

7th GRADE ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**** Electives are year- long classes; therefore, changing an elective is not allowed once a class begins.**

****Make sure you write your first and second choices on your schedule card.**

ART 7

One Year: 7th graders

The art course is designed to introduce the fundamentals of art and design, and to develop an appreciation of visual art. Students will explore a variety of materials in two-dimensional and three-dimensional activities. They will develop skills with media, processes, and craftsmanship. Students will identify problems, and use imagination in finding unique solutions.

HOME ECONOMICS 7

One Year: 7th graders **\$10 nonrefundable lab fee required**

The course is designed to introduce students to personal development, family relations, child development, career choices, time and money management, clothing, and food and nutrition. In the sewing unit students will learn basic sewing techniques, how to operate a sewing machine, and fabric selection. They will apply skills taught through the construction of a clothing and craft project. In the cooking unit students will learn about nutrition and food preparation techniques. Application of skills will be provided through numerous cooking experiences.

INTERMEDIATE BAND (beginner) or ADVANCED BAND

One Year (Band Fee required): 7th graders

Students will need an instrument in good playing condition, as determined by the band director. Membership in the band includes attendance at all rehearsals, sectionals, and performances (football games, parades, concerts, etc.).

CHORUS

One Year: 7th graders

Students will participate in District Honor Competition, as well as perform for special occasions such as Christmas, Veterans Day, and Awards Night. Students who enroll in Chorus will be required to attend rehearsals before and after school.

PIANO

One Year - 7th graders

Students do not need experience but must have access to a piano or keyboard at home.

SPANISH

One Year: 7th

Spanish will be offered to 7th graders with their English teacher's recommendation. This introductory course covers basic conversation, vocabulary, grammar, and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. Listening, speaking, reading, writing, and translating skills are emphasized.

YEARBOOK

One Year- 7th grade

The Yearbook Class requires a large degree of participation, responsibility, and maturity on the part of the students, who will have to be self-starters, be organized, and be committed to a quality product. This may entail working at home or after school, when production deadlines near, staying after school or through lunch when necessary, and covering events away from school. Furthermore, due to the nature of the course, students must be problem solvers, they must be able to overcome the frustrations and setbacks inherent in production classes, and they must be able to work effectively and efficiently with others. Students must complete an application packet from Ms. Vander. This course is limited in the number of students form each grade.

GATEWAY TO TECHNOLOGY (GTT7)

One Year- This class is an engaging and thought-provoking place, where students develop critical thinking skills through hands-on project-based learning and using the foundations of engineering to solve real-world problems. Students will have the opportunity to create, design and build things like robots and cars, applying what they are learning in math and science to the world's challenges. In addition, assessment and evaluation are critical components of PLTW's program. **The recommendation from the student's science & math teacher is required.**

