

HARRIS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

7th Grade Course Descriptions

REQUIRED CORE CLASSES

MATH 7 – Students learn and practice grade level mathematics including number sense, algebra, measurement, geometry, data analysis and probability. The Utah Core curriculum can be found at www.usoe.org.

SCIENCE 7 - Science is a foundation course which emphasizes the broad perspective of science, rather than theoretical details. The content of the course focuses on living as well as nonliving things and the relationships between them. The course has a hands-on orientation in which students learn and use the basic science laboratory skills. The Utah Core curriculum can be found at www.usoe.org.

LANGUAGE ARTS 7 - This course helps develop skills in critical thinking, reading, writing, listening and speaking, and inquiry. Students also study and apply the elements of grammar, usage and mechanics within their own writing. The Utah Core curriculum can be found at www.usoe.org.

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED COURSES

7TH GRADE PHYSICAL EDUCATION (1 Trimester) - In this course there will be an emphasis on enjoying an active lifestyle, social interactions, and incorporating principles of fitness into daily life. The course will also help students develop skills and knowledge in a variety of team sports, games and activities.

HEALTHY HABITS FOR LIFE (1 Trimester) – This course will help students develop personal habits that will give them valuable tools for building a healthy, happy, and successful life. These habits will help students improve self-esteem, build strong relationships, resist peer pressure, be proactive, communicate more effectively, achieve their goals, and much more.

UTAH STUDIES (1 Trimester) - This survey course provides an orientation of the geographic features of the intermountain area. The students acquire an understanding of the social, political, economic, and religious factors which contributed to the development of the State of Utah.

COLLEGE AND CAREER AWARENESS (3 Trimesters) - (formally known as CTE – Career Technical Education) is a three trimester class taught by a team of teachers and the school counselors. It allows students (through activity-centered lessons) to utilize technology, develop beginning skills, and explore careers. The course provides information regarding additional courses and training related to each student's career field of interest, as they begin to prepare for college and career.

It is the policy of Utah Career and Technical Education (CTE) that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal assistance. Equal opportunity is a priority of the Utah State Office of Education.

Any persons seeking further information on nondiscrimination policies or wishing to file a grievance under Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 are encouraged to contact Terry Jackson, Assistant Superintendent, (435) 734-4800.

ELECTIVES (Multiple trimesters)

BAND (2 or 3 Trimesters) - **Prerequisite: 6th Grade OR Beginning Band.** Students in this class will continue their study of instrumental fundamentals in a large class setting. The students will perform in various concerts.

ORCHESTRA (2 Trimesters) - **Prerequisite: 6th Grade OR Beginning Orchestra.** Students who have passed the requirements for the 6th grade orchestra will be advanced to this orchestra class where the music is more difficult. The students will perform in various concerts.

BEGINNING BAND (2 Trimesters) - This class is for students who have had no previous experience in band. Instruments may be rented from the school as available. The students will perform in various concerts.

BEGINNING ORCHESTRA (2 Trimesters) - This class is for students who have had no previous experience in orchestra. Instruments may be rented from the school as available. The students will perform in various concerts.

ELECTIVES (Single trimester each)

ART - Students will learn the five elements of shape and drawing. They will complete a variety of projects using various media. They will also learn about other artistic styles.

BEGINNING THEATER - The basics of theatre vocabulary combined with theatrical activities and mini in-class performances are introduced. There is a focus on character analysis, script analysis, performance, and theatre genres as well as theatre etiquette, safety and technological support. Written, oral and performance assessments are utilized.

INTERMEDIATE THEATER – This class is for any student who has a desire to perform in a play or musical. We will study various performance techniques and prepare an end of trimester performance for parents. Students can take both drama classes in sequence.

CHOIR - Any student interested in singing in a group setting may join this chorus. Songs will be sung in unison, two- and three-part voicing. Various elements of music such as rhythm, melody, harmony, music history, and instruments will also be studied.

BEGINNING SPANISH - This course is designed to strengthen a student's understanding of oral communication processes and improve communication skills.

COMPUTER 7 – Learn how a computer computes! Students will learn how to use the many resources available on the internet and go on internet scavenger hunts. They will use their student e-mail account and send and receive e-mails. They will create their own web page and explore different photo software to create photo stories.

JOURNALISM - Prerequisite Application. This class is for students who love to read and write. Students will write and create the school newspaper and yearbook. **Contact the office for application.**

HONORS HISTORY - Prerequisite Application. Students who like COMPETITION and have a love for history will want this class! Students will spend 12 weeks researching and preparing projects for the Regional History Fair held at Utah State University, where they will compete against students from various schools in Northern Utah. Once research is collected and organized, students will be able to create a documentary, a website, an exhibit, a performance or skit, or write a paper for the competition. **Contact Mrs. Wilcox in Room 23 for application.**

HONORS SCIENCE – Prerequisite Application. This class is designed to let advanced science students explore, create, and learn about the world around us. This will include starting with the tiniest of matter (atoms and molecules), taking a look at the inside of earth, learning about cells, exploring our inherited traits, and classifying the observable world. Class is proposed for students who are considering a career in Science related fields. **Contact Mrs. M. Jones in Room 3 for application.**

ADVANCED CHOIR – Prerequisite Application. This is a great choir for those wishing to have a well-rounded choral experience. Intermediate level music will be learned and performed, enhanced by choreography. A music background is preferred, but not required. **Contact Mrs. Johnson in Room 22 for application.**

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:

OFFICE AIDE

PEER TUTOR

LIBRARY AIDE Each of these is a

1-Trimester class which requires a **separate application (available in the office)** to be filled out and approved. If the student is selected for any of these, the course would **REPLACE** one of the three electives signed up for on the Class Request Form. Electives should be listed in order of **PREFERENCE** so the most desired class would not be the one dropped.

- Each 7th grade student will be able to take a **TOTAL of 3 trimesters** of elective classes in addition to the required courses listed on the opposite side of this form.
- Resource students will be hand-scheduled into a core. A resource teacher will be teamed with a core teacher