

2020-2021
SOUTH LYON MIDDLE SCHOOLS
7th GRADE COURSE OFFERINGS

REQUIRED COURSES – All students are required to take Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. Students are also required to take a required rotation of Physical Education, Health, and *World Language Survey.

Each rotation is 12 weeks.

Placement in Language Arts Plus and Math Plus will be determined by the district's Academically Talented Selection process.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Students will select one full year course OR two semester courses (18 weeks each).

Students will also select 1 class as an alternate.

Choir – Full Year - Be a part of our exciting choirs. You will sing for health and pleasure while preparing for high school choirs by working on vocal and musical reading skills. All kinds of wonderful musical styles in two- and three-part pieces will be performed. Learn about stage presence, try a solo or a small ensemble, do a speaking part, travel, and enjoy performing. Attendance at evening concerts and assemblies is mandatory.

Band - Full Year - *Band placement is at the discretion of the instrumental teachers.* The band will continue to build on concepts introduced in previous band classes. Students will continue progressing in a band method book, as well as explore various levels of program music. Home practice of instruments is expected and logged. There is also mandatory attendance at several concerts throughout the year.

Art 7 – Semester (18 weeks) - A variety of materials and techniques will be explored. Individual and group hands-on projects highlight creative thinking, as well as training in art fundamentals and skills. Projects will include a variety of mediums such as clay, pastels, watercolor, fibers, and more.

Technology 7 – Semester (18 weeks) - Working with hands-on projects, the students will be introduced to the design process that incorporates a problem-solving strategy to design and construct various projects. Areas of studies and projects include design, transportation, and communication.

Digital Literacy 7 – Semester (18 weeks) - Digital Literacy skills classes will involve project-based learning and allow students to make cross-curricular connections. The classes will include the following: online research and evaluation of sources; use of approved software programs (including various forms of multimedia) and Google Apps; collaborative student work with Google Docs; storage and retrieval of files in the cloud; basic skills for design and manipulation of spreadsheets and simple databases; and internet safety.

***World Language Survey** – 12 weeks - An introductory course that allows students to become familiar with all four languages that South Lyon Schools offers: Chinese, German, Japanese, and Spanish. Students will learn basic phrases from each culture through their exploration of global writing systems and language. Students will gain insight into their own modern day culture while being exposed to other cultures from around the world. Through videos, pictures, webquests, virtual tours, and global maps students will learn about Chinese, German, Japanese, and Spanish food, festivals, important places, and traditions that form the foundation of each culture.