This elective brochure is a <u>guide only</u>. The student will receive an Elective Form in your homeroom in February to officially select the elective(s).

Chesapeake Public Schools
Elective Scheduling Planning Guide
Seventh Grade

PLEASE READ ALL PRE-SCHEDULING INFORMATION IN THIS BROCHURE BELOW.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Required Courses: English	**History**	
Mathematics	**Health/PE**	
Science	**Core Plus**	

Elective Courses: You must choose only **ONE** of the options listed below. The option you select will be your assignment for the entire year.

Option A:_____ **Semester Electives (Check <u>2</u> and write <u>ALT</u> beside your alternate choice)**

_____ Art 7

_____ Family and Consumer Science II

_____ World Language Exploratory 7

_____ Inventions and Innovations

_____ Computer Science Concepts 7

Option B:_____ **Band 7**
(student must have been in 6th grade band or audition)

Option C:_____ **Chorus 7**

Option D:_____ **Orchestra 7**
(student must have been in 6th grade orchestra or audition)

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Dear Student and Parent/Guardian,

We are in the process of scheduling for the 2026-2027 school year. All students will take English, mathematics, science, history, health/physical education, and core plus. Recommendations for core course placement will be made available in late spring.

In addition to these classes, students have the opportunity to choose an elective based on their interest. Students may select **ONE** of the yearlong electives (band, chorus, or orchestra) **OR** choose **TWO** semester electives. In this exploratory program, students will take a semester course in two of the following elective areas: art, family and consumer science, technology, computer science and world language.

Important Note on Elective Placement: In accordance with the **Virginia Literacy Act**, our school is committed to ensuring every student meets state literacy benchmarks. Students who do not pass the **Reading SOL** will be provided with evidence-based supplemental instruction. This required reading course will take the place of one elective to ensure your student receives the support necessary for long-term academic success.

We are excited about our middle school program as it provides students a smooth transition from elementary to high school and gives them an opportunity for academic success. **Please review the course descriptions inside this brochure to help you select the elective courses within the desired option.**

Sincerely,

Heather Martin

for Rising Seventh Graders

Elective Course Descriptions

Exploratory Courses (semester long):

Art 7

Art 7 is an eighteen-week introductory course that will help develop a basic knowledge and understanding of art through examining the elements and principles of design. Students will acquire skills in visual communications, sculpture, printmaking, drawing, ceramics, painting, and art criticism.

Family and Consumer Science, II

Students develop a foundation for managing individual, family, work, and community roles and responsibilities. Students focus on their individual development, relationships, and roles within the family. They learn how to maintain their living environments, apply nutrition and wellness practices, and are introduced to early childhood education concepts. Students develop fabric, fashion, apparel concepts, and explore careers related to Family and Consumer Sciences. Student participation in the co-curricular organization promotes teamwork and leadership skills. Mathematics, science, English, social sciences, fine arts, and technology are integrated throughout the course.

World Language Exploratory 7

Students explore basic conversational French and Spanish in a highly interactive environment for a semester. Common phrases, expressions, and vocabulary are presented and collected in a Phrase Book. Basic situational dialogs are presented and performed. Through classroom discussions, projects, and investigations, students will learn about the cultures associated with these languages. The seventh-grade student will begin to understand the process of second language acquisition and will be able to make a more informed choice as to which language he/she would like to study further.

Inventions and Innovations

Students make models of significant inventions that have advanced society. After studying these developments, they explore technological problems facing them, their community, or the world and apply a systematic process to create solutions. Student participation in the co-curricular organization promotes teamwork and leadership skills. Mathematics, science, English, social sciences, fine arts, and technology are integrated throughout the course.

Computer Science Concepts 7

This 18-week course expands upon the Foundations of Computer Science Concepts 6 course. Internet safety, coding and device maintenance are components of this course. Students will build additional programming skills within the framework of computer science principles. Students will complete one or more projects to include programming, hardware and software integration, and collaboration. Expand on the core concepts and practices related to: Algorithms & Programming, Computing Systems, Cybersecurity, Data & Analysis, Impacts of computing and Networking & the Internet

Yearlong Electives

Students take this course daily for the entire year.

Band 7

Seventh grade band provides students an opportunity to continue progressing on their instrument. The addition of new instruments in the band enhances the overall musical experience and provides increased performance opportunities. Instruction will focus on techniques to allow students to advance musical skills and to perform engaging music.

Chorus 7

Seventh grade chorus allows students to sing in a collaborative setting and to refine vocal techniques. The curriculum focuses on musical fundamentals including reading music notation, tone production and pitch awareness. Students have the opportunity to perform a variety of engaging choral literature.

Orchestra 7

Seventh grade orchestra provides an opportunity for students to gain proficiency on their instrument. Instruction focuses on technique, tone production and aural skills. Students enjoy the opportunity to perform concerts with engaging and entertaining music.