

RGMS Course Information, Grades 7 & 8, 2019-20

Core Classes: Language Arts 7 or 8, Social Studies 7 or 8, Science 7 or 8, Health/PE (semester)

Math Classes: Students will be enrolled in these classes based on achievement levels and prior classes taken.

- **Math 7 & 8:** regular level with push-in support
- **Compacted Year 1:** for students who have completed Math 6 with high achievement, recommendation and parent input, with expectation to continue to Compacted Year 2 to earn high school credit
- **Compacted Year 2:** for students who have completed Compacted Year 1; earns Algebra high school credit
- **Geometry:** for students who have completed Compacted Year 2; earns Geometry high school credit

Elective Classes: (*students request; assigned on space-available basis at administrator's discretion*)

- **ACADEMIC SUPPORT:** (*semester*) Get extra support in reading, math and organization. This class is only available with administrative approval and is not a study hall.
- **ART:** (*each semester is different*) Learn about what other artists have done in the past. Gain experience thinking and talking about your own art work and the work of others. Find out about some really amazing artists' tricks. Have fun!
- **AVID ELECTIVE:** Do you want to develop your academic leadership? Select students will be invited to participate in this elective to develop skills, go on field trips, and learn important skills for school success.
- **CADET BAND:** For beginning 6th, 7th, or 8th grade students who want to learn to play a musical instrument. You will perform in school concerts and be ready for Concert Band after this class.
- **CONCERT BAND:** If you have some playing experience, this class is for you. Participate in annual parades, school concerts, special events, and the Middle School Band Festival. You may even be selected for the All City and All State Middle School Honor Bands.
- **CHOIR:** Learn to read music and sing in two/three-part harmony, perform in school concerts, special events, and the Middle School Choir Festival. Students may be chosen to perform in the All City and All State Middle School Honor Choirs.
- **FRENCH I & FRENCH 2:** (*full year*) Learn another language with ease through reading and listening to stories. Collaborate with classmates to create interesting and beloved characters. Play games to interact with the language in a low-stress environment. Celebrate French holiday and make crêpes! **One HS credit (minimum C grade) upon completing French 2.**
- **HEAD START TEACHER AIDE:** (*semester*) Work with 3 and 4 year olds in the Head Start classroom at Stephens Creek Crossing (located on the Capitol Hwy). Parents provide transportation.
- **OFFICE, TEACHER or LIBRARY AIDE:** (*semester*) Work in a classroom, the office or library, run errands, do homework, help teachers & staff. Requires a signature on the forecasting form.
- **PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** (*semester*) A wide range of activities ensures a fast-paced and exciting class with emphasis on personal and lifelong fitness. Be prepared to work hard and have a blast! All students will take PE for one quarter and health for one quarter. Some students may take PE for an additional semester.
- **MANDARIN CHINESE 1 & 2** (*full year*) Develop language skills in Mandarin Chinese. Learn speaking, reading and writing comprehension. Simple questions, commands and statements are taught. Students will use the English alphabet to write "Pinyin" which represents Mandarin sounds. **One high school credit (minimum C grade) upon completing Mandarin 2.**
- **ORCHESTRA:** If you have a background in playing an orchestra instrument, come and play! All orchestra instruments with some prior experience are welcome. Students will participate in school concerts and special events during the year. You may be selected to perform in the All State Middle School Orchestra.
- **SPANISH I & SPANISH 2:** (*full year*) Learn how to read and understand Spanish while creating crazy fun stories about kooky characters who do strange things. Spanish is spoken during each class period, but no worries. Periodic listening and reading assessments will show huge progress in learning Spanish. **One high school credit (minimum C grade) upon completing Spanish 2.**
- **TECHNOLOGY 1:** (*semester*) Students will improve keyboarding accuracy and speed by practicing daily. The curriculum will include: online search skills, Internet safety awareness; Google MyMaps, Google Drawings, spreadsheets, computer programming and coding using Scratch or other tools, and 3D drawing using SketchUp.
- **TECHNOLOGY 2:** (*semester, can be repeated*) The curriculum will cover: advanced exploration of computer programming/coding in Python or JavaScript; photo/image editing using Pixlr; audio/sound editing using Looplabs and Audacity; 3D graphics using Sketchup, Sculptris, Maya, 3DS Max, Mobile App creation; keyboarding; mapping using ArcGIS; video editing; independent projects and special teams for RGMS News.

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