be aware that this course is offered for high school credit and will be taught as a high school course. See section entitled "Courses for High School Credit" for more information.

Both parents and students should remember that elective choices are ***requests*** and ***not guarantees***. Every effort will be made to honor student requests but final assignments must be made based on our teacher allocations and on a space available basis.

## Course Descriptions

### English

**Title:** English GT 7 **Course Number:** 20013200  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 7 **Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:** Identified as GTA (Gifted and Talented Academic) and a MAP RIT score >240

This course is designed to meet the needs of academically gifted and talented students who were identified through the standard measures implemented by The School District of Greenville County. The curriculum designed specifically for this course meets the guidelines set forth by the South Carolina State Department of Education as criteria for Gifted and Talented instruction. Students should expect to find the curriculum challenging in a number of ways: text complexity, analytical writing, problem solving, creative endeavors, and accelerated pace.

**Title:** Literature Strategies 7 **Course Number:** 20013300  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 7 **Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:**

Students should meet one or more of the following criteria: Teacher recommendation; PASS score of Not Met in 5th grade; 6th grade MAP RIT scores of <217

This course is designed to meet the needs of students needing additional support in reading. Instruction will continue to reinforce foundational skills in reading and provide ample scaffolding for those students whose reading skills are still developing.

**Title:** Literature Studies 7 **Course Number:** 20013400  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 7 **Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:**

Students should meet two or more of the following criteria ; Teacher recommendation; PASS score of Met/PACT scores of Proficient or Advanced in 5th grade; 6th grade MAP RIT scores of 217 - 240

This course is designed to meet the needs of those students whose reading and language arts skills are sufficient to allow them to read more difficult texts, analyze what they have read more deeply, and respond without difficulty to the text in writing. The students in this course do not require foundational instruction in reading strategies; however, they will continue to receive instruction in more sophisticated reading practices that prepare the student for literary analysis. Students can expect instruction to move at an accelerated pace.

**Title:** English GT 8 **Course Number:** 20013900  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 8 **Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:** Identified as GTA (Gifted and Talented Academic) and a MAP RIT score >244

This course is designed to meet the needs of academically gifted and talented students who were identified through the standard measures implemented by The School District of Greenville County. The curriculum designed specifically for this course meets the guidelines set forth by the South Carolina State Department of Education as criteria for Gifted and Talented instruction. Students should expect to find the curriculum challenging in a number of ways: text complexity, analytical writing, problem solving, creative endeavors, and accelerated pace.

**Title:** Lang Arts Strategies 7 **Course Number:** 20014000  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 7 **Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:**

Students should meet two or more of the following criteria: Teacher recommendation; PASS score of Not Met in 5th grade; 6th grade MAP RIT scores <217

This course is designed to meet the needs of students transitioning from elementary to middle school instruction in language arts, writing and research. Instruction will continue to reinforce foundational skills and provide ample scaffolding for those students whose skills are still developing.

**Title:** Language Arts Studies 7 **Course Number:** 20014100  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 7 **Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:**

Students should meet two or more of the following criteria: Teacher recommendation; PASS score of Met in 5th grade; 6th grade MAP RIT scores of 217 - 240

This course is designed to meet the needs of those students whose writing skills are sufficient to allow them to write fluently and cohesively. The students in this course do not require foundational instruction in writing strategies; however, they will continue to receive instruction in more sophisticated practices preparing the student for different modes of writing. Students can expect instruction to move at an accelerated pace.

**Title:** Literature Strategies 8 **Course Number:** 20014200  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 8 **Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:**

Students should meet one or more of the following criteria: Teacher recommendation; PASS score of Not Met in 6th grade; 7th grade MAP RIT scores of <220

This course is designed to meet the needs of students needing additional support in reading. Instruction will continue to reinforce foundational skills in reading and provide ample scaffolding for those students whose reading skills are still developing.

**Title:** Literature Studies 8 **Course Number:** 20014300  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 8 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:**  
Students should meet two or more of the following criteria: Teacher recommendation; PASS score of Met in 6th grade; 7th grade MAP RIT scores of 220 - 244  
This course is designed to meet the needs of those students whose reading and language arts skills are sufficient to allow them to read more difficult texts, analyze what they have read more deeply, and respond without difficulty to the text in writing. The students in this course do not require foundational instruction in reading strategies; however, they will continue to receive instruction in more sophisticated reading practices that prepare the student for literary analysis. Students can expect instruction to move at an accelerated pace.

**Title:** Lang Arts Strategies 8 **Course Number:** 20014400  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 8 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:**  
Students should meet two or more of the following criteria: Teacher recommendation; PASS score of Not Met in 6th grade; 7th grade MAP RIT scores <220  
This course is designed to meet the needs of students transitioning from elementary to middle school instruction in language arts, writing and research. Instruction will continue to reinforce foundational skills and provide ample scaffolding for those students whose skills are still developing.

**Title:** Language Arts Studies 8 **Course Number:** 20014500  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 8 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:**  
Students should meet two or more of the following criteria: Teacher recommendation; PASS score of Met in 6th grade; 7th grade MAP RIT scores of 220 - 244  
This course is designed to meet the needs of those students whose writing skills are sufficient to allow them to write fluently and cohesively. The students in this course do not require foundational instruction in writing strategies; however, they will continue to receive instruction in more sophisticated practices preparing the student for different modes of writing. Students can expect instruction to move at an accelerated pace.

**Title:** Literature 7 **Course Number:** 20015000  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 7 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:**  
Students should meet two or more of the following criteria; Teacher recommendation; PASS scores of Met or Exemplary in 5th grade; 6th grade MAP RIT scores >215 in Reading  
This course is designed to meet the needs of those students whose reading and language arts skills are sufficient to allow them to read more difficult texts, analyze what they have read more deeply, and respond without difficulty to the text in writing. The students in this course do not require foundational instruction in reading strategies; however, they will continue to receive instruction in more sophisticated reading practices that prepare the student for complex literary analysis. Students can expect instruction to move at an accelerated pace.

**Title:** Literature 8 **Course Number:** 20015100  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 8 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:**  
Students should meet two or more of the following criteria: Teacher recommendation; PASS scores of Met or Exemplary in 6th grade; 7th grade MAP RIT scores >218 in Reading  
This course is designed to meet the needs of those students whose reading and language arts skills are sufficient to allow them to read more difficult texts, analyze what they have read more deeply, and respond without difficulty to the text in writing. The students in this course do not require foundational instruction in reading strategies; however, they will continue to receive instruction in more sophisticated reading practices that prepare the student for complex literary analysis. Students can expect instruction to move at an accelerated pace.

**Title:** Eng 1H:Genre Analysis **Course Number:** 301116HW  
**Unit Credit:** 1.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 8 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:**  
Students identified as GTA automatically qualify. Students who are not identified as GTA must meet the following five criteria: PASS scores of Exemplary in 6th grade or 7th grade; MAP RIT score of 240 or above in Reading; High level of performance in reading and writing skills; Ability to think critically and demonstrated enthusiasm for language arts; Teacher recommendation  
This is an honors-level high school course for academically gifted eighth grade students who have the ability to pursue an accelerated English program. These students are taking a high school level course in preparation for Advanced Placement English (college level courses) in their junior and senior years; therefore, the coursework will reflect more rigor than other middle school English courses. Literary study includes all genres, and students will be required to read extensively from texts with a wide range of complexity. Students in English 1 Honors will be expected to exhibit critical thinking skills when analyzing what they have read. Nonfiction readings will include literary criticism as well as political essays, memoirs, and historical texts. Composition skills of those entering the course must exceed mere proficiency and should exhibit the student's understanding of voice, style, and purpose. Grammar and usage skills will be reviewed through mini-lessons preceding each writing assessment. Students should expect major essay assignments on a frequent basis and for writing skills to constitute a large percentage of the final grade. The rigor of this course will fully prepare students for the EOC testing in English 1 and all future Honors or AP English courses. Note: This course earns high school credit and carries Honors GPA weighting.

**Math**

**Title:** Math 7  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00  
**Grade Level:** 7  
**Prerequisite:** Math 6

**Course Number:** 21100500  
**Duration:**  
**Short Title:**

The emphasis in this standards-based seventh-grade course is on algebraic thinking and on extending the understanding of the real number system to include integers, rational numbers, and irrational numbers. Students will investigate applications of number theory and will acquire skills in adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing integers. Students will solve applied problems by using one-step equations and inequalities, percents, and proportional reasoning. Students will develop algebraic thinking by analyzing patterns to discover relationships, by representing information through symbolic, graphical, and tabular methods, and by identifying relationships that are linear. Throughout the course there is an emphasis on the process standards of problem-solving, communication, reasoning, representations, and connections.

**Title:** Math 8  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00  
**Grade Level:** 8  
**Prerequisite:** Math 7

**Course Number:** 21100700  
**Duration:**  
**Short Title:**

This standards-based eighth grade course places strong emphasis on applications of the mathematical concepts and skills related to decimals, fractions, percents, and integers to solving a variety of real-world problems. In addition, students will extend their understanding of the concepts proportion and measurement and apply this knowledge in problem-solving situations. Students will further develop their algebraic thinking by investigating the merits and limitations of graphical, symbolic, tabular, and verbal representations of relationships. Throughout the course there is an emphasis on the process standards of problem-solving, communication, reasoning, representations, and connections.

**Title:** Math 8 for 7th Graders  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00  
**Grade Level:** 7

**Course Number:** 21100800  
**Duration:**  
**Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:** Must meet district criteria including Teacher recommendation

This standards-based eighth grade course places strong emphasis on applications of the mathematical concepts and skills related to decimals, fractions, percents, and integers to solving a variety of real-world problems. In addition, students will extend their understanding of the concepts proportion and measurement and apply this knowledge in problem-solving situations. Students will further develop their algebraic thinking by investigating the merits and limitations of graphical, symbolic, tabular, and verbal representations of relationships. Throughout the course there is an emphasis on the process standards of problem-solving, communication, reasoning, representations, and connections.

**Title:** Algebra 1 H  
**Unit Credit:** 1.00  
**Grade Level:** 7-10

**Course Number:** 411103HW  
**Duration:**  
**Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:** Math teacher recommendation

This honors-level course will be a more extensive study of the algebraic concepts traditionally covered in Algebra 1. It is an intense program that includes all topics taught in Algebra 1 as well as additional enrichment topics. Students in this course must take a state-mandated end-of-course test as the final exam, and it will count as 20% of the final grade.

**Title:** Geometry H  
**Unit Credit:** 1.00  
**Grade Level:** 8-10

**Course Number:** 412103HW  
**Duration:**  
**Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:** Algebra 1 Honors or Algebra 1 CP with Math teacher recommendation

This honors-level course is for motivated mathematics students who are candidates for AP Calculus. It includes all topics taught in Geometry as well as a unit in formal logic and other enrichment topics.

## Science

**Title:** Science 7  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00  
**Grade Level:** 7

**Course Number:** 22211300  
**Duration:**  
**Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of previous grade or science course

The focus of science in seventh grade is to provide students with inquiry based experiences that develop science concepts in the following areas: Cells and Heredity-structure and function of cells and heredity; Human Systems and Disease-functions and interconnections within the human body and breakdown of these functions due to disease; Ecology-the Biotic and Abiotic Environment-interactions and responses between biotic and abiotic components and organisms; and Chemical Nature of Matter-classifications, properties and changes in matter.

**Title:** Science 8  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00  
**Grade Level:** 8

**Course Number:** 22513500  
**Duration:**  
**Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of previous grade or science course

The focus for science in eighth grade is to provide students with inquiry based experiences that develop science concepts in the following areas: Earth's Biologic History-Earth's biologic diversity over time; Structure and Process in Earth System-materials and processes that alter the structure of Earth; Astronomy-characteristics, structure, and motions of celestial bodies in the universe; Forces and Motion-effects of forces on the motion of an object; and, Waves-properties and behaviors of waves.

## Social Studies

**Title:** Social Studies 7 **Course Number:** 23101300  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 7 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of previous grade or course

Seventh grade social studies continues the study of world cultures with a focus on the changes that have occurred in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas from 1600 to the present. Students examine the history, geography, and continuing changes in political and economic ideas that have shaped the world in which we live today. Students also address the growing interaction among societies developing concurrently during this period, including the exchange of ideas, beliefs, technologies, and commodities. Instruction should emphasize the elements of social studies literacy—the tools, strategies, and perspectives necessary for understanding how history, geography, economics and government are interwoven.

**Title:** SC/US History 8 **Course Number:** 23203500  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 8 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of previous grade or course

Eighth grade social studies focuses on the story of the history of South Carolina and the role that the state and its people have played in the development of the United States as a nation. Students learn about the state's development during colonial times and the growth of the American ideal which led to the break with England, the rising controversy about slavery, and the Civil War. The study of the rebuilding of South Carolina after the Civil War and the continuing struggle for civil rights and justice waged by the people of South Carolina allows students to see the progress that the state has made and to appreciate the contributions that its people have made to the nation as a whole. Students also learn about the major political, economic, and social changes in South Carolina through the twentieth century and to the present in the context of national and worldwide events. Instruction should emphasize the elements of social studies literacy—the tools, strategies, and perspectives necessary for understanding how history, geography, economics and government are interwoven in our state's history.

## Arts

**Title:** Art 7-1 **Course Number:** 25011600  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 7 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:** None

Students will develop creative-thinking and problem-solving skills as they observe the world around them. They will explore and produce artwork including drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, arts, and crafts. A study of artists and their work will help students understand the techniques, skills, and diverse intentions of artists from many cultures and times.

**Title:** Art 7-2 **Course Number:** 25012700  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 7 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:** Previous art instruction and teacher recommendation

Techniques for drawing and design, creative problem-solving, personal expression and artistic craftsmanship will be studied. As a part of the curriculum of this course for more experienced students, a variety of experiences with local artists and community arts organizations will be explored.

**Title:** Art 8-1 **Course Number:** 25014100  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 8 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:** None

Students will refine their ability to communicate visually, manage a wide range of tools and materials, and achieve quality, style, and craftsmanship in drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, and crafts. Students will have opportunities for evaluating and critiquing their own and other students' artwork as well as studying artists and analyzing their work.

**Title:** Art 8-2 **Course Number:** 25014400  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 8 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:** Previous art instruction with teacher recommendation

The purpose of this course is to teach students who have advanced art ability to achieve work at a higher level than the general art classes. The knowledge of the principles and elements of design will be studied in depth through vigorous exercises and research. Students will be involved in a variety of experiences with local artists and community arts organizations.

**Title:** Band 7 **Course Number:** 25311300  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 7 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:** Band 6 or permission of instructor

This course is a continuation of Band 6 for brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments. Intermediate-level middle school literature will be studied. The curriculum includes the development of fundamental skills, concepts, composition, cooperative learning, music as it relates to history and culture, and band techniques. The class will include an expectation for the purchase or rental of an instrument and individual practice at home. Concert performances will be an outgrowth of the study of musical concepts.

<b>Title:</b> Band 8	<b>Course Number:</b> 25313500
<b>Unit Credit:</b> 0.00	<b>Duration:</b>
<b>Grade Level:</b> 8	<b>Short Title:</b>
<b>Prerequisite:</b> Band 7 or permission of instructor	
This course is a continuation of Band 7 for brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments. Advanced-level middle school literature will be studied. The curriculum includes the development of fundamental skills, concepts, composition, cooperative learning, music as it relates to history and culture, and band techniques. The class will include an expectation for the purchase or rental of an instrument and individual practice at home. Concert performances will be an outgrowth of the study of musical concepts.	
<b>Title:</b> Percussion 8	<b>Course Number:</b> 25314500
<b>Unit Credit:</b> 0.00	<b>Duration:</b>
<b>Grade Level:</b> 8	<b>Short Title:</b>
<b>Prerequisite:</b> None	
This course will introduce students to the wide array of percussion instruments including the snare drum, timpani drum, bass drum, wood block, tambourine and maracas. Students will learn to play various styles of music and will enjoy the opportunity for both solo and ensemble performances.	
<b>Title:</b> Chorus 7-2	<b>Course Number:</b> 25414100
<b>Unit Credit:</b> 0.00	<b>Duration:</b>
<b>Grade Level:</b> 7	<b>Short Title:</b>
<b>Prerequisite:</b> Prior choral experience with teacher recommendation	
This is the study of music written for soprano, alto and baritone voices. Students will continue to develop the elements of music as they are exposed to more advanced part-singing. This course will emphasize the development of musical sound and vocal technique, comprehensive musicianship and vocal independence. Students will perform in various school and community settings.	
<b>Title:</b> Chorus 8-2	<b>Course Number:</b> 25414700
<b>Unit Credit:</b> 0.00	<b>Duration:</b>
<b>Grade Level:</b> 8	<b>Short Title:</b>
<b>Prerequisite:</b> Chorus 7 with teacher recommendation	
This choral music class will focus on the development of good singing techniques as well as sight-reading. Students will have opportunities to participate in district music clinics and perform in choral concerts and school showcases throughout	
<b>Title:</b> Strings 7	<b>Course Number:</b> 25511300
<b>Unit Credit:</b> 0.00	<b>Duration:</b>
<b>Grade Level:</b> 7	<b>Short Title:</b>
<b>Prerequisite:</b> Strings 6 or permission of instructor	
This course is a continuation of Strings 6 for violin, viola, cello, and string bass. Intermediate-level middle school literature will be studied. The curriculum includes the development of fundamental skills, concepts, composition, cooperative learning, music as it relates to history and culture, and strings techniques. The class will include an expectation for the purchase or rental of an instrument and individual practice at home. Concert performances will be an outgrowth of the study of musical concepts.	
<b>Title:</b> Strings 8	<b>Course Number:</b> 25513500
<b>Unit Credit:</b> 0.00	<b>Duration:</b>
<b>Grade Level:</b> 8	<b>Short Title:</b>
<b>Prerequisite:</b> Strings 7 or permission of instructor	
This course is a continuation of Strings 7 for violin, viola, cello, and string bass. Advanced-level middle school literature will be studied. The curriculum includes the development of fundamental skills, concepts, composition, cooperative learning, music as it relates to history and culture, and strings techniques. The class will include an expectation for the purchase or rental of an instrument and individual practice at home. Concert performances will be an outgrowth of the study of musical concepts.	
<b>Title:</b> Music 7	<b>Course Number:</b> 25611300
<b>Unit Credit:</b> 0.00	<b>Duration:</b>
<b>Grade Level:</b> 7	<b>Short Title:</b>
<b>Prerequisite:</b> None	
This is a course providing students with the opportunity to explore musical concepts and further their understanding of music through listening, singing, playing instruments, and engaging in creative activities.	
<b>Title:</b> Piano Keyboarding 8	<b>Course Number:</b> 25994900
<b>Unit Credit:</b> 0.00	<b>Duration:</b>
<b>Grade Level:</b> 8	<b>Short Title:</b>
<b>Prerequisite:</b> None	
This class is an opportunity for students to learn the fundamentals of piano keyboarding. Students will learn the skill of reading music and will work on eye-hand coordination. Simple musical compositions will be practiced and performed.	
<b>Title:</b> Guitar 8	<b>Course Number:</b> 25995800
<b>Unit Credit:</b> 0.00	<b>Duration:</b>
<b>Grade Level:</b> 8	<b>Short Title:</b>
<b>Prerequisite:</b> Guitar 7 or permission of the instructor	
This course is a continuation of Guitar 7. The curriculum includes the development of fundamental skills, concepts, composition, cooperative learning, music as it relates to history and culture, and string techniques. The class will include an expectation of the purchase or rental of an instrument and individual practice at home. Concert performances will be an outgrowth of the study of musical concepts.	

**Title:** Piano Keyboarding 7

**Course Number:** 25999300

**Unit Credit:** 0.00

**Duration:**

**Grade Level:** 7

**Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:** None

This class is an opportunity for students to learn the fundamentals of piano keyboarding. Students will learn the skill of reading music and will work on eye-hand coordination. Simple musical compositions will be practiced and performed.

## Foreign Language

**Title:** Spanish 7 Beginner Level

**Course Number:** 26501300

**Unit Credit:** 0.00

**Duration:**

**Grade Level:** 7

**Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:** None

Aligned with the district's vision, philosophy, and goals for world language education, this beginner course introduces students to the second language through high-quality learning experiences. Not only do students gain an understanding of what it means to learn a new language, they also experience progress over time and are likely to be motivated to continue language study. Students learn enough language to ensure that they will not be total beginners when they take another course in the same language. The goal of this course is to develop some language competence.

**Title:** Spanish 1 CP

**Course Number:** 365107CW

**Unit Credit:** 1.00

**Duration:**

**Grade Level:** 8-10

**Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:** None

This course focuses on meaningful communication and language as it is used in real-world situations that students are most likely to encounter. Students will first begin to develop aural and oral skills, then read and write what they can say—familiar words, commands, phrases, short sentences, and basic questions. They will learn to use predictable language in familiar settings. They will begin to develop cultural awareness and the ability to recognize the products, practices, and perspectives of the culture they study. Students will also develop insights into their own language through linguistic and cultural comparisons with the foreign language and culture they study and use the language to expand their knowledge in all content areas.

## Physical Education

**Title:** PE / Health 7

**Course Number:** 24403700

**Unit Credit:** 0.00

**Duration:**

**Grade Level:** 7

**Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:** None

Enrollment in this course fulfills the regulation that all students will complete one quarter of physical education each year in grades 6 – 8 and all students will complete one quarter of health each year in grades 6 - 8. The content of the course will consist of both health and PE standards-based instruction.

**Title:** PE / Health 8

**Course Number:** 24403900

**Unit Credit:** 0.00

**Duration:**

**Grade Level:** 8

**Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:** None

Enrollment in this course fulfills the regulation that all students will complete one quarter of physical education each year in grades 6 – 8 and all students will complete one quarter of health each year in grades 6 - 8. The content of the course will consist of both health and PE standards-based instruction.

## Career and Tech

**Title:** GTT7DesignModel

**Course Number:** 28411300

**Unit Credit:** 0.00

**Duration:**

**Grade Level:** 7

**Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:** Teacher Recommendation

This unit uses solid modeling (a very sophisticated mathematical technique for representing solid objects) to introduce students to the design process. Utilizing this design approach, students understand how solid modeling has influenced their lives. Students also learn sketching techniques, and use descriptive geometry as a component of design, measurement, and computer modeling. Using design briefs or abstracts, students create models and documentation to solve problems.

**Title:** GTT8AutoRobotics

**Course Number:** 28413500

**Unit Credit:** 0.00

**Duration:**

**Grade Level:** 8

**Short Title:**

**Prerequisite:** Teacher Recommendation

Students trace the history and development of automation and robotics. They learn about structures, energy transfer, machine automation, and computer control systems. Students acquire knowledge and skills in engineering problem solving and explore requirements for careers in engineering.

**Title:** AgEducation7 **Course Number:** 28562500  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 7 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:** None  
This course is designed to assist students in exploring science as it relates to agriculture. Through well planned instructional activities, students have the opportunity to develop an understanding of human relations, communication, the importance of agriculture to the economy, and key scientific terms related to the field of agriculture concepts.

**Title:** AgEducation7-2 **Course Number:** 28562600  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 7 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:** Ag Education 7  
This course is designed to assist students in exploring science as it relates to agriculture. Through well planned instructional activities, students have the opportunity to develop an understanding of human relations, communication, the importance of agriculture to the economy, and key scientific terms related to the field of agriculture concepts.

**Title:** AgEducation8 **Course Number:** 28564500  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 8 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:** None  
This course is designed to assist students in exploring science as it relates to agriculture. Through well planned instructional activities, students have the opportunity to develop an understanding of human relations, communication, the importance of agriculture to the economy, and key scientific terms related to the field of agriculture concepts.

**Title:** AgEducation8-2 **Course Number:** 28564600  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 8 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:** Ag Education 8  
This course is designed to assist students in exploring science as it relates to agriculture. Through well planned instructional activities, students have the opportunity to develop an understanding of human relations, communication, the importance of agriculture to the economy, and key scientific terms related to the field of agriculture concepts.

**Title:** Keyboarding **Course Number:** 510002CH  
**Unit Credit:** 0.50 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 7-12 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:** None  
This course is designed to provide an opportunity for students to master the skill of entering alphabetic, numeric, and symbolic information on a keyboard and a ten-key pad using the touch method of keystroking. Emphasis is placed on development of accuracy and speed, proper techniques, and correct fingering. Formatting of basic documents will be introduced.

## Miscellaneous

**Title:** Life Fitness 7 **Course Number:** 24991500  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 7 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:** None  
Life Fitness is a related arts class taught through the physical education department. It focuses on nutrition, exercise, along with cardiovascular and strength building activities. The purpose of the class is to encourage habits that lead to healthy, active adult life.

**Title:** Life Fitness 8 **Course Number:** 24993700  
**Unit Credit:** 0.00 **Duration:**  
**Grade Level:** 8 **Short Title:**  
**Prerequisite:** None  
Life Fitness is a related arts class taught through the physical education department. It focuses on nutrition, exercise, along with cardiovascular and strength building activities. The purpose of the class is to encourage habits that lead to healthy, active adult life.