

7th Grade Course Selections

All general education students must complete the follow courses:

Required Courses – Year Long

- Science (Foundations of Science I) – An issue-oriented course focusing on life science, scientific inquiry, and the nature of science
- Global Studies – A course which examines various cultures and geographic characteristics of selected world areas emphasizing interdependence, the scarcity of resources, environmental problems, different governments, and the diversity of cultures.
- Language Arts – Instruction in reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing, visual expression, and non-verbal communication by incorporating language learning, creative composition, writing for learning, and creative dramatics.
- Literacy 7 or Literacy 7A - A course whose goal is to help students learn strategies to become engaged, fluent, and competent readers of a variety of texts that are encountered in the personal and academic lives of students.
- Math – The selection of a math tract is a collaborative effort among the student, parent/guardian, counselor, and current 6th grade math teacher. Full course descriptions can be found in the program of studies on the NWJH web-site. Math courses available are Math 7A, Math 7, Pre-Algebra 7, Algebra, and Geometry. See attached math flow chart.
- Physical Education – A course designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to engage in a physically active, healthy lifestyle throughout life. Areas of focus include health related fitness, lifetime physical activity, and health/wellness concepts and skills.

Required Courses – One Trimester Long

- Personal Development (7th gr.) - A course centered on building self-confidence through communication, learning about emotions and self-discipline, improving peer relations, developing decision making and goal setting skills with an emphasis on drug and alcohol prevention.
- Typing/Keyboarding (7th gr.) – A course emphasizing touch-typing skills and more advanced computer and software skills
- Art (7th or 8th gr.) – The course employs a variety of two and three dimensional media form and encourages critical thought and creative problem solving techniques. Areas of study include drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, calligraphy, design, and art history.
- Family Consumer Science 1 (7th or 8th gr.)- A course designed to help teens prepare for independence and to be a contributing family member. Areas of study include, babysitting, clothing care and repair, sewing, safety, money management, cooking, basic nutrition, and home ecology.
- General Music (7th or 8th gr. unless enrolled in band, choir, or orchestra) – A course that introduces, reviews, or extends learning about the elements of music. Areas of study include elements of music, music and technology, and acoustic and electronic instruments.

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Electives – Year Long

- Foreign/World Language - These high school level courses meet every other day with an emphasis on speaking, reading, writing, listening, and culture. Please read the tan colored world language sheet for more information.
 - French 1A
 - German 1A
 - Spanish 1A

- Fine Arts – These courses meet everyday unless a scheduling conflict exists.
 - Band 7 – Students participate in daily group rehearsal and in individual or small group lessons once a week. Public performances are given as a culmination of this study and are a requirement of the course.

 - Choir 7 – This course involves the study of many styles and types of choral music written for two and three part voices. Developing singing skills and music fundamentals are an important part of this study. Public performances are given as a culmination of this study and are a requirement of this course.

 - Orchestra 7 – The performance of fine quality, well-written string literature played in an accurate and musical style is a trademark of this group. Students receive weekly lessons which focus on developing their technique through the study of scales, etudes, and solo pieces. Public performances are given as a culmination of this study and are a requirement of this course.

