

### J.R. Fugett Middle School Rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Course Selection Meeting

January 30, 2024



## Course Selection Important Dates

February 7: Teacher recommendation window closes

**February 12–23:** Unified Arts course selection for students and parents

March 22: Course Placement Waiver Agreements are due

#### Ways to access course selection information

WCASD Course Selection Website

2024-2025 Course Description Guide





### Middle School Leveling

#### 7th Grade

- English
- Reading
- Math

#### 8th Grade

- English
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

- Different levels are designed to challenge students based on learning abilities and needs
- Rigor levels are closely align to WCASD high schools' rigor levels

### Middle School Leveling

#### **Grade Level**

- Students who can learn at a continuous pace
- Courses provide essential skills & content knowledge aligned to grade level standards
- Collaborative & guided learning through a variety of instructional activities and assessments

#### **Honors**

- Students who can learn enriched content at a challenging pace
- Rigorous grade level curriculum
- Collaborative, guided, & self-directed learning through a variety of instructional activities and assessments

#### **Accelerated Honors**

- Students who can learn advanced content at an accelerated pace
- Rigorous
   curriculum that
   extends beyond
   grade level
- Collaborative & self-directed learning through a variety of instructional activities and assessments



#### **Placement Decisions**

- Placement of students into appropriate courses is an important factor that contributes to student success.
- Multiple data points: PSSA, student performance in class, and teacher recommendations.
- Additional assessment data may be considered should any be available for individual students.
- Questions about recommended course levels, should be directed to your child's teacher



# Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Selections



# Reading <u>or</u> World Language

7<sup>th</sup> grade is the students' last official year to take reading and build upon comprehension skills and practice reading strategies.

#### If recommended for Reading:

You will see a Reading class listed as part of the schedule when you view recommendations (<u>do not</u> select a World Language or Reading course)

#### If NOT recommended for Reading:

Select either French 1, German 1, Italian 1, Latin 1, Spanish 1, or Reading Through Time 7 (also select an alternate World Language or Reading Honors); high level course; 20–30 minutes of homework each day

### Select a Music Elective

All rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students must select a music class: Classroom Music 7 <u>OR</u> a Performing Music-Chorus 7\*, Band 7\*, or Orchestra 7\*

 Note: Students in Chorus 7, Band 7, and Orchestra 7 will perform individually, in small groups, and in an ensemble. Participation in winter and spring concerts is mandatory.



# Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Selections



# Reading <u>or</u> World Language

#### If recommended for Reading:

You will see a Reading class listed as part of the schedule when you view recommendations (<u>do not</u> select a World Language or Reading course)

#### If NOT recommended for Reading:

- Select either French 1, German 1, Italian 1, Latin 1 or Spanish 1, (also select an alternate World Language) or Reading & Writing for Life
- Level 2 languages will be recommended based on successful completion of level 1 courses.



### Select a Performing Music <u>or</u> Technology Ed Courses

#### **Performing Music:**

Choose 1:

Band

Chorus

Orchestra

**Technology Ed Courses:** 

(Enrolled in all 4)

Q1- Design the Real World

Q2- Digital Media Creator

Q3- Internet and Web

Design

Q4- Teen Impact



# Select <u>two</u> Arts and Humanities electives and <u>one</u> alternate

- Art in 2-Dimension
- Art in 3-Dimension
- Family, Food, Finance
- Popular Music
- Guitar



# Select <u>two</u> Technology electives and <u>one</u> alternate

Culture, Cuisine, Connections

Transportation, Engineering, and Design

Structural Design and Civil Engineering

**Innovative Coding** 

Junior Entrepreneur

# Course Selection Procedures



#### Summary Elective Window Open February 12th-23rd

#### Rising 7th Grade Students/Parents

- View teacher recommendations from content area classes
- If not recommended for Reading, select a World Language or Reading Through Time 7 Honors
- Select a music:
  - Chorus 7, Band 7,
     Orchestra 7 or Classroom
     Music 7

#### Rising 8th Grade Students/Parents

- View teacher recommendations from content area classes
- If not recommended for Reading, select a World Language or Reading & Writing for Life
- Select a music (Chorus 8, Band 8, Orchestra 8)
  - OR Tech Ed Option Courses
- Select 4 Unified Arts classes (and two alternates)

# **Special Education Students & the Course Selection Process**

- IEP needs of each student determine their courses.
- Special Education students should still request their preferred Unified Arts Electives.

#### Deadline!

Deadline For Course Level Change Waivers and Elective Courses

Submit any course change requests to your grade level guidance counselor by using a <u>Course</u> <u>Placement Waiver Agreement</u>

# Where to view course recommendations and make course selections?

#### **Important!**

To view recommendations and select classes, you MUST use your Parent Portal account.

 Access the WCASD Website at <u>http://www.wcasd.net</u>



 There you will be able to access the Parent Portal link and get to the Parent Portal sign-in page

# PowerSchool - Student Course Requests:

#### Entering Course Requests On-Line:

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



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.

Ors Num	Course	Туре	Or Hrs	Requirements
1. 0005	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	FC87	Required	0.00	
9. 7700	EnergyiComm. Tech	Required	0.00	
10. 7710	Computer Science 7	Required	0.00	
11. 7800	Class. Music 7	Required	0.00	
12. 7900	Heath 7	Required	0.00	
13. 7910	PE 7	Required	0.00	

4. 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.\*

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 Click the edit button to request a course => **/** World Language/Reading 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 Click the edit button to request a course => **/** World Language/Reading Alternate Please select a second World Language or Reading course in case your first choice is not available. Number of requests to generate: 1 Click the edit button to request a course => **V** 7th Grade Music Please click on the pencil to the right to select your music choice. Number of requests to generate: 1 Click the edit button to request a course => Additional Requests 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 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Courses in Parent Portal, if a Student is Not Recommended for a Reading Class

#### World Language/Reading

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<b>u</b>	Course Name 🔺	Number	Course Description	Credits	Prerequisite Note	Alerts
0	French 1 7th gr	7201		0		
0	German 1	7203		0		
0	Italian 1	7204		0		
0	Latin 1	8404		0		
0	Reading Through Time 7 Honors	7011		0		
0	Spanish 1 7th gr	7202		0		

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





# YOU MUST SELECT A MUSIC COURSE!



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

Cancel



#### Who will I contact if I have a question?

**Building Scheduler** 

<u>Brittany Yabor</u> **Assistant Principal**  Please contact the office if you have any questions!

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Rising 7th Grade Counselor

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