



## Seventh Grade Middle School Course Descriptions Sheboygan Area School District

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### **English Language Arts 7 (Required)**

This class integrates the language arts of reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Students use reading strategies while reading various types of literature including short stories, novels, and informational text selections. Students use the writing process as they explore expository, persuasive, and creative writing. Grammar instruction will focus on standard English usage and application through reading, writing, speaking, and listening activities.

### **Math 7 (Required)**

Course 2 focus on four critical areas: (1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; (2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; (3) solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, and working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and (4) drawing inferences about populations based on samples.

### **Accelerated Math**

The Accelerated Course combines the core content from Course 2 and Course 3 into one course.

### **Science 7 (Required)**

The middle school science program places an emphasis on teaching science standards in the areas of earth, life, and physical science. Students have an opportunity to better understand the concepts and scientific knowledge through laboratory experiences, reading, and writing.

### **Social Studies 7 (Required)**

Students will explore and study people, places, cultures, and events dating back to ancient civilizations. Students explore various continents and cultures with a focus on multicultural understanding. Students will look at the old to understand the new, discuss the past and interpret the present through current events. The 2018 Wisconsin State Standards are the foundation in which the curriculum is built with an emphasis on the Inquiry process. The goal of seventh grade social studies is to explore people, places, cultures, and events so students have a greater understanding and acceptance of the world we live in today.

### **Physical Education 7 (Required)**

Students participate in a wide variety of activities while also promoting physical fitness. Students review and practice individual skills, team concepts, rules, and safety introduced during the 6th grade. Participation for all students regardless of ability is a continued priority.

### **Health 7 (Required)**

The curriculum includes units on wellness, body systems, drug use, inhalants, tobacco, and human growth and development. Problem solving and decision-making skills that relate to all of these topics are reinforced and discussed.

### **STEM 7 (Required)**

The importance of safety, the ability to problem-solve, and an appreciation for a quality product continue to be developed as students design and develop more complex and challenging products. Projects are centered around wood and metal working. Students will also be introduced to the world of architecture through planning and creating a 3 dimensional floor plan. As a part of the PLTW curriculum, students will learn about mechanical engineering through 3 dimensional drawing techniques. Students will learn how to take their 3 dimensional drawings and convert them into 3D printing projects.



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### **FACE 7 (Required)**

7th grade Life Management skills with Family/Consumer Science: Development of management skills for living in a family will be the guiding theme for this course. How to plan and prepare meals for yourself and the family are developed in kitchen labs. This will help to connect the money side of the family food budget in today's life and for the future. Students will learn basic repair and replacement skills in clothing maintenance as well as general care and personalization of clothing. We will explore room layout, personalizing space, and organization within your living environment. Throughout the course, students will develop real life connections, including connections to technological opportunities for family support.

### **Life Readiness 7 (Required)**

This course will provide life skills for adolescent learners as they learn to deal with emotional and social situations. This class will also provide coping strategies, tips and tricks for finding positive resolutions to common adolescent problems. As 7th graders you will begin your deep dive into the academic and career planning process of KNOW, EXPLORE, PLAN, and GO. The goal of this class is to prepare each child to be 'Future Ready.'

### **WIN 7 (Required)**

WIN (What I Need) is a non-graded class designed to develop specific skills in students that may need additional instruction in core academic subjects. In addition, students that need intervention, general support, and other skill building during this time. For those students in need of enrichment this time will be used to challenge these students.

### **Band 7 (All Year – Elective)**

Band 7 is open to all students who have previously played or are interested in learning brass, woodwind or percussion instruments. Students work on their individual and group performance skills while learning rhythms, notes, and musical terms. Students also learn about music from other cultures, historical periods, and learn to play a large variety of musical styles. Students will use improvisation, composition, musical analysis, and critiquing to learn about music. Students involved in this course will have the opportunity to perform in the jazz ensemble and Middle School Music Festival. Students will participate in class, small group lessons, and evening performances 2-3 times a year.

### **Orchestra 7 (All Year – Elective)**

Orchestra 7 is open to all students who have previously played or are interested in learning violin, viola, cello, or string bass. Students continue the development of individual and ensemble instrumental skills as well as broaden their understanding of music as a craft. Students will learn a wide variety of music, and continue to experiment with improvisation and composition. They will also use critique and musical analysis to think about the music they hear. Students are expected to attend class rehearsals, and small group lessons as well as perform at 2-3 evening concerts. Middle School Music Festival participation is encouraged but not required.

### **Chorus 7 (Elective)**

Chorus 7 is a great opportunity for students to grow their singing skills and perform in a concert. Students will continue instruction in correct use of the voice when performing unison and harmony in two-part or even three-part music. The students in this class will be expected to participate in all performance opportunities, including one evening concert during the semester.



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### **General Music 7 (Elective)**

General Music 7 is a class for students who want to learn about music, but are not necessarily interested in a performing ensemble. Students will be learning a variety of music styles through exploring various units, which could include basic piano, music history, and music composition.

### **Introduction to World Languages (Elective) -**

The Introduction to World Languages class offered at SASD Middle School level, will include French, Spanish, and German - and their associated cultures. This class will be taught by World Language teachers and is not required in order to take a World Language in 8th grade. This course is intended to provide experiences in the world languages and to help students make informed choices in 8th grade about the world language they would like to take. This will be an every other day class for one semester.

### **Art 7 (Elective)**

In this semester elective course, students continue developing concepts in color theory, elements, and principles of design as well as art history. Students also have the opportunity to work with a variety of art materials to create two-dimensional and three-dimensional projects.