

**Course Selection
Presentation
for 2024-2025
7th Grade
Class**



When can current 6th graders' parents and guardians go online to the Parent Portal to view teachers' recommendation?

- **From Monday, February 12 through Friday, February 23**
- Course selection dates and information have been sent out to your parents or guardians.
- There was a parent Zoom meeting on January 30 to share more specifics on the course selection process.



COURSE DESCRIPTION GUIDE

2024-2025 Course Description Guide



West Chester Area School District

GRADES 7 AND 8

2024-25 COURSE DESCRIPTION GUIDE

**Parent Information Night
Tuesday, January 30, 2024**

Fugett Middle School
Office: 484-266-2900

Peirce Middle School
Office: 484-266-2500

Stetson Middle School
Office: 484-266-2700



The mission of the West Chester Area School District is
to educate and inspire our students to achieve their personal best.

What classes do my parents and I get to pick?

- You must select one music class. Any student wanting to join a new performance class (Band, Chorus, Orchestra) next year needs to speak with the teacher of that class to make sure it will be a good fit.
- If you will not be in Band, Chorus or Orchestra class, then you must select Classroom Music.



Reading or World Language

READING

OR

WORLD LANGUAGE

- **Last formal year to learn skill-based reading strategies and practice important comprehension skills**



- **Pre-requisites of highly proficient to advanced on 5th and 6th grade Reading PSSAs and all As and Bs in Honors English and Honors Reading classes in grade 6**
- **French 1, German 1, Italian 1, Latin 1 and Spanish 1**
- **Taught on a high school level with 20-30 minutes of homework and practice assigned each day!**
- **No high school credit for World Language classes taken in middle school!**

Who Can Sign-Up for a World Language?

- Students who are not recommended for Reading Through Time 7, Reading Plus 7, Reading 7, Decoding 7 or ELL-MS courses, can select a World Language or Reading Through Time Honors and an alternate Language or Reading Honors for 7th grade.
- The World Language classes are taught at a high school level with 20-30 minutes of homework a night.
- These are not exploratory language classes.
- If you take the 1st and 2nd year of a World Language in middle school and pass the classes, then you will be recommended to take the 3rd year of that same World Language in 9th grade, and it is at an Honors level.



World Language Offerings

West Chester Area School District

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In order to be a successful 7th grade world language student, a student should ...

- **Be able to work independently when necessary.**
- **Be accepting and respectful of multi-cultural diversity.**
- **Be highly motivated and inquisitive about learning new things.**
- **Be very organized and demonstrate good study habits.**
- **Be willing to take risks and enjoy exploring and experimenting with new content.**
- **Complete homework, class work, projects, and other assigned tasks on time.**
- **Demonstrate accountability, dependability, and responsibility for learning with teacher as facilitator.**
- **Demonstrate with consistency a positive work ethic and attitude.**
- **Demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening.**
- **Exhibit self-advocacy skills and demonstrate good self-confidence.**
- **Exhibit the ability to think critically and to ask probing questions.**
- **Participate actively and enthusiastically in all classroom activities.**
- **Work collaboratively with others when working in pairs or small groups.**
- **Work diligently to achieve his/her goals.**

READING EXPECTATIONS

Using grade level text a 7th grader is expected to:

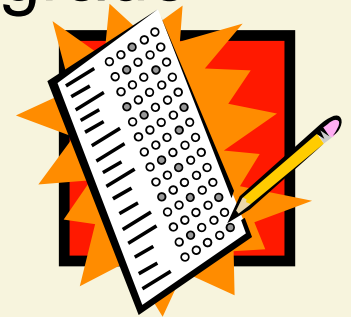
- Determine/Analyze Central Idea and/or Theme as it develops; supporting ideas; provide an objective summary
- Acquire and use grade appropriate vocabulary and phrases
- Evaluate author's argument, reasoning, claims.
- Provide evidence from the text and draw inferences based on what is stated in the text
- Analyze nonfiction to determine the text structure and determine how it contributes to the meaning
- Analyze two authors' interpretations of same topic
- Read and comprehend nonfiction/informational texts
- Probe arguments in persuasive, informational, and literary text and observe how they build to a whole
- Determine the point of view in a story and how it influences the plot

What are some 7th Grade *Reading Through Time* Activities?

- In 7th grade reading you will do a whole class read of The Outsiders which is a great story about a narrator trying to find their identity amidst a community separated into two gangs.
- This class also includes many digital and creative, project-based learning and assessments based on the readings. Be prepared to read and explore all different type of genres and texts both independently, and in small groups. Learn what types of books are your style and find entertainment in the books you choose to read!

Important Information!

- Course Description Guides are viewable on the WCASD and Fugett websites.
- Ask your teachers if you have questions regarding next year's classes
- There is still much more data (such as 6th grade PSSA results, your final grades,) that will be looked at prior to schedules and levels being finalized.
- DO YOUR BEST on the 6th grade PSSAs and in class each day because your grades and results will be taken into consideration for 7th grade course level placements!



**NEXT YOU'LL SEE WHAT PARENT
PORTAL SCREENS WILL LOOK LIKE
WHEN A PARENT AND YOU LOG-ON TO
MAKE YOUR COURSE CHOICES**



PowerSchool – Student Course Requests:

Entering Course Requests On-Line:

1. Go to: <https://ps.wcasd.net/public/> and log into the Parent Portal.



The image shows the PowerSchool login interface. At the top, the word "PowerSchool" is displayed in a blue, sans-serif font. Below the title is a white login box with a thin border. Inside the box, there are two input fields: the top one is labeled "Username" and the bottom one is labeled "Password". Below the password field is a small, blue, underlined link that says "Forgot your member name or password?". At the bottom center of the login box is a blue button with the word "Enter" written on it in white.

2. Click the **Class Registration** link.



VIEW COURSE REQUESTS

- You will be welcomed to your school's Class Registration System. Click on the link to View Course Requests to view courses recommended by your teachers. The course requests screen will open.



[View course requests](#)

Crs Num	Course	Type	Cr Hrs	Requirements
1. 0000	Lunch	Required	0.00	
2. 7001	English 7	Required	0.00	
3. 7012	Rdg Thru Time 7	Required	0.00	
4. 7021	Math 7	Required	0.00	
5. 7090	E. Am. His & Geog.	Required	0.00	
6. 7040	Science 7	Required	0.00	
7. 7500	Art 7	Required	0.00	
8. 7600	FCB 7	Required	0.00	
9. 7700	Energy/Comm. Tech	Required	0.00	
10. 7710	Computer Science 7	Required	0.00	
11. 7800	Class. Music 7	Required	0.00	
12. 7900	Health 7	Required	0.00	
13. 7910	PE 7	Required	0.00	
Total Credit Hours Requested			0.00	

- After viewing the teacher recommendations, click on the **Class Registration** link again to select electives.









Selecting 7th Grade Courses in Parent Portal

If a Red X is next to the pencil, you cannot make a selection.

5. **Click** on the edit link for Electives by clicking on the pencil across from the Electives category.

Welcome to the J. R. Fugett Middle School Class Registration System for 2024-2025 School Year


[View course requests](#)

World Language/Reading	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒	 
Before proceeding, please click the 'View Course Requests' link at the top of the page to see if your child was recommended for Reading by his/her teacher. If so, then no further action is needed. If Reading wasn't recommended, please select a World Language or Reading Through Time 7 Honors by clicking on the pencil to the right.		
Number of requests to generate : 1		
World Language/Reading Alternate	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒	 
Please select a second World Language or Reading course in case your first choice is not available.		
Number of requests to generate : 1		
7th Grade Music	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒	 
Please click on the pencil to the right to select your music choice.		
Number of requests to generate : 1		
Additional Requests	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒	 
Requests that are currently not associated with any requirement group.		
Requires at least 0 credit hours.		
Requesting 0 credit hours.		
Requesting 0 additional credit hours.		

Selecting 7th Grade Courses in Parent Portal, if a Student is Not Recommended for a Reading Class

World Language/Reading ✕

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name ▲	Number	Course Description	Credits	 Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	French 1 7th gr	7201		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	German 1	7203		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Italian 1	7204		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Latin 1	8404		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reading Through Time 7 Honors	7011		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish 1 7th gr	7202		0		

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✓ You may select up to 1 course. You have selected 0 course(s).

Cancel **Okay**

YOU MUST SELECT A MUSIC COURSE!

7th Grade Music ✕

Please click on the pencil to the right to select your music choice.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name ▲	Number	Course Description	Credits	 Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Band 7	7820		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chorus 7	7810		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class. Music 7	7800		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Orchestra 7	7830		0		

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! You may select 1 course. You have selected 0 courses.

Click **SUBMIT**

- After you make your selection(s) in Power School/Parent Portal, you must click **“SUBMIT.”**

COURSE WAIVER FORM

(Due to Ms. Simpson by Friday, March 22)



COURSE PLACEMENT WAIVER AGREEMENT

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During the course selection process, teachers make recommendations for individual students carefully after considering a variety of data. If you have questions about the course and/or level that you feel would be most appropriate for your child or would like more information on your child's current recommendation, it is strongly encouraged that you contact your child's recommending teacher or counselor. If, after consideration, you still wish to override the teacher recommendation, please complete the following section of this form:

Student's Name: _____ Current School: _____
School Counselor: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Recommended Course/level to be changed:

Course Name/Level: _____
Course Name/Level: _____
Course Name/Level: _____

Parent/Student Selected Course/Level to be added:

Course Name/Level: _____
Course Name/Level: _____
Course Name/Level: _____

- I request that my child be placed in the courses I have selected and listed above. I have discussed the selections with my child's teacher and understand why my child did not meet the criteria for the particular courses. However, after careful consideration of these criteria, I still believe that the courses we have selected represent the appropriate placement for my child.
- I understand and accept full responsibility to provide my child with any support or remediation that may be needed to ensure his/her success in this course.
- I fully understand that a request to reverse this waiver and place my child in the class originally recommended by the teacher is not guaranteed. Placement in the original teacher recommended course after my request is approved is based upon availability, considering predetermined class sizes. If the original teacher recommended course has reached the maximum capacity, my child will remain in the course I requested.
- I fully understand that waiving into this course does not guarantee placement in this course.
- I understand that this agreement does not allow a student to skip prior coursework needed to fulfill a course prerequisite.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

When Must All
Students/Parents Select the
Elective Course(s)?

From Monday, February 12
through
Friday, February 23

QUESTIONS?

