

FULL YEAR ELECTIVES for 7th and 8th grade

WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish 1/2	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
Spanish 3/4	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 a B or better; any 7th or 8th grader with basic Spanish proficiency

BAND

Cadet	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
Concert or Symphonic	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

CHOIR

Concert Choir	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	Any 7th or 8th grade student
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	well as the Best in the Northwest Choral Festival in May.	
Ensemble	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 early April. Ensemble performances include, but are not limited to, all concerts at Jackson, Let Us Sing!, and District Solo & Ensemble Festival. In the past Ensemble has participated in WorldStrides Music Festivals, which required travel out of state.	Any 7th or 8th grader selected through audition
<i>HALF-YEAR/SEMESTER ELECTIVES for 7th and 8th grade</i>		
AVID Leadership (7th and 8th Grades only)	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 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.	By teacher recommendation and student self-referral
Drama	Sharpen and increase your self confidence, challenge yourself to step outside your comfort zone, become part of something bigger than yourself, learn through doing, 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
Engineering Design	Students will apply math and science concepts and work in teams to solve and construct engineering challenges. Students will use a variety of tools in the shop with different building materials to construct individual take-home and school projects.	Any 7th or 8th grade student
Physical Education (PE)	The emphasis of our curriculum is on a student's physical, cognitive, and social experience, which includes high quality, skills-based instruction. Our goal is to have	Any 7th or 8th grade student

	students engaged in physical activity through games, stretching, strength building, and teamwork!	
Teacher Assistant (TA) and Library/Office Aide	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.	7th and 8th grade students who apply and are selected
MUSIC		
Ukulele/World Percussion	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
Jaguar Singers	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 perform 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
TECH		
Computer Science	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
S.T.E.A.M	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
ART		
Art	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

Advanced Art	Learn more advanced techniques and challenge yourself to explore creativity and materials.	Any 7th or 8th grade student who has already taken art
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