

Highland Park Middle School

2024-2025 Course Requirements and Electives:

HPMS has a block schedule (eight periods over two days) with core class teaming* and is an International Baccalaureate World School

Sixth Grade			Seventh Grade				Eighth Grade			
Reader's Wrkshp	MN Studies		MYP/IB ELA 7		Amer. Studies, accel		MYP/IB ELA 8		Global Studies, accel	
Writer's Wrkshp	Earth Science		Pre-Algebra		Life Science		Algebra		Physical Science	
Foundations			Foundations				Foundations			
Math 6	PE 6	Art Elective	World Language		Health	PE 7/8	World Language		Cooking	PE 7/8
World Language	Elective	Elective	Art Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective	Art Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective

*Core teaming consists of four/five teachers (ELA, science, math and humanities) who share a group of students. Team teachers meet consistently to discuss curriculum, review class progress and discuss student needs and goals. Final grades and credits are issued each quarter.

Spanish Immersion 6th graders are automatically enrolled in Spanish Im. Math, Spanish Im MN Studies, Spanish Im Earth Science and Spanish Immersion Language Arts. Readers/Writers are in English.

Mandarin Immersion 6th graders are automatically enrolled in Mandarin Im. Science, Mandarin Im. Language Arts and Mandarin Im. Foundations. They take MN Studies, Math, Reader's and Writers in English.

****Course offerings are based on current budget/enrollment and are subject to change.****

Arts Electives

Band, Beginning (gr 6-8)
 Band, Inter. (2 semesters, gr 6-8)
 Band, Advanced (gr 7, 8)
 Jazz band (Inst. Approval, gr 8)
 Orchestra, Beg. (grades 6-8)
 Orch, Inter.. (2 semesters, gr 6-8)
 Music Exploration (gr 6-8)
 Choir, Intermediate (grades 7, 8)
 Art, Beginning (grades 6-8)
 Art, Intermediate (grades 7, 8)
 Art, Advanced (2 semesters, gr 8)

Literacy/Humanities Elect.

Book Club, Reading for Diversity (gr 6, 7)
 Book Club: Club De Lectura (gr 6, 7)
 Creative Writing (gr 7, 8)
 Graphic Novels (gr 6, 7)
 In These Times (gr 6-8)
 Latinx Studies (gr 6, 7)
 LGBTQ+ Studies (gr 6-8)
 Literacy Lab: Podcasts (gr 7, 8)

STEM Electives

Intro to Comp Science 1 (gr 6-8)
 Intro to Comp Science 2 (gr 7, 8)
 Project Lead the Way (gr 7, 8)
 Explor. Engineering (gr 6)
 Personal Finance (gr 6-8)
 GTT Design & Modeling (gr 7, 8)

World Languages

French
 Spanish

GENERAL Electives

Dare 2 Be Real (gr7, 8)
 IB/MYP Communication (gr 7, 8)
 Culinary and Careers (Inst. Approval, gr 8)
 Basketball (gr 6-8)
 Soccer (gr 6-8)
 Yoga (gr 7, 8)
 Addt'l World Language (two semesters)