



# Northeast Middle School

## 2020-2021 Course of Study Information & Course Selection 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Students at Northeast Middle School will start their day in Advisory followed by a 7 period day. Most classes are offered all year long and taught primarily by grade level (except for elective courses), with differentiation for students who need more challenge or extra support. Courses are described below as well as an example schedule for the year.

### Example Schedule

Period	Class	
Advisory	ADVISORY	
1 <sup>st</sup>	MATH	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	YEAR-LONG ELECTIVE CLASS (EXAMPLES: AVID, Band, Choir, Visual Arts, BLACK Culture)	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	LANGUAGE & LITERATURE SCIENCE	
4 <sup>th</sup>	PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH (Semester Class)	MEDIA ARTS (Semester Class)
5 <sup>th</sup>	SCIENCE	
6 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR-LONG ELECTIVE CLASS (French, Spanish, Ojibwe, EL Academic Lang. or Reading/SEL)	
7 <sup>th</sup>	WORLD STUDIES	

#### **Required Year-Long 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 7
- Telescoped Math 7 / Algebra 8
- Algebra 8
- Telescoped Algebra 8 / Intermediate Algebra
- Geometry (offered online or at Edison High School)

**Science:** All science classes are taught using lab procedures and experimental design. Students study:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Life Science
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Physical and Earth Science

**Individuals and Societies:** Students study:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – United States Studies
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade -- World Studies

**SPED Reading/SEL or EL Academic Language Development:** Students with a need for reading or social emotional learning based on their IEP for Special Education or who have been identified as English Language Learners based on their ACCESS test will automatically be enrolled in an intervention class in the place of an elective.

**Semester Courses** (all students will take a semester of each of these classes):

**Media Arts:** Students will take Media Arts as a semester class where they will use the design cycle model to develop media literacy, critical-thinking and design skills.

**Physical Education/Health:** Students will take a quarter of PE which will utilize the gymnasium, fitness center, and swimming pool to focus on physical fitness, cooperation, and well-being. Students will also take a quarter of health focused on substance use prevention (7<sup>th</sup> grade) and sexual health education (8<sup>th</sup> grade).

**Year-Long Elective Course Options:**

**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:** Students who have played an instrument for at least a year in elementary school or were previously in beginning band will work on their instrumental music skills and will be expected to fully participate in performances.

**Concert Band:** Students who have played an instrument for at least 2 year 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:** This course includes both visual, hands-on projects using a variety of mediums and digital art.

**BLACK Culture (Males Only):** This ethnic studies class offered through the MPS Office of Black Male Achievement focuses on African-American history, identity development, and leadership skills.

## **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.

**Students should (with the support of their families) rank your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices by filling out this form ([Click HERE](#)).**

*\*Note: Students may not get their first choice if classes fill.*

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