



WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL 8th Grade REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All students will be *automatically* enrolled in the following required classes:

- English 8
- Mathematics 8
- Earth Science 8
- History Geo 8
- P.E. (half year/1 semester)

STUDENTS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO CHOOSE ELECTIVES to fill the remainder of their daily schedule. In addition, students are asked to choose alternative electives in case scheduling conflicts arise.

Remember to make thoughtful, careful choices when choosing electives! You will not be allowed to switch these electives until SEMESTER. Most classes fill up very quickly. Be sure to prioritize on your registration sheet!

FULL YEAR ELECTIVES (TWO SEMESTERS, CHOIR CAN BE TAKEN JUST ONE SEMESTER IF THERE ARE SCHEDULING CONFLICTS, THE INSTRUCTORS LIKE YOU THERE FOR A FULL YEAR THOUGH) (You are enrolled in these classes both 1st and 2nd semester.)

Band 7 and 8: A full year of band and music theory includes fundamentals in melody, harmony, and rhythm. Members will play a variety of music from classical to popular. Concert participation is required.

Chorus 7 and 8: Chorus members are taught basic vocal production, music history and theory. Students sing songs in a variety of styles ranging from classical to popular, including songs in foreign languages. There are 3 required concerts during the year.

HALF YEAR ELECTIVES

Art 7/8: Students will learn the elements of art to improve their drawing, painting, and sculpture skills. This may include pencil, colored pencil, acrylic and watercolor paint, clay, and other materials. Students will also study the work of famous artists. There will be a one time fee of \$5 for this class.

Advanced Art: Students will use the previously learned Elements and Principles of art to create more realistic drawings, paintings, and sculptures. Possible projects may include portrait drawing, 2 point perspective, landscapes, sculpture and large scale collaborative art. Students will also study artworks and styles of the past and look at careers in art. Some time will also be spent on digital art. Topics may adjust based on students' previous knowledge, skills, and interests. Art 7/8 or department permission is a prerequisite for this class. There will be a one time fee of \$10 for this class.



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Storytellers: Students will study author styles and techniques, read, respond to, write, and illustrate a variety of works including narratives, plays, and poetry. We will work on word choice and use editing and revising skills to write a variety of creative writing pieces.

Cultural Art: This class will be a combination of Art History and Art. Students will study the history behind art from different cultures and time periods, then create artworks in the style of the art we studied. Projects will range from drawings, sculptures, painting, mixed media, and so on. There will be a one time fee of \$5 for this class.

7/8 Computer Applications: Students will be learning about Microsoft Suites. They will be using Word, Excel, Publisher, and PowerPoint to create many different projects. Students will also be working on learning how to do research online effectively as well as computer parts and how they work. In this class they will learn about how to look for a job, what are employability skills, how to apply for a job, and how to do an interview. Internet, social media, and online safety are a part of all computer classes.

8th Grade Advanced Computers: Requirements for this class are the students need to have had 7/8 Computer Applications as well as being proficient in Microsoft Suites and completing work. In this class, students will go more into publications, do more advanced projects in Microsoft Suites, learn some about graphic design, and work some with photos. In this class we will also be looking at jobs in the technology fields. Internet, social media, and online safety are a part of all computer classes.

8th Grade Advanced Computers/Yearbook: Requirements for this class are the students need to have had 7/8 Computer Applications as well as being proficient in Microsoft Suites and completing work. In this class we will go more into publications, do more advanced projects in Microsoft Suites, do some graphic design, and work with some photos. In this class we will also be looking at jobs in the technology fields. This class will also be working on designing the yearbook. Internet, social media, and online safety are a part of all computer classes.

Family and Consumer Science 1: Students will learn a variety of life skills. It allows students to develop skills in: learning about themselves, social skills, financial literacy, basic sewing skills, culinary skills and basic clothing care. There will be a one time fee of \$10 for this class. You can take this class again with a new curriculum each year.

Family and Consumer Science 2: Requirements for this class are the students will need to have had Family and Consumer Science 1. This class will reinforce essential life skills for independent living, family life, work life and responsible citizenship. It will also include development of culinary skills. There will be a one time fee of \$15 for this class (if you paid \$10 in FCS 1 in the current year, then that will carry over and you will only pay \$5.00).

Exploratory Woodworking: The purpose of this class is to introduce students to general woodworking practices. Students will expand their knowledge and experience through various safety lessons and projects. Safety is of the utmost importance in this class. Prior to project construction, students will be expected to learn about and safely use hand tools, power tools and woodworking machinery. A fee of \$25 is required to cover student supplies and materials for the basic beginning/learning projects. This class will open doors for students to discover potential future careers and encourages advancement to the CCDHS Career and Technical Education courses.

Exploratory Agriculture: The purpose of this class is to introduce students to the vast and exciting Agriculture Industry. Students will learn about agriculture as it relates to animals, plants, leadership and environmental



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stewardship in Montana, the United States and throughout the world. Students also have the opportunity to become an FFA member and join the Miles City FFA Chapter through enrollment in this class. This class will open doors for students to discover potential future careers and encourages advancement to the CCDHS Career and Technical Education courses.

Agriculture Leadership: The purpose of this class is to prepare students with leadership skills needed in our ever advancing agriculture industry. With a focus in the agriculture industry, this course will consist of career research and planning, employment skills, interviewing, preparing a resume, record keeping, financial planning, budgeting, marketing, communication, salesmanship and community service. Leadership skills including parliamentary procedure, speaking, organizing, and planning will be developed. A variety of the previously listed skills will be integrated into hands-on instruction likely including but not limited to projects in meat fabrication and processing, basic construction, MIG welding, drone technology, 3-D laser printing, animal husbandry, floriculture and horticulture. Exploratory Agriculture is a prerequisite for this class. Preference will be given to 8th graders who have previously completed Exploratory Agriculture.

PE Elective: This class is designed to develop more skills in various activities and sports, many of which can be lifelong skills. Many of the sports we cover have a few days for developing the skills, and then I set up tournaments so students can compete against each other. Some of the activities covered in class include Football, Frisbee, Volleyball, Basketball, Hockey, and Folfing.

Teacher Assistant: This class is 8th grade level only. Requirements for this class are: 1) 2.5 GPA or higher from the previous term; 2) Attendance at school; 3) Student application - you have to fill out an application and apply for the job; and 4) Office approval.

The Teacher Assistant position is available for those students who are interested in experiences working with a teacher in a classroom setting. Students will be expected to learn and perform needed skills with this experience. Other goals include improving their individual responsibility, as well as people and organizational skills. Students will be expected to report to their respective places on time and ready to work. Each assistant will continue to meet attendance requirements and follow the direction of their supervising teacher. You will receive a grade for this class.

Office Assistant: This class is 8th grade level only. Requirements for this class are: 1) 2.5 GPA or higher from the previous term; 2) Attendance at school; 3) Student application - you have to fill out an application and apply for the job; and 4) Office approval.

Students will be expected to learn and perform needed skills with this experience. Other goals include improving their individual responsibility, as well as people and organizational skills. Students will work one period each day and be expected to report to the office on time and ready to work. Each aide will continue to meet attendance requirements and follow the direction of the secretaries and counselor. You will receive a grade for this class.

Study Hall: A class period to work on academics.



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Athletic Conditioning: Students will be introduced to a variety of ways to train and enhance their physical fitness and athletic performance. A heavy emphasis will be placed on sport specific conditioning which includes modalities such as: plyometrics, High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), Circuit Training, introduction to proper weightlifting technique, appropriate ways to warm up and cooldown, and a general awareness of how to incorporate this training into students specific sports and activities. This class is not game based, and students who are in this class should have the desire to improve their understanding of physical conditioning. Students will also be exposed to the mind-body relationship and how to positively train both for ultimate success.