

2014-15 USD 497 Middle School Course Request Form

GRADE 7



Please review the information below and make corrections on this form as needed.

Student:

Primary Parent/Guardian:

Email:

Address where student resides:

Phone:

Home Phone:

Secondary Parent/Guardian:

Address

Email:

Phone:

What do we study in 7th grade?

Advisory	Advisory provides every student with an adult advisor who serves as an advocate and a small group leader. The group meets on a regular basis.	
Integrated Core	All 7 th grade students will receive instruction in Math, Reading, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science during the integrated core block. The following math courses are available in 7 th grade: ___ Math 7 ___ Math 7/8 Compacted (based on 6 th grade teacher recommendation)	
PE	All 7 th grade students will have Physical Education every other day throughout the year. Students will develop competency in motor skills, movement pattern, and health-enhancing behaviors.	
Guided Studies	All 7 th grade students will have Guided Studies every other day throughout the year. Guided Studies is a designated time to provide targeted skill instruction to meet individual student needs.	
Required Exploratory Courses (9 weeks each)	World Languages 7 (9 weeks)	This course introduces students to French, German, Chinese, Latin, and Spanish languages and their cultures. Connections will be made between the languages and students' daily lives.
	Explorations of Technology 7 (9 weeks)	This course is designed so students can successfully and confidently explore and experience technology and technology topics. Students work in technology modules individually or with another person to complete daily records, research questions, worksheets, hands-on activities, module guides (pretests), and post-tests.
Elective Courses (3 semesters total)	See the back of this form for descriptions of elective courses.	

Do you want to continue with (circle one) **Band** or **Orchestra**? Instrument _____

Rank the electives below from 1-6, with 1 being your top preference.

	Choir 7 (one semester)		Nutrition and Personal Wellness 7 (one semester)
	Choir 7 (one year)		Speech and Drama 7 (one semester)
	Art 7 (one semester)		Multi-media (one semester)

Parent Signature

Student Signature

FORMS ARE DUE by: _____

Grade 7 Elective Descriptions

<p><u>Course Title:</u> Art 7 <u>Length:</u> One semester <u>Prerequisites:</u> None <u>Course Description:</u> Students will use their knowledge of art elements and design principles to creatively solve problems using a variety of traditional art media and computer technology. Students will translate their ideas both two- and three-dimensionally. Emphases will be on art production, art history of many cultures, communication about art, and aesthetics.</p>	<p><u>Course Title:</u> Choir 7 <u>Length:</u> One semester or one year <u>Prerequisites:</u> None <u>Course Description:</u> Choir 7 is an elective that is taken for either one semester or for the full year. The course provides a comfortable environment for exploring the changing voice while continuing to develop and refine choral skills learned in the sixth grade. Students are expected to participate in scheduled performances throughout the school year. This course is strongly recommended for students interested in auditioning for Zero Hour Chorus.</p>
<p><u>Course Title:</u> Speech and Drama 7 <u>Length:</u> One semester <u>Prerequisites:</u> None <u>Course Description:</u> This course offers an introduction to the fundamentals of theater production. Students will explore elements of theater and communications including script writing, improvisation, role playing, and technical elements such as props, costumes, make up, scenery and publicity. Students will use folk tales, poetry, music and popular literature to collaboratively create a classroom dramatization.</p>	<p><u>Course Title:</u> Nutrition and Personal Wellness 7 <u>Length:</u> One semester <u>Prerequisites:</u> None <u>Course Description:</u> Nutrition and Personal Wellness is an elective course that will encourage students to make positive and proactive life choices in regards to their own personal health, both in the present and future. Students will learn the benefits of health and wellness, and how those benefits lead to living quality and productive lives. Students will have instruction in the proper selection and preparation of nutritious foods. Nutrition, recipe literacy, safety and sanitation, food preparation techniques and problem solving will be incorporated into all units.</p>
<p><u>Course Title:</u> Band 7 <u>Length:</u> One year <u>Prerequisites:</u> Band 6 <u>Course Description:</u> Daily instruction includes work on playing techniques, scales, rhythm, sight-reading and other principles of music theory, as well as preparation of concert music. Students are expected to participate in scheduled performances throughout the school year. All students will need an instrument and method books, basic supplies, and basic uniform items to participate in Band 7. Students are encouraged to rent instruments from a music store, purchase an instrument or borrow an instrument. A limited number of USD 497 District Owned Instruments are available through the Lawrence Public Schools. <u>A \$50.00 maintenance fee is required for use of district owned instruments. Instruments are provided based on 1) financial need, 2) instrument selected, and 3) available inventory at the time of request.</u> Instruments available: oboe, bassoon, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, French horn, baritone/euphonium, tuba, and percussion equipment. Flute, clarinet, trumpet, and trombone are not available through the district beyond sixth grade. Students interested in saxophone, oboe, and bassoon must have director approval.</p>	<p><u>Course Title:</u> Orchestra 7 <u>Length:</u> One year <u>Prerequisites:</u> Orchestra 6 <u>Course Description:</u> Daily instruction includes work on playing techniques, scales, rhythm, sight-reading and other principles of music theory, as well as preparation of concert music. Students are expected to participate in scheduled performances throughout the school year. All students will need an instrument and method books, basic supplies, and basic uniform items to participate in Strings 7. Students are encouraged to rent instruments from a music store, purchase an instrument or borrow an instrument. A limited number of USD 497 District Owned Instruments are available through the Lawrence Public Schools. <u>A \$50.00 maintenance fee is required for use of district owned instruments. Instruments are provided based on 1) financial need, 2) instrument selected, and 3) available inventory at the time of request.</u> Instruments available: bass and cello. Violin and viola are not available through the district beyond sixth grade.</p>
<p><u>Course Title:</u> Multi-media <u>Length:</u> One semester <u>Prerequisites:</u> None <u>Course Description:</u> Multi-Media is a project based class where the students will learn a variety of useful presentation programs. This class develops knowledge and skills and explores attitudes needed for success in the classroom and workplace. Emphasis is on using the computer while enhancing problem solving and thinking skills. This course will prepare students to think critically about the role of technology in media and how media impacts our academic and professional future. Throughout the course, students will review and expand on the technology tools and resources learned in Computer Essentials.</p>	