

# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COURSE OFFERINGS

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

## REQUIRED COURSES

\_\_\_\_ PE 900  
\_\_\_\_ COMPUTER APPLICATIONS 221  
\_\_\_\_ HISTORY 402  
\_\_\_\_ LANGUAGE ARTS LA8 OR \_\_\_\_ ADVANCED READING 106 + FL + SEM ENG  
\_\_\_\_ SCIENCE 302 OR \_\_\_\_ ADVANCED SCIENCE 303  
\_\_\_\_ PRE-ALGEBRA 212 OR \_\_\_\_ ALGEBRA 203 OR \_\_\_\_ ADV ALGEBRA

\*Students will be placed in advanced courses based on the following criteria. 1. Approval and recommendation from student's current teacher in the respective subject. 2. Advanced Scores on the Iowa tests and/or the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA). 3. Grades in Respective Subject.

High School Foreign Language - Please mark preferences 1 and 2.

\*\*Students who are recommended for Advanced Reading based on the approval of their 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts teacher and advanced scores on the Iowa and/or Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA) will be excused from the Computer I requirement and instead take a Semester English course. This adjustment allows them to take a high school foreign language class as an advanced option. These foreign language classes are high school classes and grades earned in them will be counted in the student's cumulative high school grade point average which will ultimately be used to determine class rank, valedictorian, and salutatorian.

\_\_\_\_ LATIN 511    \_\_\_\_ SPANISH 521

**ELECTIVES:** For the "One semester electives" please choose 3 courses and rank them by putting the numbers 1-3 on the blank to the left of the course. For the "two semester electives," simply place an X on the line if you choose to take that course.

### ONE SEMESTER ELECTIVES

\_\_\_\_ CHOIR 714  
\_\_\_\_ MIXED MEDIA ART I 706  
\_\_\_\_ MIXED MEDIA ART II 707  
\_\_\_\_ COMPUTER APPLICATIONS II 222  
\_\_\_\_ INTRODUCTION TO SPANISH 504  
\_\_\_\_ STEM I

### TWO SEMESTER ELECTIVES

\_\_\_\_ BAND 712  
\_\_\_\_ CHOIR 713  
\_\_\_\_ BAND/CHOIR

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Course Descriptions

**Advanced English 106** The Advanced English course will enhance the eighth grade core English curriculum by adjusting the pace, depth, and breadth. The expectations will be higher, and intensive reading and writing will be emphasized.

**Advanced Science 303** In addition to covering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science curriculum, students will use advanced strategies. They will do experiments and long term projects and will also work in areas of engineering and computer science.

**Band 712** Band is a class in which the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be joining with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to create a Middle School Concert Band. The students will occasionally have rehearsals with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders during and after school, as well as perform at one High School Football game, and middle school pep rallies. In addition to these special performances, the Middle School Band also presents three concerts throughout the year, performing a range of music from holiday music to popular music.

**Band/Choir** Band and Choir meet at the same time, which allows those students wishing to participate in both groups the opportunity to do so. The Band/Choir option means that a student would participate in Band on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and Choir on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Choir 713/714** (713 is a year long course and 714 is a semester long course.) Choir is a class where students learn the basic techniques of singing: breath support, blend, balance, part-singing, ensemble, sight reading, and listening skills. A minimum of one concert is performed during the semester, which will require some after school rehearsals.

**Computer Applications I 221** Prerequisite - Keyboarding. Students will work to understand Windows, Managing Files, Folders, and Shortcuts. This class includes getting started with the Internet, Introduction of Microsoft Office 2000, and getting started with power point.

**Computer Applications II 222** Prerequisite - Computer Applications I - Getting started with Excel; Building and editing worksheets; Creating dynamic link between Excel and Word; Microsoft publisher and advanced PowerPoint presentations. Advanced Internet Applications and beginning website development.

**Introduction to Spanish 504** This course is designed to be an introduction to Spanish as a foreign language. It is meant to help students as they transition to the high school foreign language classes such as Spanish I or Latin I.

**Mixed Media Art I** This elective studio art course is designed to allow students to learn basic techniques and methods for ceramics, printmaking, fabric arts, and papermaking.

**Mixed Media Art II** This elective studio art course is designed to allow students to continue their work from Mixed Media Art I, but allows for more self-designed projects.

**Stem I** Prerequisite-Computer Applications I- (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) STEM education means that students are engaged in relevant, rigorous and relationship-based educational experiences. Students participate in project based curriculum that includes Conceptual Physics, Biotechnical Engineering, Engineering Design, Genetics and Science Flight. The end result is students being challenged to learn new materials in new ways.

