

Northeast Middle School

6th Grade

2020-2021 Course of Study Information & Course Selection

Example Schedule

Period	Class
Advisory	ADVISORY
1 st	MATH
2 nd	LANGUAGE & LITERATURE
3 rd	SCIENCE
4 th	INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES (MN Studies)
5 th	ELECTIVE CHOICE ONE - WORLD LANGUAGE (French, Spanish, or Ojibwe) or EL ALD/Reading Intervention
6 th	PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH
7 th	ELECTIVE CHOICE TWO – AVID, MUSIC, or ART (AVID, Beg. Band, Intermediate Band, Choir, Visual Arts)

Students at Northeast Middle School will start their day in Advisory followed by a 7 period day. Courses are described below as well as an example schedule for the year.

Required Courses:

Advisory: All students start their day in an Advisory class which focuses on building relationships, community, and social emotional learning, as well as setting and monitoring academic goals.

Language and Literature: Also known as English Language Arts; students explore their world, both locally and internationally through reading, writing, speaking, viewing and listening.

Math: All math teachers use the Connected Mathematics Project (CMP), which guides the students through each of the math strands every year. Students are placed in one of the following math classes based on their previous coursework, standardized test scores, and teacher recommendations.

- Math 6
- Telescoped Math 7/Algebra 8 (Telescoped Math 5/6 or equivalent)

Science: All science classes are taught using lab procedures and experimental design. In 6th grade, they focus on science foundations, continued by life and physical/earth science in 7th & 8th grades.

Individuals and Societies: 6th Grade students study Minnesota Studies followed by U.S. Studies and World Studies in 7th & 8th grades.

Physical Education/Health: Students will utilize the gymnasium, fitness center, and swimming pool to focus on physical fitness, cooperation, and well-being. Students will explore health topics of fitness and nutrition.

Year-Long Elective Course Options (students can pick 2):

AVID: AVID stands for Advancement via Individual Determination and is a class offered to students who would like to prepare for four-year universities by strengthening academic skills. Students in AVID must apply and be accepted to the program.

World Languages: Students can choose from three World Languages offered at Northeast: **Spanish, French, and Ojibwe** where they will explore foundational vocabulary, basic communication skills, and culture.

Beginning Band: Students who have not previously played an instrument or are just beginning can choose band to work on their instrumental music skills and will be expected to fully participate in performances.

Intermediate Band: Student who have previously played an instrument can choose this class to continue exploring instrumental music skills. Students will be expected to fully participate in performances.

Choir: This course focuses on developing vocal music skills. Students will be expected to fully participate in performances.

Visual Arts: Students will explore art through design, writing, and hands-on projects. Students will have the opportunity to work with various mediums such as clay, paint, drawing, pastels, charcoal, mosaic work, and more.

SPED Reading/SEL: Students with an IEP who require additional support in making progress in their reading/social skills will automatically be enrolled in an intervention class that will take the place of one of their year-long electives.

EL Academic Language Development: Students who have been identified as English Language Learners based on their ACCESS test will automatically be enrolled in an Intervention class that will take the place of one of their year-long electives.

Elective Course Selection

Most students can choose two year-long elective classes. Some students may be placed in a Special Education or EL Academic Language Development class based on their IEP or Access test scores which will take the place of one year long elective.

Please rank your 1st and 2nd choices by filling out [THIS FORM](#) online.



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