

Student Name: _____

7th Grade Student Courses for 2016/17 School Year

Dear Parent & Student:

This letter outlines some information about the courses for 7th graders next school year. Please take time to read this carefully and mark your selections below. Most selections will be fulfilled but not guaranteed. If requests exceed the allowable class size, adjustments will be made by the school administration. Selections will be made by the administration for any student not returning his or her form. If you have questions, please call the school office at 910-347-2738.

Elective Courses: (Please see the reverse side for course descriptions.)

Exploratory Choice #1 _____

Exploratory Choice #2 _____

Exploratory Choice #3 _____

Exploratory Choice #4 _____

Alternate Course Selection _____

All 7th grade students will be assigned to the following classes: Homeroom, English/Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. They can also have a semester of Health/Physical Education. Band is only available if you also took it the previous year.

Parent Name (please print): _____

Daytime phone #: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

7TH GRADE BAND

Students must have one year of band experience in order to participate. All students will perform in concert and participate in a band festival. Students may also perform in solo and/or ensemble competitions. This is a performance-based class, and all students will be expected to attend all rehearsals and performances as part of their grade. Students also have the opportunity to audition for Eastern District Band and Onslow County Band.

7TH GRADE EXPLORING CAREER DECISIONS

This course is designed to provide an orientation to the world of work. It introduces students to the technical nature of today's world and the role of productive workers. Activities enable students to increase self-awareness and make wise educational and occupational decisions as they plan for careers.

7TH GRADE EXPLORATORY LANGUAGE-CHINESE

In this course, students will begin to explore China through customs, food, music, and tradition. Students learn to use and write basic Chinese words and phrases as well as write the Chinese alphabet. The students will participate in several Chinese cultural activities.

7TH GRADE CHORUS

In this course, students will learn basic music reading skills, proper singing techniques, concert etiquette, dynamics, music history, diction, and posture. Chorus is a performance-based class, and students are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances as part of their grade.

7TH GRADE COMPUTER SKILLS AND APPLICATIONS II

This course is has seven modules designed to provide hands-on instruction in basic keyboarding skills, computer concepts, and software applications. Topics include: advanced skills in word processing and document formatting for business documents such as agendas, minutes, research reports and resumes, basic skills in database creation, spreadsheets and utilizing formulas and charts, and basic skills and techniques in multimedia presentations,

7TH GRADE ADVANCED PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Advanced PE is a class that will be held mainly outside and will consist of individual and team activities to help improve one's health and physical well being. We will play team sports as well as work on personal health and well being.

7TH GRADE GUITAR

Students will be introduced to the basics of learning to play a guitar. In this class, students will learn how to count different rhythms while playing the guitar. All students will be able to play a variety of songs by the end of this class. This class will include an end of semester performance.

7TH GRADE JAZZ

Students must have a year of band experience in order to participate. This class introduces students to jazz-style music and playing techniques. All students will perform in concerts, which will be graded. This is a performance-based class, and all students

will be expected to attend all rehearsals and performances as part of their grade. Students also have the opportunity to audition for the Eastern Region Jazz Band.

7TH GRADE PIANO

This is a performance-based class that involves a recital. Students will learn how to play the piano, read music, create their own compositions, and make connections between music skills and the world.

7TH GRADE EXPLORATORY LANGUAGE -SPANISH

In this course, students learn basic Spanish words and phrases. Hispanic arts and crafts activities, traditions, and cultural diversity (food, films, games, and music) are a main focus. Information will be presented in English, but students will learn to ask and answer basic questions and everyday life situations in grammar-oriented and academically-paced Spanish. Central America is the focus with the students learning the countries and their capitals.

7TH GRADE VISUAL ARTS

Students will learn and explore how to use a variety of art mediums. Topics in this course generally include creating optical illusions, printmaking, clay coil pots, pointillism, visual interpretations of music, and paper mache. Students will also discover art works and interesting facts about various artists as well as exploring careers in the art field. Each class period begins with warm up drawings followed by instructional time and studio time for students to work on their projects.