



**7th Grade
Connections
Course Guide**



**"Work hard, be
kind, and
amazing things
will happen."**

- Conan O'Brien

7TH GRADE CONNECTIONS COURSE SELECTIONS

In addition to the four required Academic courses, 7th grade students have two Connections classes per semester. Most 7th grade courses are semester courses, so students have up to four Connections classes per year. If a student is also enrolled in a year long course, Band or Chorus, Spanish I or Spanish for Native Speakers I, for example, this will reduce the number of Connections classes to three per year.

Requests for 7th grade Connections courses are made in the spring of a student's 6th grade year.

Please understand that a request does not guarantee placement in the course, but every effort is made to place students in the courses they request. A student may not get one of their requests if there is not enough space available or if a prerequisite to the course has not been met. Some students may be placed in a Reading and/or Math support course, if it is decided that they need the extra support to meet 7th grade level standards in ELA or Math.

**Some courses require pre-approval.*

Please make your selections carefully. Next year, you will not be able to request a schedule change if you are in one of the courses you selected.

LIST OF CONNECTIONS CLASSES FOR 7TH GRADE

Carnegie Credit Courses: (year long for high school credit)

- Spanish I
- Spanish for Native Speakers I

Noes: Space for Spanish courses is very limited. Students who select this course will be randomly selected by the computer and must have teacher recommendation. Spanish for Native Speakers requires a pre-test.

7th Grade Courses (semester courses)

- Visual Arts
- Healthcare IT and Biotechnology
- Intro to Communications
- Foundations of Business Management
- Health
- PE
- Exploring Agriculture
- Math Connections
- Reading Connections
- Chorus (year long course)
- Band (year long course)

Notes:

- You will not be able to select Math or Reading Connections. These courses are by teacher recommendation only. You may be placed in one of these courses if it is determined that you need the extra support.
- You will not be able to select Band or Chorus. Students enrolled in Band and/or Chorus as a 6th grader will automatically be enrolled in the course for their 7th grade year. You will need written permission to drop the course. Students wishing to add the course who have not previously taken it will need to speak to the teacher to gain access to the course.

CTE COURSES

Career Technical Education Courses

CTE courses are courses which can prepare students for both college and careers. In 7th grade, the CTE courses that are offered are the exploratory courses.

Taking a CTE exploratory course in 7th grade will better prepare you to know which pathway you want to pursue in 8th grade and on into high school.

Once a student is in 8th grade, the CTE courses that are offered are the introductory courses for that pathway and students can earn Carnegie (high school) credit.

CTE courses offered for EHMS 7th graders include:

- Exploring Agriculture
- Introduction to Communications
- Foundations of Business Management
- Healthcare IT and Biotechnology



Exploring Agriculture ***NEW***

If you have an interest in Veterinary Science, Agriculture mechanics, forestry, or horticulture, this course is for you.

Exploring Agricultural Education analyzes the different aspects of the agricultural industry. Students will be given the opportunity to learn how agriculture and agribusiness affects their daily lives.

Possible Careers:

Horticulture/Landscaping
Veterinary Science
Wildlife/Conservation Agent
Farming
Agricultural Mechanics
Food Scientist
Park Ranger



Foundations of Business Management

This course will provide an exploratory foundation in business management operations, ongoing learning regarding employability skills, career investigation, and career-technical leadership opportunities. Through integrated instructional activities, students will have opportunities to apply employability skills and to research possible career options in the business management area. They will also complete many hands-on activities to build a strong foundation in integrated software applications and standard office procedures.

Possible Careers:

Administrative Assistant
Business Analyst
Human Resources Specialist
General Manager
Business Owner
Business Executive
Banking



Introduction to Communications

The focus of this course is the fundamental understanding of graphic communications and design industry. Students will begin to produce aesthetically pleasing designs for posters, pictures, and video. The main software programs used are Microsoft Publisher, Adobe Photoshop and Premiere, and a variety of web-based program

Possible Careers:

Graphic Designer
Photographer
Camera Operator
A/V Technician
Public Relations Specialist
Multimedia Artist and Animator



Healthcare IT and Biotechnology

This course provides students with an exploratory introduction to Healthcare IT and Biotechnology and to several healthcare careers and the safety procedures and interpersonal communication skills required for them. The course will enable students to receive initial exposure to healthcare science skills; attitudes applicable to healthcare including the concepts of health, wellness, and preventative care; and responsibilities of today's healthcare provider.

Possible Careers:

Nurse
Pharmacist or Pharmacy Tech
EMT
Physical Therapist
Physician
Lab Technician
Dental Hygienist



FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Spanish I and Spanish for Native Speakers I

These are high school level courses, which if completed successfully, will fulfil one of the foreign language requirements towards high school graduation. These are rigorous courses and require more than a 7th grade level connections course. Space is limited.

Spanish I ** Carnegie Credit

Students will learn the basics of communicating in Spanish, and also about the culture of Spanish speakers. Students who complete the course will be able to speak, read, understand, and write at a beginner level. Students selected for this course must be passing all classes and have a teacher recommendation.

Spanish for Native Speakers I ** Carnegie Credit

This course is for students who speak Spanish on a daily basis and are able to communicate well among friends and family. The class is taught almost entirely in Spanish. The course will improve a student's Spanish reading and writing skills, and also introduce Spanish at the academic and professional levels. Students selected for this course must be passing all classes and have a teacher recommendation. *For this course, students will also have to pass a pre-test to qualify for the Native Speakers course.*

MATH AND READING SUPPORT

Math Connections/Reading Connections

Students selected for these course are recommended by teachers and who are below grade level in math. The course is designed to provide extra support for the regular academic math or ELA course.

FINE ARTS

Beginning Band

*Requires Prior Approval or enrollment

Students are recommended/placed in this course by the band director. Students are required to have been in band during 6th Grade.

Beginning Chorus

*Requires Prior Approval or enrollment

Open to all 7th grade male and female students. No previous musical experience needed but preferred. Students will focus on the study of advanced music theory and reading within a choral setting. The class is a performance based environment centered around group work and collaboration.

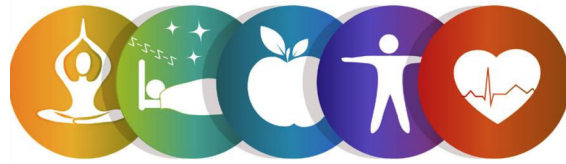


Visual Arts 7th Grade -

This is a general rotation class open to all 7th grade students. Students will explore the visual arts through discussion, looking at art, reading and/or writing about art, and producing art using a variety of techniques and materials



HEALTH AND PE



Health

This is a life skills class where students discuss things they are dealing with in the real world. It is our goal that students will be more aware of health issues and are able to deal with them in a successful manner. The most important idea that each Health unit addresses is for the students to make fully informed decisions about their actions and the resulting consequences. Topics include the following: Decision Making, Self-Image, Media Influence, Communication Skills, Social Skills/Peer Pressure, Conflict Resolution, Disease Prevention, Puberty/Reproductive System/Abstinence Education, Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco, Nutrition, Stress Management, and Goal Setting.

Physical Education

Students in physical education will participate in daily physical activities while learning fitness and skill concepts. This will include a variety of sports, team building, dance, and motor skills. They will also gain understanding of the importance of these attributes in a positive and encouraging environment!

Watch the video below to learn how to go into Infinite Campus to make your Connections Course requests for your 8th grade year.

Make your selections carefully, once the window closes for making requests, you will not be able to change to a different course.

Next year, if you are enrolled in a course that you selected, you will not be allowed to change your course.

