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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>

Welcome to Mauldin Middle School!

Mauldin Middle School has the responsibility of providing the best educational opportunities possible for our students. This is a tremendous responsibility that is characterized by accountability and professional standards. Our students have the right to expect the best efforts of the professional staff at Mauldin Middle School.

Mission Statement

The mission of Mauldin Middle School is to prepare all students to succeed in becoming lifelong learners and responsible, productive citizens.

Objectives

Mauldin Middle School seeks:

1. to provide an educational atmosphere in which each child can learn.
2. to provide a program of education best suited to the individual student's needs.
3. to help each child be aware of and cope with the differences in himself and others.
4. to help each child develop a positive set of values which provide a moral and ethical basis for decision-making.
5. to provide the knowledge necessary for students to build and maintain sound healthy bodies, now and in the future.
6. to provide experiences which develop responsible, involved citizens who will function effectively in a democratic society.
7. to encourage a sense of self-respect and dependability among the students in order to promote leadership and service.
8. to encourage healthy attitudes and provide activities for students which promote positive self-concepts.
9. to provide counseling services for students as a means of preventing and solving problems.
10. to develop a close relationship between the school and the community.

A Message From the Principal

Welcome to Mauldin Middle School. We want your year here at Mauldin to be successful, exciting, challenging, and rewarding. Your success in school depends on your effective study habits, regular attendance, and self-discipline.

The curriculum and courses offered at Mauldin Middle School are designed to challenge you and equip you toward academic success.

At Mauldin Middle School, we believe that all goals are attainable when we work together toward our goals. Making good choices, getting good grades, having good behavior, and having a good attitude are goals we should always strive to pursue. Mauldin Middle School is committed to excellence through a cooperative effort on the part of everyone involved.

Rosia D. Gardner
Principal

Mauldin Middle School Registration Process

Register Online for 2012-2013

Online student registration for students currently in grades 5-11 will take place February 13 - March 16. Parents and students are advised to seek information from their schools as to when specific grade levels will register and other important information related to a successful registration. Prior to registration, schools will post the course catalog on the school website so that parents may see what courses will be offered by their school for the next year. Parents without internet access at home may request a printed copy of the course catalog.

Simpsonville, SC -- Online course registration for students entering grades seven and eight in 2012-2013 at Mauldin Middle School will be from February 13, through February 16, 2012.

At Mauldin Middle School a paper form will be sent home prior to February 13 for parents, along with their students, to discuss and mark their related arts choices. Students will register via the internet for these selections in the computer labs during the school day.

Using the online student registration process will ensure that parents have the opportunity to assist their child in requesting elective courses and will allow school counselors and teachers more time for meetings with parents and students to discuss course content and placement issues. Parents and students should understand that requesting a course through the online system 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.

For questions regarding course placement, please contact your child's current teachers.

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Mauldin Middle School
Rising 7th and 8th Graders
Student Registration Process 2012-2013

The faculty and staff welcome you and encourage you to use this curriculum guide to plan for the 2012 - 2013 school year at Mauldin Middle School. Registering for classes is your opportunity to make the right decision, so please consider carefully which courses you will select. We want you to have a positive middle school experience, and we look forward to working with you. When possible, classes are based upon student request. However, due to schedule conflicts and changes in course offerings, the staff cannot guarantee that students will be scheduled for all courses they request.

Please view the important dates and information regarding the registration process:

Important Dates

- * **Thursday, February 2nd - Curriculum Night 6:00 p.m.**
Grade teachers will discuss course offering and programs available.
- * **Tuesday, March 27th – Registration Form sent home for parent signature.**
- * **Wednesday, April 11th – Deadline for parent/teacher registration meetings (if needed) and returning registration form with signature.**

Academic Course Placement

All seventh and eighth grade students will take the basic academic classes of English, Math, Science, and Social Studies the entire year. Course recommendations for English and Math are based on criteria determined by the School District of Greenville County. If you have a concern about your child's placement, it is the parents' responsibility to contact the teacher that made the recommendation and set up a conference. All teacher recommendations are tentative and will be made based on the assumption that the student meets the defined criteria and is promoted to the next grade. Adjustments will be made at the end of the school year if summer school or retention is recommended.

Special Education Courses

Students are placed into special education courses based on their Individualized Education Plans (IEP).

Assistance Courses

ESOL courses are designed for the student who has a primary language other than English, and is not proficient in listening, speaking, reading, writing, or comprehending in the English speaking classroom. Placement is based on district criteria.

Seventh Grade Related Arts Requests:

Band, Singers and Strings are year long classes and meet on alternating days. Students must be recommended by the teacher to take Band, Singers, or Strings.

Prerequisite for 7th Grade Band: 6th Grade Band

Prerequisite for 7th Grade Strings: 6th Grade Strings

Prerequisite for 7th Grade Singers: Audition

These students will also be scheduled in one semester of physical education/health and one related arts semester course of their choice.

Semester choices include: General Art, Graphic Art, Explore, Drama (semester long), Exploratory French, and Exploratory Spanish.

Eighth Grade Related Arts Requests:

Band, Singers and Strings are year long classes and meet on alternating days. Students must be recommended by the teacher to continue in Band, Strings, or Singers. These students will also be scheduled in one semester of physical education/health and another related arts semester class of their choice.

Prerequisite for 8th Grade Band: 7th Grade Band

Prerequisite for 8th Grade Strings: 7th Grade Strings

Prerequisite for 8th Grade Singers: Audition and/or 7th Grade Singers

Prerequisite for 8th Grade Drama Class: 7th Grade Teacher Recommendation or Audition

PLEASE NOTE: Students not enrolled in Band, Strings or Singers will take Keyboarding, a semester of physical education/health, and another related arts semester class of their choice.

Semester choices include: General Art, Graphic Art, Explore, Drama (semester long with teacher recommendation required), Career Education, Exploratory French, and Exploratory Spanish.

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: 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: 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.

Title: Yearbook 8 **Course Number:** 20994100
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 8 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: Teacher Recommendation and application process
The main purpose of this class is to produce the yearbook for the school. In fulfilling this goal, many skills are introduced and/or developed. Organization, self-motivation, precise writing, and time management are major elements of this class. Computer skills, photography skills, and interpersonal skills are also key in the production of the yearbook. Students do not need to come into this class with these skills fully developed, but they do need to have the desire to develop them.

Title: Newspaper 8 **Course Number:** 20994300
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 8 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: Teacher Recommendation
In this class, students plan, write, and publish the student newspaper. Students understand, practice, and learn strategies necessary to generate ideas, report, and write stories. They conduct research, interview, prioritize information, and master editing and proofreading skills. In addition, students analyze the journalism Code of Ethics and identify common photojournalism practices.

Title: Creative Writing 8 **Course Number:** 20994400
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 8 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: None
This course, designed for students interested in written expression, includes a study of the various forms of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction. Students will create portfolios of their own creative writing and experiment with various forms of expression.

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 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: Drama 7-1 **Course Number:** 25213800
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 7 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: None
This course explores theater arts through the use of creative dramatics, diction, vocal expression, improvisation, dramatization, technical theatre, audience etiquette, and theatre appreciation. Performances will be an outgrowth of study.

Title: Drama 8-2 **Course Number:** 25214700
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 8 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: Prior drama instruction with teacher recommendation
Students will strengthen their skills in the field of acting through an intense study of acting and improvisation. Students will learn techniques for auditions, directing and producing. Students are required to participate in two main-stage productions and one main-stage showcase.

Title: Band 7 Percussion **Course Number:** 25312000
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 7 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: Band 6 Percussion or permission of the instructor
This course is a continuation of Band 6 for percussion instruments. The curriculum will focus on the techniques required to perform on the melodic instruments, membranophones, and auxiliary 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.

Title: Band 7 Flute **Course Number:** 25312100
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 7 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: Band 6 Flute or permission of the instructor
This course is a continuation of Band 6 for flute. 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.

Title: Band 7 Clarinet **Course Number:** 25312200
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 7 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: Band 6 Clarinet or permission of the instructor
This course is a continuation of Band 6 for soprano and bass clarinet. 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.

Title: Band 7 Saxophone **Course Number:** 25312300
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 7 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: Band 6 Saxophone or permission of the instructor
This course is a continuation of Band 6 for alto and tenor saxophone. 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.

Title: Band 7 High Brass **Course Number:** 25312400
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 7 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: Band 6 Brass or permission of the instructor
This course is a continuation of Band 6 for trumpet and French horn. 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.

Title: Band 7 Low Brass **Course Number:** 25312500
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 7 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: Band 6 Brass or permission of the instructor
This course is a continuation of Band 6 for trombone, euphonium and tuba. 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.

Title: Band 8 Percussion **Course Number:** 25313000
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 8 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: Band 7 Percussion or permission of the instructor
This course is a continuation of Band 7 for percussion instruments. The curriculum will focus on the techniques required to perform on the melodic instruments, membranophones, and auxiliary 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.

Title: Band 8 Brass **Course Number:** 25313100
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 8 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: Band 7 Brass or permission of the instructor
This course is a continuation of Band 7 for Brass 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.

Title: Band 8 Woodwinds **Course Number:** 25313200
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 8 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: Band 7 Woodwinds or permission of the instructor
This course is a continuation of Band 7 for Woodwind 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.

Title: Strings 7 **Course Number:** 25511300
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 7 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: 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.

Title: Strings 8 **Course Number:** 25513500
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 8 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: 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.

Title: Graphic Art & Design 7 **Course Number:** 25991900
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 7 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: None
The purpose of this course is to challenge the students' problem solving skills through the relationship of images and fonts. Compasses, French curves, protractors and ruler knowledge will be used to solve technical projects manually. The students will also learn the basics of letter formations and typographical formats. Some projects will be enhanced with computer graphics.

Title: Graphic Art & Design 8 **Course Number:** 25992000
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 8 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: None
The purpose of this course is to challenge the students' problem solving skills through the relationship of images and fonts. Compasses, French curves, protractors and ruler knowledge will be used to solve technical projects manually. The students will also learn the basics of letter formations and typographical formats. Some projects will be enhanced with computer graphics.

Title: Singers Chorus **Course Number:** 25993000
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 6-8 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: Instructor approval
This course is for students with advanced vocal talents. Students study either early music literature, vocal jazz, or popular music. They learn the elements of music, proper tone quality production, music reading, and vocal flexibility as it relates to style. The direction and emphasis of the course are determined by the instructor.

Title: Treble Chorus Singers **Course Number:** 25993300
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 6-8 **Short Title:**
Prerequisite: Instructor approval
This course emphasizes the development of basic vocal techniques and skills including good posture, tone quality, breath support, diction, and attack and release. Attention is given to the elements of music including music reading. Vocal independence is emphasized and the elements of music are reinforced through the performance and study of quality literature.

Foreign Language

Title: French Beg Level 78 Combination **Course Number:** 26101800
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 7-8 **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 7/8 Beginner Level **Course Number:** 26503900
Unit Credit: 0.00 **Duration:**
Grade Level: 7-8 **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: French 1 CP
Unit Credit: 1.00
Grade Level: 8-10
Prerequisite: None

Course Number: 361107CW
Duration:
Short Title:

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.

Title: Spanish 1 CP
Unit Credit: 1.00
Grade Level: 8-10
Prerequisite: None

Course Number: 365107CW
Duration:
Short Title:

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: Health 7
Unit Credit: 0.00
Grade Level: 7
Prerequisite: None

Course Number: 24011300
Duration:
Short Title:

Enrollment in this course fulfills the state law requiring 9 weeks of health education every year for all students in grades 6 – 8. Course content focuses on teaching students the information and the skills needed to become health literate, maintain and improve personal health, prevent disease, and reduce health-related risk behaviors as outlined in the SC Health and Safety Curriculum Standards. The course also focuses on evaluating, advocating, and coordinating valid resources and services to meet the needs of students, families, and communities. Course content areas include Personal Health and Wellness, Nutritional Choices, Mental Health, Preventing Injuries, Family Living, and Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs.

Title: Health 8
Unit Credit: 0.00
Grade Level: 8
Prerequisite: None

Course Number: 24013500
Duration:
Short Title:

Enrollment in this course fulfills the state law requiring 9 weeks of health education every year for all students in grades 6 – 8. Course content focuses on teaching students the information and the skills needed to become health literate, maintain and improve personal health, prevent disease, and reduce health-related risk behaviors as outlined in the SC Health and Safety Curriculum Standards. The course also focuses on evaluating, advocating, and coordinating valid resources and services to meet the needs of students, families, and communities. Course content areas include Personal Health and Wellness, Nutritional Choices, Mental Health, Preventing Injuries, Family Living, and Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs.

Title: Phys Education 7
Unit Credit: 0.00
Grade Level: 7
Prerequisite: None

Course Number: 24401300
Duration:
Short Title:

Enrollment in this course fulfills the regulation that all students will complete one quarter of physical education each year in grades 6 – 8. Course content focuses on teaching students the four SC Middle School PE Student Performance criteria as mandated by the SC Department of Education. Students will demonstrate the abilities, concepts, knowledge, and skills required to: 1) demonstrate competence in modified versions of activities in three movement forms as identified in the SCPEAP standards; 2) demonstrate knowledge of the five components of fitness and the F.I.T.T. principle on a written test; 3) participate regularly in health-enhancing physical activity outside the physical education class; 4) meet the gender and age group health-related physical fitness standard as described by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education.

Title: Phys Education 8
Unit Credit: 0.00
Grade Level: 8
Prerequisite: None

Course Number: 24403500
Duration:
Short Title:

Enrollment in this course fulfills the regulation that all students will complete one quarter of physical education each year in grades 6 – 8. Course content focuses on teaching students the four SC Middle School PE Student Performance criteria as mandated by the SC Department of Education. Students will demonstrate the abilities, concepts, knowledge, and skills required to: 1) demonstrate competence in modified versions of activities in three movement forms as identified in the SCPEAP standards; 2) demonstrate knowledge of the five components of fitness and the F.I.T.T. principle on a written test; 3) participate regularly in health-enhancing physical activity outside the physical education class; 4) meet the gender and age group health-related physical fitness standard as described by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education.

Title: PE / Health 7
Unit Credit: 0.00
Grade Level: 7
Prerequisite: None

Course Number: 24403700
Duration:
Short Title:

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
Unit Credit: 0.00
Grade Level: 8
Prerequisite: None

Course Number: 24403900
Duration:
Short Title:

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: CareerEducation8
Unit Credit: 0.00
Grade Level: 8
Prerequisite: None

Course Number: 28303500
Duration:
Short Title:

This course introduces the students to the careers that are available to them after their education. Students are given a chance to research and explore various careers as well as learn about the skills that are needed for a particular occupation. During this time, the students are also introduced to the career clusters that are used in the district.

Title: Keyboarding7
Unit Credit: 0.00
Grade Level: 7
Prerequisite: None

Course Number: 28511300
Duration:
Short Title:

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.

Title: Keyboarding
Unit Credit: 0.50
Grade Level: 7-12
Prerequisite: None

Course Number: 510002CH
Duration:
Short Title:

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: Exploratory 7
Unit Credit: 0.00
Grade Level: 7
Prerequisite: None

Course Number: 27019200
Duration:
Short Title:

This course provides students with the opportunity to explore and learn information and skills that will enhance their academic and personal lives in middle school.

Title: Exploratory 8
Unit Credit: 0.00
Grade Level: 8
Prerequisite: None

Course Number: 27019500
Duration:
Short Title:

This course provides students with the opportunity to explore and learn information and skills that will enhance their academic and personal lives in middle school.

English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Title: ESOL A
Unit Credit: 0.00
Grade Level: 6-8
Prerequisite: Guidance Placement

Course Number: 27998700
Duration:
Short Title:

This course is designed for the student who has a primary language other than English, and is not proficient in listening, speaking, reading, writing, or comprehension in the English speaking classroom. Instruction will be provided in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, writing, and comprehension to assist students in classrooms where English is the language of instruction. Students will receive skills to aid in the transition to all academic areas, as well as help in the preparation for middle school formal tests. Limited English proficiency should be determined by an approved language assessment instrument.

Title: ESOL B
Unit Credit: 0.00
Grade Level: 6-8
Prerequisite: Guidance Placement

Course Number: 27998800
Duration:
Short Title:

This course is designed for the student who has a primary language other than English, and is not proficient in listening, speaking, reading, writing, or comprehension in the English speaking classroom. Instruction will be provided in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, writing, and comprehension to assist students in classrooms where English is the language of instruction. Students will receive skills to aid in the transition to all academic areas, as well as help in the preparation for middle school formal tests. Limited English proficiency should be determined by an approved language assessment instrument.

