



2017-18 Allied Course Descriptions

Grade 7

Horace Mann
Middle School

2017-18 PROGRAMMING INFORMATION

In 6th Grade:

- Students will have two periods of math and literacy, and one period of social studies and science.
- Students will have an Intervention/Enrichment (IE) period every day, which may include resource time, band, orchestra, specific math and/or literacy interventions, and enrichment opportunity in numerous areas.
- Students will have Physical Education and 6th Grade Music Exploration every other day for the school year.
- Students will have Business/Technology Education and Art every day for a quarter. Students will have Health Education every day for two quarters (either first and third, or second and fourth)

In 7th Grade:

- Students will have two periods of math and literacy, and one period of social studies and science.
- Students will have an Intervention/Enrichment (IE) period every day, which may include resource time, band, orchestra, specific math and/or literacy interventions, and enrichment opportunity in numerous areas.
- Students will have Physical Education every other day for the school year.
- Students will elect to have additional allied courses to complete their schedule.

In 8th Grade:

- Students will have two periods of math and literacy, and one period of social studies and science.
- Students will have a period to be used for additional allied courses and/or an Intervention/Enrichment (IE) period every other day. The IE period may include resource time, band, orchestra, specific math and/or literacy interventions, and enrichment opportunity in numerous areas. **Note: 8th grade students are not scheduled into an IE/Resource unless it is ranked high on their list. If not ranked high, an additional allied course will be scheduled.**
- Students will have Physical Education every other day for the school year.
- Students will elect to have additional allied courses to complete their schedule.

TIMELINE

January 6, 2017- Student Presentation during the school day, hand out the 2016-17 Allied Course Descriptions and Registration Form

January 6-18, 2017- opportunities for students and/or parents/guardians to ask questions; please contact Dr. Rob Phelps (rphelps@wausauschools.org) or a school counselor at 715-261-0725 with questions

Wednesday, January 18, 2017- Registration Form due to homeroom teacher

August 2017 (Registration)- Students will receive their 2017-18 schedule

Requests to drop/add requests: *In all cases, drop/add class requests should be completed prior to the school year or semester. In some circumstances, drop/add class requests are granted within the first two weeks of the school year or semester. After two weeks, drop/add class requests will not be granted. In all cases, drop/add requests must be given in writing/email to a Horace Mann administrator or school counselor.*

ALLIED COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

7th Grade

Students will have the following courses during their 7th grade year:

Physical Education every other day for the school year

Throughout the school year, the Physical Education instructors will emphasize the following themes: invasion games, individual skill development, fitness and nutrition, outdoor pursuits and adventure education, and net games. Students will participate in a variety of activities ranging from one week to four weeks in length. Activities could include the following areas of emphasis, depending on the student's individual instructor; soccer, basketball, volleyball, team handball, ultimate, floor hockey, weight training, swim instruction, pool games, winter outdoor activities, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, inline skating, and bicycling to name a few.

Students will elect to have the following courses during their 7th grade year:

Art every other day for a semester

The seventh grade art curriculum examines how images and forms help us understand cultures of the world. We will explore different materials and art techniques while creating two-dimensional and three-dimensional art pieces. Those materials may include, but are not limited to clay, paint, printmaking, mixed-media sculpture, a variety of drawing tools, and found objects. Our hands-on activities provide students an opportunity to practice creative and problem-solving strategies and develop the critical skills of describing, analyzing, interpreting and producing visual images.

Band every other day for the school year and lessons

Explore the power of music in seventh grade band! In this grade level, students have the chance to further develop their musical skills and knowledge through full rehearsal and one small group lesson weekly. The course of study in seventh grade band is focused on further advancing technical skills and tone production. Several concerts are held during the course of the school year; other topics covered may include music history, music theory, even marching! Students will not only have the chance to tap into their creativity through performing in band, but will also encounter exciting performance opportunities such as Jazz Band, District Solo & Ensemble Festival, and State Honors Ensembles.

Prerequisite: If a student is planning on enrolling in 7th grade band, but has no previous experience, the student must complete the six lesson summer school course provided through the District prior to beginning the program or have instructor permission. The summer school lessons are free of charge, though an instrument will need to be rented or purchased.

**A purchased or rented instrument is required for participation in band/orchestra. Families may choose to purchase or rent instruments from local music stores. A limited number of instruments are available for rent from the school at a reduced rate for families who qualify for financial assistance. Please contact the band or orchestra instructor for more information.*

Choir every other day for the school year

7th Grade Choir offers the opportunity to learn varied repertoire, two and three part singing, sight-singing, music reading skills, and the elements of good vocal technique. Students are expected to perform in two concerts during the course of the school year. An opportunity to perform in Solo & Ensemble and the Variety Show is offered, but not required.

Family and Consumer Science every other day for a semester

The Sew What course is designed to give students a chance to learn basic hand and machine sewing techniques and practices. Students will learn to read patterns and symbols required for successful project completion. Students will practice use of varied types of sewing equipment for both hand and machine stitch work. The ability to follow and understand sewing construction directions and terminology will be emphasized within project construction.

7th Grade Music Exploration every other day for a semester

Music Exploration II offers a variety of small group and individual musical experiences including intermediate level world drumming, piano keyboard instruction, and composition. All work is done during class – no after school concerts are required. Students will actively learn about musical concepts such as melody, harmony, rhythm, and note reading, as well as developing the skills needed to perform in a small ensemble. Students will learn about style, dynamics and musical expression.

7th Grade Guitar Ensemble every other day for a semester

Like Music Exploration, this course will offer a variety of small group and individual musical experiences using the guitar. Students will be introduced to basic chords and accompany songs in class. Melodies will be introduced using tablature. Additional instruments such as ukuleles, autoharps, bass guitar, and electric guitar will be introduced and added to ensemble for the final class assessments.

Orchestra every other day for the school year and lessons

Explore the power of music in seventh grade Orchestra! In this grade level, students have the chance to further develop their musical skills and knowledge playing violin, viola, cello or bass, in rehearsals and small group lessons. The course of study in seventh grade Orchestra is focused on further advancing technical skills and tone production. Several concerts are held during the course of the school year; other topics covered may include music history, music theory, even composing music on your instrument! Students will not only have the chance to tap into their creativity through performing in Band and Orchestra, but will also encounter exciting performance opportunities such as Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Band, District Solo & Ensemble Festival, and State Honors Ensembles.

Prerequisite: If a student is planning on enrolling in 7th grade orchestra, but has no previous experience, the student must complete the six lesson summer school course provided through the District prior to beginning the program or have instructor permission. The summer school lessons are free of charge, though an instrument will need to be rented or purchased.

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Resource—Semester I every other day for first semester

Resource will be used as a time for students to independently complete schoolwork. Students will be scheduled with a teacher and may be allowed to visit the IMC. Visits to classroom teachers (math, english/language arts, science, and social studies) will be limited. Specific resource time may be pre-scheduled with teachers during the student's IE period. **Note: all 7th grade students are scheduled into an IE period, which may include resource time, band, orchestra, specific math and/or literacy interventions, and enrichment opportunity in numerous areas. This Resource would be an addition to that time.**

Resource—Semester II every other day for second semester

Resource will be used as a time for students to independently complete schoolwork. Students will be scheduled with a teacher and may be allowed to visit the IMC. Visits to classroom teachers (math, english/language arts, science, and social studies) will be limited. Specific resource time may be pre-scheduled with teachers during the student's IE period. **Note: all 7th grade students are scheduled into an IE period, which may include resource time, band, orchestra, specific math and/or literacy interventions, and enrichment opportunity in numerous areas. This Resource would be an addition to that time.**

Technology and Engineering Education-- Engineering and Innovation every other day for a semester

This class takes the students on an exciting adventure through the eyes of an engineer where they will build and program robots, design and test bridges, towers, roller coasters and other engineered structures. They will learn cutting-edge software for 3D design, rapid prototyping and other tools used by real engineers. Students will design and build a magnetic-levitation train and will learn about a new and exciting field called Nano-Engineering that will teach them about a recently discovered world hidden since the beginning of time and what we have engineered in this world. Through a series of design challenges, hands-on activities and guided learning, students will learn how to think like an engineer. This is a great starter class for students wanting to take Project Lead the Way engineering courses at the high school.

World Cultures every other day for a semester

World Cultures is a semester class that meets every other day and provides an overview of Arab, Chinese, and Hmong cultures. Students explore language, geography, history, and traditions through a variety of activities designed to help students gain a better understanding and appreciation for the diversity of these cultures and learn ways these cultures impact our lives. This course also introduces students to French, German, and Spanish, the three language courses offered as year-long electives in eighth grade.

REGISTRATION FORM

7th Grade

Student Name: _____

Students will have the following courses during their 7th grade year:

Physical Education every other day for the school year

Students will elect to have the following courses during their 7th grade year:

Please rank order (1 = most preferred; 11 = least preferred) allied courses for the 2017-18 school year. Even though you will not be taking all eleven courses, please rank order all 11 courses. Each course has a point value, and each student is allowed up to 6 points total.

___ *Art (every other day for a semester)- 1 point*

___ *Band (every other day for the school year and lessons)- 2 points*

___ *Choir (every other day for the school year)- 2 points*

___ *Family and Consumer Science (every other day for a semester)- 1 point*

___ *7th Grade Music Exploration (every other day for the semester)- 1 point*

___ *7th Grade Guitar Ensemble (every other day for the semester) - 1 point*

___ *Orchestra (every other day for the school year and lessons)- 2 points*

___ *Resource—Semester I (every other day for first semester)- 1 point*

___ *Resource—Semester II (every other day for second semester)- 1 point*

___ *Technology Education-- Engineering and Innovation (every other day for a semester)- 1 point*

___ *World Cultures (every other day for a semester)- 1 point*

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

We will make every attempt to honor as many prioritized elective courses as possible. However, course selections are not guaranteed. Please understand that many factors impact the scheduling process, including each student's core academic needs, class sizes, staffing, and availability of facilities.