

**FULL YEAR ELECTIVES for 7th and 8th grade**

**WORLD LANGUAGES**

<b>Spanish 1</b>	Learn the basics of how to speak and understand Spanish, as well as explore various Spanish-speaking cultures from around the world. Learning to speak another language opens up a world of possibilities that allow you to make new friends and understand movies, poems, stories, and more about which you might previously have never even known.	For any 7th or 8th grader who wants to learn Spanish
<b>Spanish 3/4</b>	Continue the study of the Spanish language, as well as explore various Spanish-speaking cultures from around the world.	Any 8th-grade student who passes Spanish ½ with an A, teacher recommendation, and scoring in the 95% on a summative exam. This will be the last school year this course is offered.

**BAND**

<b>Cadet</b>	What is more exciting than watching and hearing a marching band in a parade? You can get in on the fun by learning to play a band instrument. Beginners learn to assemble, play, and maintain a band instrument, as well as read music. You will play in three concerts- two at Jackson and one on-tour of our elementary feeder schools. We end the year with a parade.	Any student playing in Band for the first time
<b>Concert or Symphonic</b>	More advanced sequences of our band program. Students who are currently in Cadet go to Concert, and Concert to Symphonic. Students with experience can audition with Ms. Brown (our Band instructor) for placement. Performances are (usually) in December, March, May, and include the Middle School Band Festival and a parade!	Students with prior experience on an instrument

<b>CHOIR</b>		
<b>Concert Choir</b>	Concert Choir is the largest choir at Jackson, and is a performance class. Students sing a variety of music in unison, two/three-part harmony, and learn to read music. Attendance at performances is expected, and include a fall, winter, spring, and year-end concert, as well as the Best in the Northwest Choral Festival in May.	Any 7th or 8th grade student
<b>Ensemble</b>	Ensemble is Jackson Middle School's premier choir and consists of auditioned 7th and 8th-grade singers. Auditions are held in early May with audition materials available in early April. Ensemble performances include but are not limited to, all concerts at Jackson, Let Us Sing!, and District Solo & Ensemble Festival. Ensemble has previously participated in WorldStrides Music Festivals, which required travel out of state.	Any 7th or 8th grader selected through audition
<b>HALF-YEAR/SEMESTER ELECTIVES for 7th and 8th grade</b>		
<b>AVID (7th and 8th Grades only)</b>	AVID's (Advancement Via Individual Determination) mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for high school readiness and success. Students develop essential skills to design their own futures: critical thinking, collaboration, executive functioning, reading, writing, and relationship building. The development of these skills is rooted in a belief in self. Students will plan and execute projects, set academic and career goals, and make connections with other schools and programs. They will also act as JMS leaders, working as peer helpers, organizing school events, and brainstorming ways to increase student engagement at our school. <i>Students can forecast for this class, but also must complete an application available at the office starting May 1st.</i>	By teacher recommendation and student self-referral
<b>Leadership</b>	This is a new class at JMS. Students will practice service-oriented leadership, helping plan and volunteer at after school events, our 6th grade Jumpstart day, and conferences. You must be willing to spend time outside of the school day helping out at JMS as needed. This class is a great opportunity to make the change you want to see in our school! <i>Students can forecast for this class, but also must complete an application available at the office starting May 1st.</i>	By teacher recommendation and student self-referral

<b>Drama</b>	Sharpen and increase your self-confidence, challenge yourself to step outside your comfort zone, become part of something bigger than yourself, learn through doing, and explore through activities and games. If the thought of being on stage is frightening, this class is for you. If you love being on stage, this class is for you. Unit topics include improvisation, small and large group plays, empathy, creating characters, improving verbal and non-verbal expression, and much more!	Any 7th or 8th grade student
<b>Engineering Design</b>	Use your reasoning and crafty thinking to tackle a variety of wood working projects and engineering challenges. Learn how to use a variety of hand and machine tools. Have fun while developing practical shop skills and a strong sense of craftsmanship.	Any 7th or 8th grade student
<b>Library/Office Aide</b>	Give back to the Jackson Community through structured volunteer work. Be a leader in the school, gain valuable skills, and make strong relationships with staff and peers.  <i>Application only—pick up in the office beginning May 1st.</i>	7th and 8th-grade students who apply and are selected
<b>MUSIC</b>		
<b>Ukulele/World Percussion</b>	Students will primarily focus on learning how to play popular songs on the ukulele, playing the first song on the first day! Riptide, Over the Rainbow, Can't Help Falling in Love With You--all can be played on a uke. Students will also create rhythmic grooves from all over the world on percussion instruments, including conga and marimba.	Any 7th or 8th grade student
<b>Jaguar Singers</b>	This exciting semester choir is for singers of all levels and is a performance class. We will be studying music from multiple genres and in different languages, as well as performing at two evening concerts per semester. If you have ever wanted to try choir, but couldn't fit a year-long choir in your schedule, Jaguar Singers is for you!	Any 7th or 8th grade student who likes singing
<b>TECH</b>		
<b>Computer Science</b>	This class introduces students to computer science as a vehicle for problem-solving, communication, and personal expression. This class encourages students to see where computer science exists around them and how they can engage with it as a tool for exploration and expression. In this class, students will learn web development using html and CSS, Animations and Games using JavaScript, and App design using App Lab.	Any 7th or 8th grade student

<b>S.T.E.A.M</b>	The open-ended design challenges in the STEAM curriculum give students an opportunity to innovate solutions to real-world problems that they can use to better understand the world around them. In STEAM students will explore the concepts of problem solving, computer programming, 3D printing, inventing, and much more!	Any 7th or 8th grade student
<b>ART</b>		
<b>Art 8901</b>	The curriculum will include drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, and a variety of other experiences drawn from the various cultural and artistic influences across the globe.	Any 7th or 8th grade student