



EASTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL



ROSEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Letter to Parents

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our middle schools provide academic opportunities for all students. They provide advanced courses, support classes and many elective courses. This is an essential time for students as they begin their journey to adulthood. It is a time to prepare for high school and investigate their interests. Some of our advanced classes and world language courses count toward high school graduation. Our elective classes give students a sample of what is offered at our high school such as Band, Art and Career Technical Education.

RCS middle schools provide a safe environment for your child. Our Restorative Justice Conferencing provides a culture of communication, empathy, self reflection. It is also an internationally recognized program that reduces bullying by involving students, staff and parents in the conflict resolution process. It looks to the source of the conflict and aims to solve what is causing the problem between the two parties.

Both middle schools are proud to offer state-of-the-art classrooms. All middle school students receive the benefits of interactive white boards, access to iPads for every student and document cameras. We have also increased the number of computer labs to at least five in both middle schools and integrated all of these technologies into the math and English curriculum. The WiFi network at each building allows students to have access to the internet using these tools.

After school programs such as tutoring, no-fee sports, and clubs are offered to all students. National Junior Honor Society, Student Council and Green (Environmental) Teams are just some of the possibilities. It is essential that your child becomes involved in activities at school. It allows them to build relationships with other students and staff who have similar interests. It also builds a sense of pride and belonging to the school.

If you have questions or concerns please call your school. The staff is available to help you and child have an enjoyable and successful middle school experience.

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TESTING INFORMATION

<u>GRADE LEVEL</u>	<u>TESTING PROGRAM</u>	<u>TESTING PERIOD</u>	<u>TESTING OVERVIEW</u>
6	State Assessment	Spring	This required test measures the attainment of essential performance objectives in the areas of mathematics and English.
7	Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)	Fall, Winter, Spring	This is a test to determine the student's need for curriculum and instructional support. This test will determine certain classes that students have in their schedule.
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GRADE 6 REQUIRED CLASSES

6TH GRADE—SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Hour	1st Trimester	2nd Trimester	3rd Trimester
	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom
1	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts
2	Math	Math	Math
3	Science	Science	Science
4	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
5	Elective/Support	Elective/Support	Elective/Support
6	Elective	Elective	Elective

Ways to earn high school credit:

- Students must earn two credits of the same World\Foreign Language between grades 6-12 to graduate from high school. One credit of World Language may be substituted with a high school CTE course thru the graduating class of 2020.
- Students must pass both 7th Grade Advanced Math and Algebra I to meet local and State Graduation Requirements.

Homeroom

Middle school homerooms are designed to provide an extra dose of academics to your child in areas where grades and test scores have indicated the need for additional support. All students have a 40 minute homeroom to start their day. These homeroom classes are in addition to the required class in that subject matter. Students who are below grade level in reading or math will receive one of those supports in their homeroom, students who are near or at grade level will receive support in the writing process and vocabulary use, and students in need of an accelerated opportunity will receive it in reading and writing. To maximize your child's chance for success in homeroom, it is important to make sure they are on time for school each day.

GRADE 6 REQUIRED CLASSES

Language Arts

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 9600

B Course Number: 9605

C Course Number: 9606

This course uses digital and print material to engage students in various readings of complex texts. Students will develop skills by drawing inferences and conclusions, citing evidence and developing an argument to ensure they are prepared for college and career. Through interactive, digital activities, students will have the opportunity to connect reading, writing, speaking, listening and collaboration skills to become competent communicators in today's world.

or

Advanced Language Arts

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 9610

B Course Number: 9615

C Course Number: 9616

Students must qualify for this class based on test scores. This course will include all of the items described in the Language Arts 6 course description. In addition, this course will move at a faster pace and include additional reading and writing material geared towards higher level thinking. This course contains a variety of projects and presentations.

Mathematics

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 1600

B Course Number: 1605

C Course Number: 1606

The core math class includes web-enhanced instruction as well as online assignments. This math class will cover areas including Pre-Algebra, problem solving, Geometry, data analysis and probability, fractions and decimals, and ratios and proportionality.

or

Advanced Mathematics

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 1500

B Course Number: 1501

C Course Number: 1502

Students must qualify for this class based on test scores. The advanced sixth grade math class includes web-enhanced instruction as well as online assignments. The material covered will include part of the seventh grade curriculum in addition to the entire 6th grade curriculum. The successful completion of this class allows the student the opportunity to complete 7th Grade Advanced Math and then Algebra I in the 8th grade.

Social Studies

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 2600

B Course Number: 2605

C Course Number: 2606

This social studies course is a study of the Western Hemisphere. Students will acquire an understanding of the geography, history, economy and culture of Canada, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean and South America.

Science

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 4600

B Course Number: 4605

C Course Number: 4606

This science course seeks to build a foundation of scientific thought and practice as students learn to use the methods and tools of scientists. A variety of units include physical, earth and biological sciences.

Exploring Careers

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 5710

The purpose of this course is to have students begin to assess their interests, skills and experiences as they relate to career choices. Many careers will be presented to students throughout this course including using the Career Cruising on-line software. Required either 6th, 7th or 8th grade.

GRADE 6 ELECTIVE CLASSES

Around The World

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 2620

This social studies course will explore destinations all over the world. Students will study the culture and government of their destinations, including the economics, lifestyles, traditions, food, clothes, and transportation. This course may be taken once in either the 6th, 7th or 8th grade for one trimester only.

Art 6

Length of Course: 1 trimester

A Course Number: 6605

B Course Number: 6606

Students will be focusing on drawing and using the elements of art to create their art pieces.

Beginning Band

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

Course Number: 6630

Beginning Band is for students who are new to band or not yet ready for Intermediate Band. Previous band experience is not required. The class will have an educational emphasis on learning musical notes, rhythm, pitch and proper playing techniques, as well as basic music theory. Students will have an opportunity to perform in an ensemble in a concert setting. Attendance is mandatory at concerts and parades.

Intermediate Band

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

Course Number: 6631

The Intermediate Band students will work to expand their abilities on their current instruments, with an emphasis on learning a variety of playing techniques, scales, rhythms and more challenging music. Placement is based on approval of the director. Attendance is mandatory at concerts and parades.

Advanced Band

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

Course Number: 6632

The Advanced Band class is offered to the most experienced instrumental musicians. Students will expand their abilities with more challenging music, scales, rhythms and techniques. Placement is based on approval of the director. Attendance is mandatory at concerts and parades.

GRADE 6 ELECTIVE CLASSES

Choir

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 6610

B Course Number: 6611

C Course Number: 6612

Sixth grade choir is an introduction to vocal music in an ensemble setting. Students will learn basic vocal techniques, basic music theory and will have an opportunity to perform in an ensemble in a concert setting. Students are required to participate in all performances.

French I*

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 3211

B Course Number: 3212

C Course Number: 3216

The basic structure of the language is covered with attention to vocabulary building and pronunciation. Students will also learn about the culture of France and other French speaking areas of the world. It is highly recommended that students continue with French II within the next year if possible.

Keyboarding

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 5820

Keyboarding will focus on increasing typing skills and speed through the use of computers. This will help students in their academic work and future careers. This course may be taken once in either the 6th, 7th or 8th grade for one trimester only.

Physical Education

Length of Course: 1 trimester

A Course Number: 8600

B Course Number: 8601

C Course Number: 8602

This class will focus on the team sports of mat ball, soccer, and team handball. Each unit will include lead-up skills and cardiovascular fitness activities that relate to each sport. Team goals include proper sportsmanship, self-discipline and cooperative learning. Fitness and conditioning skills are designed to promote a lifelong healthy lifestyle, strength development, fitness achievement and improved coordination.

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GRADE 6 ELECTIVE CLASSES

Pre-Vocational Technology

Length of Course: 1 trimester

A Course Number: 7600

B Course Number: 7601

This course is designed to introduce the 6th grade student to the importance of safety, measurement, basic hand tool operations and limited power tool usage. Math and writing concepts are an important part of this course as well as following written and verbal directions. Cooperative learning is a key component in this class. Students will work in a structured classroom setting as well as in the shop area for project building during the hands-on portion. A material fee will be charged for projects above the scope of the original project.

Project Science 6

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 4610

Scientific concepts are investigated through project-related activities that students create, design and build. The course promotes group learning and positive attitudes towards science and technology.

Skills For Success

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 9691

This class will introduce students to study skills essential for success in the middle school. Skills addressed will include homework essentials, organization, note taking, outlining, media, internet searching, test taking strategies, spelling, language and grammar skills.

Spanish I*

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 3321

B Course Number: 3322

C Course Number: 3330

The basic structure of the language is covered with attention to vocabulary building and pronunciation. Students will also learn about the culture of Spain and other Spanish speaking areas of the world. It is highly recommended that students continue with Spanish II within the next year if possible.

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The Great Lakes

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 2615

This course will include the study of the Great Lakes ecosystem and the historic and economical impact of the region. There will be opportunities for the student to do hands-on activities and mapping. This course may be taken once in either the 6th, 7th or 8th grade for one trimester only.

Writing Exploration

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 9690

This course will explore different types of writing. Students will experience persuasive, narrative, informational, journal writing and more. Students will learn how to write for a particular audience of people in all types of writing.

On-Line Opportunities

Online course opportunities are available to students in 6th-8th grades. Interested students should contact the building principal for eligibility requirements.

GRADE 6 SUPPORT CLASSES

Study Skills

Multiple data points such as standardized and diagnostic assessments are used to determine students' academic needs. Students that are below grade level are provided with Direct Instruction (Corrective Reading) that targets areas of need such as fluency and comprehension.

Advanced Study Skills

Advanced Study Skills is a class offering support to students who are transitioning out of Study Skills or achieving below grade level targets, but above the qualifications for the Study Skills program. This course teaches important skills and strategies needed for students to be successful in reading and writing across all content areas.

Formative assessments will be completed to inform instructional practices. The program's focus is on reading, writing, academic vocabulary, fluency and improving comprehension.

Math Attack

This class will focus on web-enhanced individualized instruction of the basic concepts of mathematics. This course will also offer support for core mathematics instruction. The attack class will be offered in addition to the core math class, not in place of it. Students will be placed in this class based on academic need and diagnostic testing. Recommended students may be placed in this class in 6th, 7th and 8 grades.

GRADE 7 REQUIRED CLASSES

7TH GRADE—SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Hour	1st Trimester	2nd Trimester	3rd Trimester
	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom
1	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts
2	Math	Math	Math
3	Science	Science	Science
4	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
5	Elective/Support	Elective/Support	Elective/Support
6	Elective	Elective	Elective

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GRADE 7 REQUIRED CLASSES

Language Arts

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 9700

B Course Number: 9705

C Course Number: 9706

This course uses digital and print material to engage students in various readings of complex texts. Students will develop skills of drawing inferences and conclusions, citing evidence and developing an argument to ensure they are prepared for college and a career. Through interactive, digital activities, students will have the opportunity to connect reading, writing, speaking, listening and collaboration skills to become competent communicators in today's world.

or

Advanced Language Arts

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 9711

B Course Number: 9712

C Course Number: 9713

Students must qualify for this class based on test scores. This course will include all of the items described in the Language Arts 7 course description. In addition, this course will move at a faster pace, include additional reading and writing material geared towards higher level thinking. This course contains a variety of projects and presentations.

Mathematics

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 1700

B Course Number: 1705

C Course Number: 1706

The core math class includes web-enhanced instruction as well as online assignments. The goal of this class is to increase math aptitude while preparing the students for Algebra in the eighth grade. Some of the units of study include, but are not limited to: expressions and equations, ratios and proportionality, integers, Geometry, data analysis & statistics, and probability.

or

Advanced Mathematics

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 1712

B Course Number: 1713

C Course Number: 1714

Students must qualify for this class based on test scores. The advanced seventh grade math class includes web-enhanced instruction, as well as online assignments. This material covers the first half of Algebra I in addition to the seventh grade curriculum. The successful completion of this class allows the student to complete Algebra I in the 8th grade.

Science

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 4700

B Course Number: 4705

C Course Number: 4706

This science course seeks to build a foundation of scientific thought and practice as students learn to use the methods and tools of scientists (ie. scales, beaker, thermometers). A variety of units including matter and energy, cells, plants, classification and weather will be explored.

Social Studies

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 2700

B Course Number: 2705

C Course Number: 2706

This social studies course is a study of Europe, Asia and Africa. Students will acquire an understanding of the geography, history, economy and culture of these regions.

Exploring Careers

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 5710

The purpose of this course is to have students begin to assess their interests, skills and experiences as they relate to career choices. Many career skills will be presented to students throughout this course including using the Career Cruising on-line software. Required to be taken in either 6th, 7th or 8th.

GRADE 7 ELECTIVE CLASSES

Around The World

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 2720

This social studies course will explore destinations all over the world. Students will study the culture and government of their destinations, including the economics, lifestyles, traditions, food, clothes, and transportation. This course may be taken once in either the 6th, 7th or 8th grade for one trimester only.

Art 7

Length of Course: 1 trimester

A Course Number: 6705

B Course Number: 6706

Students will be working on drawing skills such as shading and creating realistic looking art pieces, drawing from pictures and from real life based on the elements of art, art history and composition. The class will also touch on color theory and techniques in color pencil and watercolor.

3D Art

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 6718

Students will be learning the different styles of 3D art by creating their own version of this art. They will be working in paper mache, origami, clay, wood, abstract, origami wire, plaster, book making and fiber arts.

Beginning Band

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

Course Number: 6130

Beginning Band is for students who are new to band or not yet ready for Intermediate Band. Previous band experience is not required. The class will have an educational emphasis on learning musical notes, rhythm, pitch and proper playing techniques, and basic music theory. Students will have an opportunity to perform in an ensemble in a concert setting. Attendance is mandatory at concerts and parades.

GRADE 7 ELECTIVE CLASSES

Intermediate Band

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

Course Number: 6131

The Intermediate Band students will work to expand their abilities on their current instruments, with an emphasis on learning a variety of playing techniques, scales, rhythms and more challenging music. Placement is based on approval of the director. Attendance is mandatory at concerts and parades.

Advanced Band

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

Course Number: 6132

The Advanced Band class is offered to the most experienced instrumental musicians. Students will expand their abilities with more challenging music, scales, rhythms and techniques. Placement is based on approval of the director. Attendance is mandatory at concerts and parades.

Choir

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 6710

B Course Number: 6711

C Course Number: 6712

Choir is open to all boys and girls who have the desire to learn to sing and perform. Students will learn how to read music, use their voices correctly and rehearse. Students are required to participate in all performances.

French I*

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 3211

B Course Number: 3212

C Course Number: 3216

The basic structure of the language is covered with attention to vocabulary building and pronunciation. Students will also learn about the culture of France and other French speaking areas of the world. It is highly recommended that students continue with French II within the next year if possible.

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GRADE 7 ELECTIVE CLASSES

French II*

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

Prerequisite: French I

A Course Number: 3213

B Course Number: 3214

C Course Number: 3215

Students continue their study of the French language and culture with a thorough review of French I. The four skills of speaking, writing, listening and reading continue as students learn many more verbs and grammatical concepts. Students will greatly increase their vocabulary in this class as they learn more about the French speaking world. (Students will be doing an in-depth study of Paris, France.) Students must pass final examination to receive high school credit.

Keyboarding

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 5820

Keyboarding will focus on increasing typing skills and speed through the use of computers. This will help students in their academic work and future careers. This course may be taken once in either the 6th, 7th or 8th grade for one trimester only.

Physical Education

Length of Course: 1 trimester

A Course Number: 8700

B Course Number: 8701

C Course Number: 8702

This class will focus on the team sports of flag football, soccer, and team handball. Each unit will include lead-up skills and cardiovascular fitness activities that relate to each sport. Team goals include proper sportsmanship, self-discipline, and cooperative learning. Fitness and conditioning skills are designed to promote a lifelong healthy lifestyle, strength development and fitness achievement. Assessment will be through observational skill tests that use a scored percentage.

Pre-Vocational Exploring Technology

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 7710

This course will give the student an opportunity to study a diverse range of technologies and how they relate to “real world” application. The majority of class time will focus on the development of the student’s knowledge of problem solving, using hands-on projects and group activities. Some computer simulation may be used to enhance the student’s comprehension of the subject. A material fee may be charged for elective take-home projects. This course may be taken once in either the 7th or 8th grade for one trimester only.

GRADE 7 ELECTIVE CLASSES

Pre-Vocational Woodshop

Length of Course: 1 trimester

A Course Number: 7700

B Course Number: 7701

Woodshop includes project design planning and basic hand tool skills, along with tool and wood identification, finishing, use of fasteners, shop safety and clean-up. Math concepts, such as measuring, will be explained and implemented through written and project activities. The ability to read, verbalize, write and comprehend a plan of procedure will be emphasized. Many useful projects are built during the trimester. During the second trimester, a variety of projects will be available. A material fee will be charged for take-home projects.

Project Science 7

Length of Course: 1 trimester

A Course Number: 4710

Scientific concepts are investigated through project-related activities that students create, design and build. The course promotes group learning and positive attitudes towards science and technology.

Students may elect this course in both 6th, 7th and 8th grades each grade covers different material.

Skills For Success

Length of Course: 1 trimester

A Course Number: 9691

This class will introduce students to study skills essential for success in the middle school. Skills addressed will include homework essentials, organizational, note taking, outlining, media, internet searching, test taking strategies, spelling, language and grammar skills.

Spanish I*

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 3321

B Course Number: 3322

C Course Number: 3330

The basic structure of the language is covered with attention to vocabulary building and pronunciation. Students will also learn about the culture of Spain and other Spanish speaking areas of the world. It is highly recommended that students continue with Spanish II within the next year if possible.

Spanish II*

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 3323

Prerequisite: Spanish I

B Course Number: 3324

C Course Number: 3331

Students continue their study of the Spanish language and culture with a thorough review of Spanish I. The four skills of speaking, writing, listening and reading continue as students learn many more verbs and grammatical concepts. Students will greatly increase their vocabulary in this class as they learn more about the Spanish speaking world. Students must pass final examination to receive high school credit.

The Great Lakes

Length of Course: 1 trimester

A Course Number: 2715

This course will include the study of the Great Lakes ecosystem and the historic and economical impact of the region. There will be opportunities for the student to do hands-on activities and mapping. This course may be taken once in either the 6th, 7th or 8th grade for one trimester only.

On-Line Opportunities

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GRADE 7 SUPPORT CLASSES

English/Language Arts Attack

This is an intervention class for students that are not in need of Study Skills, Advanced Study Skills, or have graduated from those programs and still need additional support for success in English/Language Arts (ELA). ELA Attack is a class that will offer support to students who are achieving below grade level targets. The course will also utilize online individualized instruction in reading and writing. Formative assessments will be completed to inform instructional practice. The program's focus is on developing comprehension, vocabulary, fluency, and writing strategies that will benefit a student in all academic settings.

Math Attack

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Formative assessments will be completed to inform instructional practices. The program's focus is on reading, writing, academic vocabulary, fluency and improving comprehension.

GRADE 8 REQUIRED CLASSES

8TH GRADE—SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Hour	1st Trimester	2nd Trimester	3rd Trimester
	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom
1	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts
2	Algebra I	Algebra I	Algebra I
3	Science	Science	Science
4	American History	American History	American History
5	Elective/Support	Elective/Support	Elective/Support
6	Elective	Elective	Elective

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GRADE 8 REQUIRED CLASSES

Language Arts

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 9800

B Course Number: 9805

C Course Number: 9806

This course uses digital and print material to engage students in various readings of complex texts. Students will develop skills of drawing inferences and conclusions, citing evidence and developing an argument to ensure they are prepared for college and career. Through interactive, digital activities, students will have the opportunity to connect reading, writing, speaking, listening and collaboration skills to become competent communicators in today's world.

or

Advanced Language Arts

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 9807

B Course Number: 9808

C Course Number: 9809

Students must qualify for this class based on test scores. This course will include all of the items described in the Language Arts 8 course description. In addition, this course will move at a faster pace, include additional reading and writing material that is geared towards higher level thinking and autonomy, and contain a variety of projects and presentations that will help students succeed in advanced courses during high school.

American History

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 2800

B Course Number: 2805

C Course Number: 2806

This course will explore events leading to the formation of the United States. It will trace its development through the Civil War and Reconstruction and the growth of Big Business. Included in this course is a study of the political, social, cultural, geographic, and economic concepts of this time period.

8th Grade Math

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 1800

B Course Number: 1805

C Course Number: 1806

The core math class includes web-enhanced instruction as well as online assignments. This course will cover solving equations, functions, number sense, Geometry, and statistics.

or

Algebra I

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 1131

B Course Number: 1132

C Course Number: 1133

Students who have successfully completed Advanced 7th Grade Mathematics, will continue on to Algebra I.

Algebra I contains an in-depth look at evaluating, solving, graphing linear, quadratic, polynomial and exponential functions. The use of technology, including the TI-Nspire graphing calculator, is also incorporated.

Successful completion of the 8th grade Algebra class allows students to take Geometry in the 9th grade. This course fulfills the Algebra I state requirement towards high school graduation. However, students are still required to take a math class in all grades, 9-12.

Science

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 4800

B Course Number: 4805

C Course Number: 4806

This science course provides instruction in Earth science. It will focus on a study of the following topics: dynamics of Earth (tectonics, volcanoes, earthquakes), the evolution of stars, weather and climate and oceanography.

Exploring Careers

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 5710

The purpose of this course is to have students begin to assess their interests, skills and experiences as they relate to career choices. Many careers will be presented to students throughout this course including using the Career Cruising on-line software. Required either 6th, 7th or 8th grade.

GRADE 8 ELECTIVE CLASSES

FINE ARTS

Art 8

Length of Course: 1 trimester

A Course Number: 6805

B Course Number: 6806

Students will be working on drawing and printmaking projects that are based on the principles of design, elements of art, art history and composition.

3-D Art

Length of Course: 1 trimester

A Course Number: 6818

Students will be creating 3-dimensional art pieces such as paper mache, ceramics, origami, wood abstract, book making, plaster and fiber arts using the principles, elements of art, art history and composition.

Beginning Band

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

Course Number: 6140

Beginning Band is for students who are new to band or not yet ready for Intermediate Band. Previous band experience is not required. The class will have an educational emphasis on learning musical notes, rhythm, pitch and proper playing techniques and basic music theory. Students will have an opportunity to perform in an ensemble in a concert setting. Attendance is mandatory at concerts and parades.

Intermediate Band

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

Course Number: 6141

The Intermediate Band students will work to expand their abilities on their current instruments, with an emphasis on learning a variety of playing techniques, scales, rhythms and more challenging music. Placement is based on approval of the director. Attendance is mandatory at concerts and parades.

Advanced Band

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

Course Number: 6142

The Advanced Band class is offered to the most experienced instrumental musicians. Students will expand their abilities with more challenging music, scales, rhythms and techniques. Placement is based on approval of the director. Attendance at concerts and parades is mandatory.

Choir

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 6810

B Course Number: 6811

C Course Number: 6812

Choir is open to all boys and girls who have the desire to learn to sing and perform. Students will learn how to read music, use their voices correctly and rehearse. Students are required to participate in all performances.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Physical Education

Length of Course: 1 trimester

A Course Number: 8800

B Course Number: 8801

C Course Number: 8802

This class will focus on the team sports of flag football, soccer, and team handball. Each unit will include lead-up skills and cardiovascular fitness activities that relate to each sport. Team goals include proper sportsmanship, self-discipline and cooperative learning. Fitness and conditioning skills are designed to promote a lifelong healthy lifestyle, strength development, and fitness achievement. Assessment will be through observational skill tests that use a scored percentage. It will also include advanced teaching of skills not yet covered in the seventh grade. Likewise, if a skill has not yet been mastered, it will be reviewed as well. Accommodations will also be made based on increases of strength, endurance, intensity and training sessions.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Around the World

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 2820

This social studies course will explore destinations all over the world. Students will study the culture and government of their destinations, including the economics, lifestyles, traditions, food, clothes and transportation. This course may be taken once in either the 6th, 7th or 8th grade for one trimester only.

SCIENCE

Project Science 8

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 4810

Scientific concepts are investigated through project-related activities that students create, design and build. The course promotes group learning and positive attitudes towards science and technology.

Students may elect this course in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Each grade covers different material.

The Great Lakes

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 2815

This course will include the study of the Great Lakes ecosystem and the historic and economical impact of the region. There will be opportunities for the student to do hands-on activities and mapping. This course may be taken once in either the 6th, 7th or 8th grade for one trimester only.

BUSINESS

Computers A & B

Length of Course: 1 trimester

A Course Number: 5800

B Course Number: 5805

These courses are designed to improve technology skills for students by using project based activities and will be presented as a blended learning class, directed by the teacher using the Blackboard portal.

The courses will help build information literacy, digital citizenship skills and learn how to be safe online using a variety of web tools. Keyboarding will be reinforced, but is not required for this course.

The topics covered will include 21st century educational technology tools such as: Microsoft Office document formatting, Google Drive, research strategies, digital images, cyber safety, social networking, troubleshooting, presentations, screen casting, interactive online games, simulations and tools, coding and gaming.

Keyboarding

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 5820

Keyboarding will focus on increasing typing skills and speed through the use of computers. This will help students in their academic work and future careers. This course may be taken once in either the 6th, 7th or 8th grade for one trimester only.

WORLD LANGUAGE

French I*

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 3211

B Course Number: 3212

C Course Number: 3216

French I explores the French language. The student will perform basic speaking and listening skills and will be exposed to the cultures, customs and geography of the countries where these languages are spoken. Students must pass the final examination to receive high school credit.

French II*

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

Prerequisite: French I

A Course Number: 3213

B Course Number: 3214

C Course Number: 3215

Students continue their study of the French language and culture with a thorough review of French I. The four skills of speaking, writing, listening and reading continue as students learn many more verbs and grammatical concepts. Students will greatly increase their vocabulary in this class as they learn more about the French speaking world. (Students will be doing an in-depth study of Paris, France.) Students must pass the final examination to receive high school credit.

Spanish I*

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

A Course Number: 3321

B Course Number: 3322

C Course Number: 3330

Spanish I explores the Spanish language. The student will perform basic speaking and listening skills and will be exposed to the cultures, customs and geography of the countries where these languages are spoken. Students must pass the final examination to receive high school credit.

Spanish II*

Length of Course: 3 trimesters

Prerequisite: Spanish I

A Course Number: 3323

B Course Number: 3324

C Course Number: 3331

Students continue their study of the Spanish language and culture with a thorough review of Spanish I. The four skills of speaking, writing, listening and reading continue as students learn many more verbs and grammatical concepts. Students will greatly increase their vocabulary in this class as they learn more about the Spanish speaking world.

*Students must earn two credits of the same World\Foreign Language between grades 6-12 to graduate from high school. One credit of World Language may be substituted with a high school CTE course thru the graduating class of 2020.

APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

Pre-Vocational Drafting

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 7806

Architectural drafting will provide the student with experiences in measurement and sketching that will be useful throughout everyday life. Instruction on floor plans, elevations and plot plans will be introduced. A scaled project will be included to enhance the students understanding of the subject. Specific instruction for the care and use of drafting equipment will be included. A project fee may be included in this course.

Mechanical drafting will provide the student with experiences in measurement and sketching that will be useful through everyday life. The course includes multi-view drawings, dimension (sizing), sectioning and three-dimensional views. Specific instruction for the care and use of drafting equipment will be included. A project fee may be included in this course.

Pre-Vocational Exploring Technology

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 7810

This course will give the student an opportunity to study a diverse range of technologies and how they relate to “real world” application. The majority of class time will focus on the development of the student’s knowledge of problem solving, using hands-on projects and group activities. Some computer simulation may be used to enhance the student’s comprehension of the subject. A materials fee may be charged for elective take-home projects. This course may be taken once in either the 7th or 8th grade for one trimester only.

Pre-Vocational Urban Planning

Length of Course: 1 trimester

Course Number: 7815

Using computer software, students will design a future city. Included in the course will be the study of energy efficiency, traffic density, pollution reduction and overall cost efficiency. Students will also be required to make a physical scale model of the city and write an essay on energy management. A group presentation is required for this course.

Pre-Vocational Woodshop

Length of Course: 1 trimester

A Course Number: 7800

B Course Number: 7801

Woodshop includes project design planning and basic hand tool skills, along with tool and wood identification, finishing, use of fasteners, shop safety and clean-up. Math concepts, such as measuring, will be explained and implemented through written and project activities. The ability to read, verbalize, write and comprehend a plan of procedure will be emphasized. Many useful projects are built during the trimester. During the second trimester, a variety of projects will be available. A materials fee will be charged for projects above the scope of the original project.

On-Line Opportunities

Online course opportunities are available to students in 6th-8th grades. Interested students should contact the building principal for eligibility requirements.

GRADE 8 SUPPORT CLASSES

English/Language Arts Attack

This is an intervention class for students that are not in need of Study Skills, Advanced Study Skills, or have graduated from those programs and still need additional support for success in English/Language Arts (ELA). ELA Attack is a class that will offer support to students who are achieving below grade level targets. The course will also utilize online individualized instruction in reading and writing. Formative assessments will be completed to inform instructional practice. The program's focus is on developing comprehension, vocabulary, fluency, and writing strategies that will benefit a student in all academic settings.

Math Attack

This class will focus on web-enhanced individualized instruction of the basic concepts of mathematics. This course will also offer support for core mathematics instruction. The attack class will be offered in addition to the core math class, not in place of it. Students will be placed in this class based on academic need and diagnostic testing. Recommended students may be placed in this class in 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

Study Skills

Multiple data points such as standardized and diagnostic assessments are used to determine students' academic needs. Students that are below grade level are provided with Direct Instruction (Corrective Reading) that targets areas of need such as fluency and comprehension.

Advanced Study Skills

Advanced Study Skills is a class offering support to students who are transitioning out of Study Skills or achieving below grade level targets but do not qualify for the Study Skills program. This course teaches important skills and strategies needed for students to be successful in reading and writing across all content areas.

Formative assessments will be completed to inform instructional practices. The programs's focus is on reading, writing, academic vocabulary, fluency and improving comprehension.

ROSEVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Statement of Policy

It is the policy of the Roseville Community School District that no discriminatory practices based on gender/sex, race, religion, color, age, national origin, disability, height, weight, or any other status covered by federal, state or local law be allowed in providing instructional opportunities, programs, services, job placement assistance, employment or in policies governing student conduct and attendance. Any person suspecting a discriminatory practice should contact the Civil Rights Coordinator at Roseville Community School District, Administration Building, 18975 Church St., Roseville, MI 48066 or call 586-445-5513.

Grievances will be handled under the procedures set forth in Policy GAAD.

Grievance Procedure

Section 1: Any person believing that the Roseville Community School District, or any part of the school organization, has discriminated on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender/sex, age, disability, height, weight or marital status, may file a grievance with:

Civil Rights Coordinator
Administration Building
18975 Church Street
Roseville, Michigan 48066
586-445-5513

Grievance forms are available from any building principal or from the Administration Building.

Section 2: All grievances will be processed through the following steps:

- A. A written statement of the grievance, using the district's grievance form, shall be submitted to the Civil Rights Coordinator.
- B. Upon receipt of the completed grievance form, the Coordinator will conduct an investigation and notify grievant of the results, including any remedial measures. Normally, the investigation will be concluded within (30) thirty school days.
- C. Within (10) ten school days, the grievant may appeal, in writing, to the Superintendent of Schools, who will make a written decision, normally within (30) school days.

The complete grievance procedure is found in Roseville Community School Board Policy GAAD, which can be obtained from the Coordinator.



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