



Surline Middle School 7th Grade Educational Development Plan (EDP) & Course Description

I. All 7th graders will have the following courses:

- **ELA (English/Language Arts)**--In 7th grade ELA, students explore the themes of survival, courage, and perseverance by making connections to characters in multiple genres through hands-on exploration. Students are tasked with producing a variety of writings and presentations and debates, and informative, narrative, and argumentative writing samples. Daily warm-ups both freshen up and introduce new grammar skills.
- **Social Studies**--7th grade social studies focuses on the earliest people, civilizations, and empires in ancient world history. Students will spend time exploring world religions, cultures, and achievements from prehistory through the 1500s.
- **Science**---This course is designed to provide a hands-on approach to learning using collaboration and the scientific process. Major topics covered include waves and energy, physical and chemical properties, changes in matter, and forces & motion.
- **Math 7**---Students use problem-solving strategies, questioning, investigating, analyzing critically, gathering and constructing evidence, and communicating rigorous arguments justifying their thinking. Students learn collaboration with others while sharing information, expertise, and ideas. Students will develop multiple strategies to solve problems and to recognize the connections between concepts. The lessons in the course meet all of the content standards and embed the "Mathematical Practices" of the Common Core State Standards. The main topics covered in this course are ratios, proportional relationships, rational numbers, expressions, equations, percentages, statistics, probability and geometry.
- **Spanish 7**--This course will provide the students with a general introduction to the Spanish language through the four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students will also gain a basic understanding of grammar concepts, vocabulary, and Hispanic culture. Successful completion of Spanish 6 & 7 fulfills the foreign language requirement of the MI Merit Curriculum for high school graduation. **2 marking periods**
- **PE 7/8**--- Students develop leadership and personal responsibility within a team while embodying good sportsmanship within a gradual release model in a variety of physical activities that promote lifelong health. **Students are required to take PE 7/8 in either grade 7 or grade 8.**
- **Computer Science and STEM**---Students are required to take one of the CS/STEM classes that are offered. They may choose between 1. Personal Computing: Today's Technology 2. Robotics, Programming, and Coding - PLTW- Automation and Robotics 3. Storytelling: Podcasting 4. Engineering: PLTW: Flight and Space. See class descriptions on the following pages.
- **Falcon Focus:**
 - Academic Strategies:** Students learn focus, study, and testing tips, as well as get individualized help in how to be successful.
 - Social Emotional Learning:** All students participate in weekly social emotional learning lessons. We follow the Choose Love Movement curriculum, which consists of four units- Courage, Gratitude, Forgiveness, and Compassion in Action. Choosing love means having the courage to be grateful when life isn't easy, to forgive even when the person who hurt you isn't sorry, and to step outside your own pain to help someone else. It's an empowering lesson that love is a choice. For more information on Choose Love go to: chooselovemovement.org
- **Special Education**--If students require special education support, they will receive support from the special education teacher/paraprofessionals within the regular education classrooms as indicated on the IEP's. Many students with IEPs will take a year long Strategies class as their enrichment class. This will allow them time for small group help on assignments and skills, as well as strategies for success.

IV. All 7th graders take 2 hours of elective classes: On the following page is a list of the classes available to 8th grade students. Students may choose which classes they would like to enrich their education with. Students will have two hours of electives. There are six 6-week marking periods in our academic year, so students may take up to 12 elective classes, depending on the length of the courses they select. Although all of these classes are being offered we will base which classes are scheduled on student selections, and not all of the classes will end up on the schedule. Do not base course preferences on current teacher assignments, as these may change.

FULL YEAR (6 marking periods) & SEMESTER (3 marking periods) CHOICES:

I. BAND

Band is a fun, exciting class that gives you the opportunity to play an instrument and continue learning about music. It is a full year commitment. Students will have two concerts during the year to perform for their friends and family. Please contact Mr. Andersen for rental information or to talk to him about available school instruments to use if needed. Come and play in the Band!! **Prerequisite: Band 6 or instructor approval. Full Year (6 marking period) class.**

II. CHOIR

This class is offered to students interested in developing their singing voice. In this class, you will learn how to sing correctly, how to read music, and how to be a musician both as a soloist and as part of a group. Music from all genres will be covered including classical and popular. This year-long class incorporates three performances including the Christmas concert, choir festival, and the spring concert. **Full Year (6 marking period) class.**

III. THEATRE

Students will participate in dramatic story-telling through song-writing and theatre production. **Semester (3 marking period) Class.**

1 & 2 MARKING PERIOD CHOICES:

ART OPTIONS

I. 3D and Abstract Art

Students will develop and build upon their artistic skills in three-dimensional media such as clay, wire, plaster, paper mache, drawing, and found materials. Students will learn the foundations of 3D art.

II. Oil/Mixed Mediums

Students will create both paintings and mixed media collages. Students will explore a variety of mixed media collages and artists and use the learning to create their own mixed media collage. A variety of painting techniques will also be studied as students learn how to create different effects through paint.

III. Art and World Culture

Students will examine art from a different continent including North America, South America, Africa, Australia, and Europe. Students will learn more about the culture, what makes the art unique, and what the art represents for various cultures and regions. Students will replicate and create art that is representative of different aspects of art from various cultures and world regions.

IV. Digital Art (Photography)

In this class students with an interest in digital art will have the opportunity to work in a collaborative environment as they examine photography as a form of art.

V. Graphic Design

Students will combine the power of text and pictures to create persuasive images that communicate a specific message as they explore career options in graphic design.

VI. Art Expression

Students will explore art and experiment with various forms of art as a way to identify, express and manage emotions.

VII. Ceramics 1

Hands on introduction to pottery. Students will develop skills in the use of clay as a medium in creating a variety of forms such as Pinch Pot, Coil Pot, Slab Vessel, Subtractive Tile, Mask, and Wall Vase.

VIII. Ceramics 2

Continuation of Ceramics I with expansion into wheel and sculpture. Students will develop skills in the use of clay as a medium in creating a variety of forms such as Slab Box, Stylized Ceramic Animal, Distorted Ceramic House, 10" Sculptural piece portrait. **Prerequisite: Ceramics 1**

INDUSTRIAL TECH OPTIONS

I. Intermediate Woodshop

*Students will use 3 principles of design to read drawings, lay out materials, determine a materials bill, and complete a project while safely and properly using electric sanders, band saw, scroll saw, drill and a variety of hand tools. **2 Marking Periods***

II. Drafting

*Students will plan, draft and read blueprints to complete hands-on activities as they understand the importance of plan reading/interpreting drawings in the manufacturing and trade sectors. **2 Marking Periods***

III. Electric Plumbing

Students learn physical principles and fundamental skills across mechanical systems in construction. Students will select materials, assemble, and test basic electrical circuits. Students will select materials and assemble simple copper and plastic plumbing applications for both supply and drains. They will perform simple maintenance of electric motors, electric fixtures and plumbing fixtures.

PERSONAL GROWTH OPTIONS

I. Pop Culture - Music History

Students will cooperatively research music from the past 5 or 10 decades and compare and contrast the lyrics with historical events/culture of the decade, answering the question: How does/did history affect music and lyrics?

II. Broadcasting

Students learn to write in the style of composition used in television and radio broadcasts. Students will write, perform, videotape and edit a variety of public service and news features. Students will also learn studio cues, countdowns and production vocabulary. Students assume the roles of producer, reporter, announcer, editor and camera crew.

COMPUTER SCIENCE and STEM OPTIONS

(Each student must take at least one CS/STEM Class in their 8th grade year)

I. Personal Computing: Today's Technology

Students explore emerging technologies and their applications to today's life and the societal challenges they pose.

II. Robotics, Programming, and Coding - PLTW- Automation and Robotics

Students explore robotics and automation as they take on the role of interns, and work in teams to create prototypes to meet the needs of clients. They build and analyze mechanical systems and automate them with programmed input and output devices

III. Storytelling: Podcasting

This course will focus on creating a podcast from the bottom up. Students will discover strategies to create a podcast, market a podcast, find the right guests, and even what equipment is needed to produce a podcast.

IV. Engineering: PLTW: Flight and Space

The exciting world of aerospace comes alive through the Flight and Space (FS) unit. Students become engineers as they design, prototype, and test models to learn about the science of flight and what it takes to travel and live in space. They solve real-world aviation and space challenges and plan a mission to Mars.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION OPTIONS

I. PE 7/8

*Students develop leadership and personal responsibility within a team while embodying good sportsmanship within a gradual release model in a variety of physical activities that promote lifelong health. **Students are required to take PE 7/8 in either grade 7 or grade 8.***

II. Officiating, Rules and Regulations

Students will learn how to competently officiate several sports within a gradual release model in a variety of physical activities that promote lifelong health.

III. Advanced Strength Training

Students will learn how to competently navigate a weight room and develop exercise programming within a gradual release model in a variety of physical activities that promote lifelong health.

IV. Advanced Cardio Bootcamp

Students will participate in a variety of popular workout classes that promote active lifestyles and lifelong health within a gradual release model.

V. Advanced Winter Sports

Students develop leadership and personal responsibility within a team while embodying good sportsmanship within a gradual release model in a variety of physical activities that promote lifelong health. Sports include pickleball and volleyball.

VI. Advanced Spring Sports

Students develop leadership and personal responsibility within a team while embodying good sportsmanship within a gradual release model in a variety of physical activities that promote lifelong health. Sports include soccer, flag football, lacrosse and field hockey.

(STUDENT LAST NAME)

(STUDENT FIRST NAME)

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REQUIRED ELECTIVES:

PE 7/8

I am going to take PE next year _____ ---or--- I am going to wait to take PE in 8th grade _____

Computer Science/STEM Requirement

I want to take the following course to meet this requirement (circle one):

1. Personal Computing: Today's Technology
2. Robotics, Programming, and Coding - PLTW- Automation and Robotics
3. Storytelling: Podcasting
4. Engineering: PLTW: Flight and Space

Elective Choices:

Fill two hours with elective choices. Remember to list your PE 7/8 if you are taking it next year. Look at the courses on the previous pages and their course lengths. The order you list your courses does not determine the order it will be listed on your schedule.

Hour 1

MP1: Computer Science/STEM Requirement

MP2: Spanish 7

MP3: Spanish 7

MP4: _____

MP5: _____

MP6: _____

Hour 2

MP1: _____

MP2: _____

MP3: _____

MP4: _____

MP5: _____

MP6: _____

Alternates:

1: _____

2: _____

3: _____

4: _____

Signing indicates that we have read, discussed and understand the 7th grade classes at SMS We agreed with the preferences that have been marked on this paper.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

Date: _____

RETURN THIS FORM BY: THURSDAY, MAY 4

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