

# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COURSE OFFERINGS 2017/2018

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

## REQUIRED CORE COURSES

\_\_\_\_ HISTORY (8006)                      OR                      \_\_\_\_ ADVANCED HISTORY (8006A)  
\_\_\_\_ LANGUAGE ARTS (LA8)              OR                      \_\_\_\_ ADVANCED LANGUAGE ARTS\*\* (ADVLA8)  
\_\_\_\_ SCIENCE (8005)                      OR                      \_\_\_\_ ADVANCED SCIENCE\* (8005A)

\_\_\_\_ Pre-Algebra (8004) OR \_\_\_\_ ALGEBRA\*(8004A) OR \_\_\_\_ HONORS GEOMETRY\*(8008H)

### **\*Students will be placed in advanced courses based on the following criteria:**

Advanced Scores on current State Assessments or current grades in respective subject area 90% or higher. If your child is being placed in an Advanced Class, you will be notified by letter prior to the beginning of school. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Tracey Poole, Coordinator of Middle School Instruction, at the Middle School. Mrs. Poole can be reached at 513-897-4706 or by email at [tpoole@wayne-local.com](mailto:tpoole@wayne-local.com).

**For parents of gifted students:** Placement in an advanced class serves as gifted services for students with gifted identification of Superior Cognitive, Reading, Math, Science or Social Studies. If your child is identified in any of these areas, and **you do not want them placed in an advanced class of their gifted identification**, that is considered a waiver of gifted services. Please sign below if you **DO NOT** want your child in their designated advanced class(es).

I **do not** want my identified gifted child in the designated advanced class.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## HIGH SCHOOL FOREIGN LANGUAGE

\*\* Students who qualify for Advanced LA Language Arts and advanced scores on the State Assessments will have the opportunity to take Spanish I or French I 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*. That grade point average will ultimately be used to determine class rank, valedictorian, and salutatorian. If interested in being considered for this course, please indicate that below. **Spots in this course may be limited depending on demand at the high school level. (Year Course)**

\_\_\_\_ SPANISH I (521)                      OR                      \_\_\_\_ FRENCH I (5501)

**ELECTIVES:** For "Semester Electives" please choose 3 Semester Electives or the combination of 1 Year Elective and 1 semester. If taking a Foreign Language course only choose 1 Semester course. Your total day should equal 7 periods.

### **ONE SEMESTER ELECTIVES**

  X   PE (900) Required  
\_\_\_\_ GATEWAY (223)  
\_\_\_\_ MIXED MEDIA ART I (706)  
\_\_\_\_ MIXED MEDIA ART II (707)  
\_\_\_\_ INTRODUCTION TO DRAMA (710)  
\_\_\_\_ STEP PLUS (101)(Teacher Referral Only)

### **FULL YEAR ELECTIVES = (2 Semesters)**

\_\_\_\_ BAND (811)  
\_\_\_\_ CHOIR (713)

**Note:** If you desire to take a Foreign Language and the year elective of BAND or CHOIR, you will not be able to take GATEWAY until HS.

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

## 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**Band (811)** 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 7<sup>th</sup> graders during 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. **(Year)**

**Choir (713)**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.**(Year)**

**Introduction to Drama (710)** Introduction to Drama is a course where students will learn beginning stage skills and will practice performing and presenting ideas to an audience. This course will give students the opportunity to explore acting and other aspects of the theater. Students will read, direct, perform and evaluate skits in the classroom. **(Semester/Year)**

**Mixed Media Art I (706)** This elective studio art course is designed to allow students to learn basic techniques and methods for ceramics, printmaking, fabric arts, and papermaking. **(Semester)**

**Mixed Media Art II( 707)** 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.**(Semester)**

**Gateway (223)** **(Semester Course)/Combination of both classes listed below:**

### **Design and Modeling (9 weeks)**

Students discover the design process and develop an understanding of the influence of creativity and innovation in their lives. They are then challenged and empowered to use and apply what they've learned throughout the unit to design a therapeutic toy for a child who has cerebral palsy.

### **Automation and Robotics (9 weeks)**

Students learn about the history and impact of automation and robotics as they explore mechanical systems, energy transfer, machine automation, and computer control systems. Using the VEX Robotics® platform, students apply what they know to design and program traffic lights, robotic arms, and more.

### **STEP PLUS- (101) (Semester)**

A class period designed to provide extra help/remediation to students. **Teacher referral required.**