

Grade 7 Elective Courses

7th Band

7640/7641

Prerequisite: Knowledge of brass, wind, or percussion instrument. The purpose of this course is to teach comprehensive musicianship (musical style, technique, small ensemble skills, sight reading, etc) through performance in Concert Band, Marching Band (Parade Only), Solos, and Small Ensembles. Attendance at all performances and one contest is required.

7th Vocal Music

7630/7631

This class includes an emphasis on choral technique, developing an appreciation for music through listening and participation, and the study of elements of music. Attendance at programs/concerts and specified concert dress are required.

Industrial Tech

9601

Students design, build, and destructively test bridges using a 2D CAD to complete their final drawing. Students design, build, and race a CO₂ powered dragster. They will have the opportunity to use the Styrofoam cutter, drill press, scroll saw, and band saw to build their dragster. Students use industry standard 3D modeling software.

Creation by Design

9604

Students will problem solve using sketching and drafting techniques to create and design a product. They will work with many different types of media as they progress from the design stage into the production of their creation.

7th FACS

7650

This course introduces students to career and life literacy skills in all areas of Family and Consumer Sciences. Students will receive instruction in human development, interpersonal relationships, family life & childcare, nutrition & wellness, and career-related tasks. Careers in FACS pathways will also be explored.

Spanish

9612

This elective course presents basic structure and grammar of the Spanish language and encourages conversation with basic vocabulary. Cultural activities will expand student awareness of the customs and geography of Spanish-speaking countries.

STEM

9614

This class focuses on the Engineering Design Process. It will foster a learning environment in which students are guided to design and produce original ideas, objects, and structures using concepts and skills from engineering, science, math, and technology. Throughout this course students will also explore a variety of STEM careers.

Drama/Improv/Vocal

9616

Students receive an overview of theatre history, study significant plays and terms, and work with acting techniques, makeup, and set design. Students memorize and perform short scenes/plays. This class will include an emphasis on improv through the ages while also covering improv practices, performance, pop culture, and general theatre practices and etiquette.

Intro to Art

9618

Students have an opportunity to experience the "Elements of Design" through hands-on activities involving line, shape, color, texture, space, form, and value.

Advanced Art

9620

Prerequisite: Students must have passed Intro to Art with an A or B. Art courses provide activities that foster creative expression, communication through artistic endeavor, and appreciation of culture and heritage. Although typically involving the visual arts (drawing/painting/sculpture/etc) these courses may also include other forms of art such as dance, music, or theatre.

PE

9700/9702

Students will participate in a combination of team sports, individual sports, and officiating units. The program stresses basic fundamentals, terminology, and proper technique of a variety of sports that may include volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey, gymnastics, weight training, and more.

Weights/Conditioning

9706/9708

This class is designed for athletes that need strength training and conditioning to allow more success at higher levels of competition. This course develops a weightlifting and training program for muscular strength, flexibility, and conditioning. The lifting program will consist of core lifts that work the major muscle groups.



2020-2021
COURSE REGISTRATION FORM
Valley Center Middle School
7th Grade

Student Name: _____ **ID #:** _____

ELA Teacher: _____

Required Courses

7200/7201 7th Grade ELA
7300/7301 Course 2 Math
7400/7401 7th Grade Science
7500/7501 Geography/KS History

Elective course availability is
dependent upon class sizes and
staffing.

Alternate Electives:

Please include course name and number.

1. Course Number: _____
Course Name: _____
2. Course Number: _____
Course Name: _____

Elective Courses

Please choose **four** options and **two** alternates.

Please note that **Band and Vocal Music** are year-long classes so they each count as two choices.

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7630/7631 ___ Vocal Music
9601 ___ Industrial Technology
9604 ___ Creation by Design
7650 ___ 7th FACS
9612 ___ Spanish
9614 ___ STEM
9616 ___ Drama/Improv/Vocal
9618 ___ Introduction to Art
9620 ___ Advanced Art
9700/9702 ___ Girls/Boys PE
9706/9708 ___ Girls/Boys Weights and Conditioning

Parents/Guardians: Please read and discuss this information with your student and complete this form. If you have any questions, please call VCMS at 316-755-7060 to speak with a counselor (Mrs. K, last name A-K; Mrs. Yoho, last name L-Z). Please return this to your student's ELA teacher by **Monday, February 3rd**.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____