



Truman Middle School Curriculum Night

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6:30 p.m.



A National Blue Ribbon School



INTRODUCTIONS



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What will you learn tonight?

- Understand the components of the 7th and 8th grade schedule
- Highlight features of the Truman Middle School program
- Answer parents questions about middle school student scheduling for future 7th and 8th graders



Understanding Courses

Core

Challenge

Exploratory

Elective

Intervention/Specialty



Core Classes

Mandatory courses in which all students must participate to meet state standards:

- English Language Arts (ELA)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Health and Fitness



Challenge Classes

Core courses offering advanced learners* an opportunity to explore greater depths of content knowledge and critical thinking skills:

- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies

Challenge Appeal Form

**Challenge criteria = Teachers make recommendations based on academic grade reports, MAP scores, eValuate scores, and student interest and motivation. Form will be shared the week of 2/6-10.*



Exploratory Classes

Semester-long, alternating day courses offering opportunities to discover and explore specialized interests, aptitudes, and abilities in the fine and practical arts:

- Art
- Digital Literacy
- Drama
- General Music
- Design & Modeling (7th) & Automation & Robotics (8th)
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Keyboarding



Elective Classes

Year-long, daily or alternating day student selected courses offer opportunities to pursue special activities and interests

- Modern Languages: French, German, Spanish
 - 7th grade - year long **alternating day**
 - 8th grade - year long **every day** (upon successful completion student receives one unit of credit towards high school graduation requirements)
- Band
- Choir
- Orchestra



Specialized Classes

- **Intervention Classes** - course offerings designed to provide supplemental small group instruction for students who may have gaps in understanding of essential reading or mathematical skills - **math lab, reading strategies, academic lab**
- **IEP/Resource Classes** - course offerings designed to meet student learning needs as indicated in the Individualized Educational Plan (IEP)
- **LEAP** - course offering designed for gifted students providing enrichment, extension, and curriculum explorations
- **High School Credit Courses** - Algebra, Geometry, Spanish, German, French. All have specific requirements to obtain high school credit.



7th and 8th Grade Schedules



- 7 period day =
5 core + 2 exploratory/electives
- *All* students participate in 5 core courses

Basic 7th or 8th Grade Schedule

7th Grade

1. ELA
2. A Day Explo/Elective
B Day Explo/Elective
3. Science
4. Social Studies
5. A Day Explo/Elective
B Day Explo/Elective
6. Math
7. Health and Fitness

8th Grade

1. A Day Explo/Elective
B Day Explo/Elective
2. Math
3. Science
4. Social Studies
5. Health and Fitness
6. A Day Explo/Elective
B Day Explo/Elective
7. ELA



Sample 7th Grade Schedule

7th Grade

Band and Modern Language

1. ELA
2. A-French/B-FACS (Sem 1)
A-French/B-Art (Sem 2)
3. Science
4. Social Studies
5. Band
6. Health and Fitness
7. Math

7th Grade

Explo and Intervention

1. ELA
2. A-Reading/B-Tech Ed (Sem 1)
A-Reading/B-Drama (Sem 2)
3. Science
4. Social Studies
5. A-Dig Lit/B-Gen Music (Sem1)
A-Keyboard/B-Art (Sem 2)
6. Math
7. Health and Fitness



Sample 8th Grade Schedule

8th Grade

Band and Modern Language

1. French
2. Math
3. Science
4. Social Studies
5. Health and Fitness
6. Band
7. ELA

8th Grade

Explo and Intervention

1. A-Reading/B-Tech Ed (Sem1)
A-Reading/B-Drama (Sem 2)
2. Math
3. Science
4. Social Studies
5. Health and Fitness
6. A-Dig Lit/B-Gen Music (Sem1)
A-Keyboard/B-Art (Sem 2)
7. ELA



Next Steps

- **Students and parents review recommended course selections**
- **8th grade students choose elective courses**
- **Students return recommendation form to social studies teacher by February 23, 2018**



Questions?