

Jordan Middle School



Scheduling & Registration Information

Today we will...



- Look briefly at course handbooks
 - Discover where to find them on the JMS Website
- Learn about course offerings:
 - Required courses
 - Exploratory courses
 - Elective courses
- Review course request contracts

How to find course handbooks....

Go to the [JPS Home Page](#)

Course Handbooks



Sample Schedule



Sample Student Schedule

Grade 8	
1	Advisory
2	Science
3	Language
4	Social Studies
5	Math
6	Lunch and WIN (What I Need) <small>*Students in band and/or choir will have these classes in place of WIN</small>
7	Exploratory Hour 1
	Physical Education Health
8	Exploratory Hour 2
	Technology Essentials Industrial Technology
9	Elective Hour Options
	HS Spanish 1 (Full Year) OR
	Elective Option #1 (See Below) Elective Option #2 (See Below)

Required Courses



Every 5th & 6th grade student is required to take these courses:

- Language
- Reading
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science

Placement in honors or academic support courses will be determined after the registration process is complete. Please see course registration guide for entrance and exit criteria for honors or academic support classes.

Required Courses



Every 7th & 8th grade student is required to take these courses:

- Language
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science

Placement in honors or academic support courses will be determined after the registration process is complete. Please see course registration guide for entrance and exit criteria for honors or academic support classes.

Exploratory Courses



What is an exploratory course?

The goal of exploratory classes at the middle level is to provide a diverse exploratory option for ALL students at JMS. These classes capitalize on the curiosity of middle level learners while exposing them to a wide range of topics in order to see new ideas or skills they may not know they have.

All students will take exploratory courses.

Exploratory Courses



All 5th grade students will take these exploratory courses*:

- Physical Education
- Music Application
- Art
- Elective Wheel:
 - Creative Connections
 - Make it or Break it
 - Jordan & the World Around Us
 - Fitness & Recreation

All 6th grade students will take these exploratory courses*:

- Physical Education
- Art
- Technology Formatting and Application
- Elective wheel
 - Game Based Problem Solving
 - Building and Design
 - Fitness & Recreation
 - Skills for Success

*If you are a student who meets the criteria for academic support courses, these courses may be scheduled during your elective or exploratory hour. This will mean you may not have an elective or exploratory class.

Exploratory Courses



All 7th grade students will take these exploratory courses*:

- Physical Education
- Media Production & Application
- FACS
- Exploratory Spanish

All 8th grade students will take these exploratory courses*:

- Physical Education
- Health
- Industrial Technology
- Technology Essentials

*If you are a student who meets the criteria for academic support courses, these courses may be scheduled during your elective or exploratory hour. This will mean you may not have an elective or exploratory class.

Elective Courses



Elective courses are courses that students **request** at Jordan Middle School.

It is important to remember these electives are requests and are not guaranteed.

This is why we always choose “alternates” in the event that a course is unable to fit in your schedule for any reason.

Elective Courses



Grades 5 & 6:

Choose between Band, Choir, or Band AND Choir

Grades 7 & 8:

Choose 4 elective options (2 per semester) AND 3 alternate options

You can find elective option cheat sheets by grade level on the JMS Academic Support website.

Why or Why not Spanish in 8th grade?



- **Foreign Language**

- NOT a requirement to graduate High School
- Sometimes required to get into college

- **High School credit**

- The grade you receive will be reflected on your high school transcript
- You *can* choose to wait to take Spanish until high school!
- A difficult, high school level class with pre-requisites to be in the class

- **College Credits at JHS**

- If you take Spanish in 8th grade it opens up opportunities to gain free college credits at JHS by continuing with Spanish
- By taking in middle school it opens elective options later in High School

- **Lose elective opportunities at JMS**

- Choir or Band is still available during WIN time
- No other electives - this is an everyday class

SAMPLE Course Request Contract

GRADE 8
COURSE REQUEST CONTRACT
JORDAN MIDDLE SCHOOL



REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

THESE COURSES ARE AUTOMATICALLY REQUESTED FOR YOU
PLACEMENT IN HONORS AND/OR REMEDIAL COURSES WILL BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE

Core Courses

Language
Math
Science
Social Studies

Exploratory Courses

Physical Education
Health
Industrial Education
Technology Essentials

Student First & Last Name (Print Legibly)

Student ID # (Print Legibly)

Due Date:

Alternate Elective Choices

Students must choose 3 alternate electives in the event that an elective is not offered or does not work in their schedule.

ELECTIVE COURSE REQUEST

Please write in your elective request followed by the course #

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

In signing this contract, both students and parents agree to remain enrolled in the courses requested for the duration of the course.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

What if I need a support class?



If you are a student who meets the criteria for academic support courses, these courses may be scheduled during your elective and/or exploratory hour. This will mean you may not have an elective or exploratory class.

We still need you to make your elective *request* so that it is on file depending on where you are scheduled.

Support courses include any reading, math, or IEP Goal support.

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