

**CURRICULUM GUIDE**  
**2024-2025**

**MOLALLA RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL**



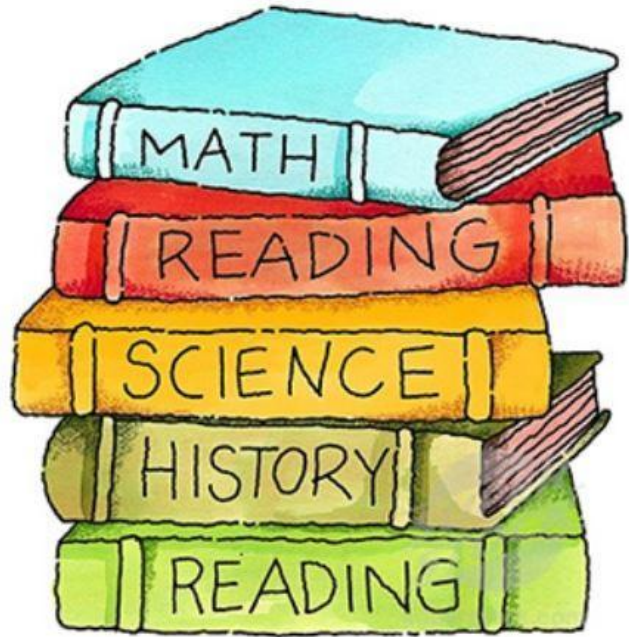
**WOLVERINES**

**CREATING EXCEPTIONAL READERS, OUTSTANDING WRITERS, AND INFLUENTIAL  
COMMUNICATORS**

**WE ARE UNSTOPPABLE!**

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# THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our mission is to provide our students with a rich academic experience that breathes new life into their education. Each class we offer will directly support our goal of creating exceptional readers, outstanding writers, and influential communicators. New and existing courses will be designed to use relevant material and focus on purposeful reading, writing, and discussion.

Outlined below is the programming designed for Molalla River Middle School students.

## Sixth Grade

Language Arts	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
Math	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
Science	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
Social Studies	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
Physical Education & Health	3 Trimesters (Full Year)

### Elective Choices\*

1. A. Band	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
or... B. Choir	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
or... C. 6th Wheel (Success, Theatre & Art)	3 Trimesters (1 each)

## Seventh Grade

Language Arts	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
Math	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
Science	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
Social Studies	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
Physical Education & Health	2 Trimesters

### Elective Choices\*

1. A. Band	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
or... B. Choir	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
or... C. 7th Wheel (Futures, STEM, Art Elective)	3 Trimesters (1 each)
2. 1 Elective	1 Trimester

## Eighth Grade

Language Arts	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
Math	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
Science	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
Social Studies	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
Physical Education & Health	2 Trimesters

### Elective Choices\*

1. A. Band	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
or... B. Choir	3 Trimesters (Full Year)
or... C. 3 Electives	3 Trimesters (1 each)
2. 1 Elective	1 Trimester

**\*Students needing extra support in reading or math will be placed in the appropriate class based on teacher recommendation and parent request. Extra support classes generally take the place of an elective class.**

**6th Grade Sample Schedule**

Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
P. 1 Language Arts	P. 1 Language Arts	P. 1 Language Arts
P. 2 Social Studies	P. 2 Social Studies	P. 2 Social Studies
P. 3 Math	P. 3 Math	P. 3 Math
P. 4 Science	P. 4 Science	P. 4 Science
P. 5 PE & Health	P. 5 PE & Health	P. 5 PE & Health
P. 6 Success	P. 6 Art	P. 6 Theatre

**7th Grade Sample Schedule**

Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
P. 1 Language Arts	P. 1 Language Arts	P. 1 Language Arts
P. 2 Social Studies	P. 2 Social Studies	P. 2 Social Studies
P. 3 Math	P. 3 Math	P. 3 Math
P. 4 Science	P. 4 Science	P. 4 Science
P. 5 PE & Health	P. 5 PE & Health	P. Elective
P. 6 Futures	P. 6 STEM	P. 6 Art Elective

**8th Grade Sample Schedule**

Trimester 1	Trimester 1	Trimester 1
P. 1 Language Arts	P. 1 Language Arts	P. 1 Language Arts
P. 2 Social Studies	P. 2 Social Studies	P. 2 Social Studies
P. 3 Math	P. 3 Math	P. 3 Math
P. 4 Science	P. 4 Science	P. 4 Science
P. 5 PE & Health	P. 5 PE & Health	P. 5 Art Elective
P. 6 Adv. S.T.E.M.	P. 6 Rec. Sports	P. 6 Media

# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## LANGUAGE ARTS

**Language Arts 6th**                      **SCED: 01034-01.02.03**  
**Grade: 6**                                **Length: 3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: Required Course**    **Repeatable: No**  
6th-grade students will be taught the literacy skills of reading, writing, speaking, listening, comprehending, and reflecting. Students gain practice in grammar, punctuation, and writing skills. Assignments include all writing modes identified by the State of Oregon: persuasive, narrative, expository, descriptive, and imaginative. The writing process includes ideas and content, organization, sentence fluency, and voice. In literature, we read classic and contemporary literature, including short stories, dramas, and nonfiction. Personal connections, interpretations, and responses to literature are made to show an understanding of the text. Vocabulary instruction and growth are emphasized throughout the year.

**Language Arts 7th**                      **SCED: 01035-01.02.03**  
**Grade: 7**                                **Length: 3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: Required Course**    **Repeatable: No**  
Seventh-grade students will grow in reading, writing, listening, speaking, discussions, and reflection on their work. Fiction and nonfiction selections enhance students' understanding of quality writing. Poetry, drama, short stories, and novels engage students to learn and become better writers,

readers, and communicators. Accelerated Reader embedded in the classroom encourages student growth in reading and writing. Students will focus on creating and revising short responses, paragraphs, and essays using the Common Core as requirements.

**Language Arts 8th**                      **SCED: 01036-01.02.03**  
**Grade: 8**                                **Length: 3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: Required Course**    **Repeatable: No**  
Eighth-grade Language Arts will continue students' growth in reading, writing, listening, speaking, discussion, reflection, and work to prepare the students for high school success. The study of literature explores all genres, including short stories, poetry, novels, nonfiction, and drama. The selected novels focus on discussion, writing assignments, reading strategies, critical thinking skills, and vocabulary building. The Accelerated Reader/IRLA program also assists in implementing reading instruction. The focus for writing instruction will be a response to literature, narrative, informational, and argumentative writing with requirements based on Common Core standards. The overall goal of the class is to increase students' literacy and writing ability.

## MATHEMATICS

**Math 6th**                                **SCED: 02036-01,02,03**  
**Grade: 6**                                **Length: 3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: Required Course**    **Repeatable: No**  
The course covers factors and multiples, ratios, rational numbers and equivalence, operations with fractions, computing with decimals and percentages, two-dimensional measurements, variables and patterns, and statistics and data analysis.

**Math 7th**                                **SCED: 02037-01,02,03**  
**Grade: 7**                                **Length: 3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: Required Course**    **Repeatable: No**  
Topics covered will include rational numbers, proportional relationships, operations with integers, writing expressions, writing and solving equations, two and 3-dimensional geometry, and, if time allows, probability and statistics.

**Advanced Math 7th**                      **SCED: 02037-04,05,06**  
**Grade: 7**                                **Length: 3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: Teacher Approval**   **Repeatable: No**  
The goal of this course is to prepare students for success in Algebra 1 in 8th grade, as well as future courses. Topics covered included Rational Numbers, Proportional Relationships, Operations with Integers, Writing Expressions, Equations and Inequalities, 2 and 3 Dimensional Geometry, Exponent Properties, and Transformations.

Students will qualify for 7th grade Advanced Math based on teacher recommendation. Math teachers will assess readiness for 7th grade Advanced Math based on past SBAC scores, i-Ready diagnostic scores, attendance, and performance in previous math classes.

**Math 8th**                                **SCED: 02038-01,02,03**  
**Grade: 8**                                **Length: 3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: Required Course**    **Repeatable: No**  
The primary goal of this course is to help students prepare for success in Algebra 1, Geometry, and beyond by emphasizing topics critical to a strong foundation in mathematical thinking. Topics include the Pythagorean Theorem, Expressions and Equations, Slope, Functions, Exponent Operations, Function Relationships, Systems of Equations, and Lines and Angles.

**Algebra**                                **SCED: 02052-01,02,03**  
**Grade: 8**                                **Length: 3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: Teacher Approval**   **Repeatable: No**  
The primary goal of Algebra 1 is to help students transfer their concrete mathematical knowledge to more abstract algebraic generalizations. Topics include the Real Number System, Expressions, Equations and Inequalities, Exponential Functions, Quadratic Functions, etc. **Completing this course will result in acquiring High School credit for Algebra 1.**

Students will qualify for Algebra in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade based on teacher recommendation and **completion of the 7th grade advanced math class**. Math teachers will assess readiness for Algebra based on past SBAC scores, i-Ready diagnostic scores, attendance, and performance in previous math classes.

**Math Lab** **SCED: 02996-01,02,03**  
**Grade: 6-8** **Length- 1-3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: Teacher Approval Repeatable: Yes**  
 The goal of this course is to help students begin to use logic and mathematical thinking to demystify math. While fluency with algorithms will be addressed, the primary focus is paid to problem-solving and the application of the 8 Mathematical practices (make sense of problems and persevere in solving them, reason abstractly, etc.) that proficient math students employ.

### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

**Science 6th** **SCED: 03236-01,02,03**  
**Grade: 6** **Length: 3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: Required Course Repeatable: No**  
 Students will learn essential concepts about energy, weather, climate, global climate change, cells, human body systems, animal behaviors, genetics, and ecological relationships.

Robotics: Vex Robotic Competition. Build and compete in the Middle School division of Oregon VRC.

**Science 7th** **SCED: 03237-01,02,03**  
**Grade 7** **Length: 3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: Required Course Repeatable: No**  
 Students will learn essential concepts about states of matter, chemical reactions, atomic models, engineering design, photosynthesis, food webs, interactions between organisms, interactions of populations in ecosystems, the rock cycle, and plate tectonics.

**Automation & Robotics (PLTW)** **SCED: 21009-01**  
**Grade: 8** **Length: 1 trimester**  
**Prerequisite: STEM Repeatable: No**  
 Students learn about the history and impact of automation and robotics as they explore mechanical systems, energy transfer, machine automation, and computer control systems. Using the VEX Robotics® platform, students apply their knowledge to design and program traffic lights, robotic arms, and more.

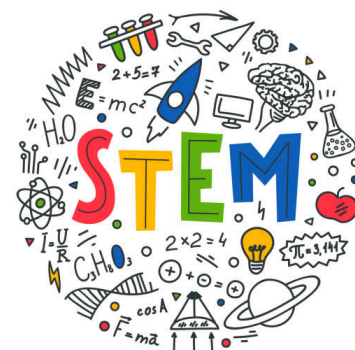
**Science 8th** **SCED: 03238-01,02,03**  
**Grade 8** **Length: 3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: Required Course Repeatable: No**  
 Students will learn essential concepts about natural selection, DNA, mutations, embryo development, comparative anatomy, the history of Earth, the human population affecting Earth's systems, the Solar System, gravity, Force and Motion, potential and kinetic energy, and electromagnetism.

**Medical Detectives (PLTW)** **SCED: 21015-01**  
**Grade: 7-8** **Length: 1 trimester**  
**Prerequisite: None Repeatable: No**  
 Medical Detectives is a Project Lead the Way course where students play the role of real-life medical detectives as they collect and analyze medical data to diagnose diseases. Students solve medical mysteries through hands-on projects and labs, measure and interpret vital signs, examine nervous system structure and function, and investigate disease outbreaks.

**STEM** **SCED: 21001-01**  
**Grade: 7** **Length: 1 trimester**  
**Prerequisite: 7th Grade Wheel Repeatable: No**  
 A teamwork-focused class that includes all aspects of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Students will get a basic understanding of mechanical engineering. This includes learning how power is transferred through mechanisms, how to design mechanical systems, and working through the engineering process as a group.

**River Ecology** **SCED: 03062-01**  
**Grade: 7-8** **Length: 1 trimester**  
**Prerequisite: None Repeatable: No**  
 Do you like to go outdoors and learn about nature? In this class, you will learn about the chemistry and biology of rivers and streams. You will learn how to identify some plants and aquatic insects and also learn the chemistry and physics of a river. After learning these things we will take a field trip to do some chemistry testing and insect collecting.

**Advanced STEM** **SCED: 21003-01**  
**Grade: 8** **Length: 1 trimester**  
**Prerequisite: Teacher Approval Repeatable: Yes**  
 Advanced S.T.E.M is comprised of 3 sections:  
 Manufacturing: Building construction, Industry exploration, technology in the trades.  
 Engineering: Building solar power systems, Building and testing our F24 Race Car.



## SOCIAL STUDIES

**Social Studies 6th Grade 6**  
**Prerequisite: Required Course**    **Repeatable: No**  
Social Studies allows students to expand their knowledge and understanding of society and what is taking place in the world around them. 6th Grade Social Studies focuses on general Geography skills, as well as looking at the history and cultures of the Americas.

**SCED: 04436-01,02,03**  
**Length: 3 trimesters**

monotheistic religions. In addition to that, seventh graders will study the history and cultures of the people of the Mediterranean and Middle Eastern regions. Students will also look at aspects and lasting effects of Middle Ages Africa and Europe, the Renaissance, Reformation, and Enlightenment.

**Social Studies 8th Grade: 8**  
**Prerequisite: Required Course**    **Repeatable: No**  
**SCED: 04438-01,02,03**  
**Length: 3 trimesters**

**Social Studies 7th Grade: 7**  
**Prerequisite: Required Course**    **Repeatable: No**  
Social Studies allows students to expand their knowledge and understanding of society and what is taking place in the world around them. 7th Grade Social Studies focuses on economic topics, such as supply and demand, and a study of

Social Studies allows students to expand their knowledge and understanding of society and the world around them. 8th Grade Social Studies focuses on the history and cultures that make up America. The historical focus is from early colonialism through the Civil War and Reconstruction. Students will also learn about the structure and function of the different parts of the U.S. government.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

**PE & Health 6th Grade: 6**  
**Prerequisite: Required Course**    **Repeatable: No**  
Students will complete nine weeks of Physical Education and three weeks of Health per trimester. During PE, students must dress down daily, participate in required activities, and complete a one-mile run 3-4 times per trimester. Students will participate in various games, including Basketball, Volleyball, Floor Hockey, Badminton, Pickleball, Handball, Soccer, Wiffle Ball, and more. During health class, students learn about wellness/health promotion, social/emotional learning, safety/first aid, nutrition/physical activity, comprehensive sexual health, and substance use/abuse. These topics will be discussed over three years (6th-8th grade). Students will participate in the fitness center once per week, learning various exercises.

**SCED: 08110-01,02,03**  
**Length: 3 trimesters**

**Recreation Sports Grade 7-8**  
**Prerequisite: B or better in PE**    **Repeatable: Yes**  
**SCED: 08004-01**  
**Length: 1 trimester**  
Students will participate in a variety of ball team games. There is no health, mile, or fitness center in this class. Students are required to dress down and participate daily. **Failure to do so can result in the student being removed from the course.** Students will participate in games such as Basketball, Volleyball, Handball, Pickleball, Badminton, Dodgeball, Soccer, Capture the flag, and more.

**PE & Health 7th & 8th Grade: 7/8**  
**Prerequisite: Required Course**    **Repeatable: Yes**  
Students will complete nine weeks of Physical Education and three weeks of Health per trimester. During PE, students must dress down daily, participate in required activities, and complete a one-mile run 3-4 times per trimester. Students will participate in various games, including Basketball, Volleyball, Floor Hockey, Badminton, Pickleball, Handball, Soccer, Wiffle Ball, and more. During health class, students learn about wellness/health promotion, social/emotional learning, safety/first aid, nutrition/physical activity, comprehensive sexual health, and substance use/abuse. These topics will be discussed over three years (6th-8th grade). Students will participate in the fitness center once weekly to learn various exercises and proper form in lightweight training.

**SCED: 08113-01,02**  
**Length: 2 trimesters**



## FINE ARTS

### **Intro to Art**

**SCED: 08113-01,02**

**Grade: 6**

**Length: 1 trimester**

**Prerequisite: 6th Grade Wheel Repeatable: No**

This is an Art survey course. Sixth-grade art is a hands-on, multimedia course that introduces the seven elements of art. Students will complete daily drawing warm-ups and work on projects to support understanding of the seven art elements.

### **Ceramics 1**

**Fee: \$10**

**SCED: 05159-01**

**Grade: 7-8**

**Length: 1 trimester**

**Prerequisite: Intro to Art Repeatable: No**

Ceramics 1 surveys ceramic construction techniques, including pinch, coil, slab, and the potter's wheel. Students explore using surface decoration, glazes, and ceramic kiln firing. Students will participate in critique and write three critique response papers and three reflection papers over the trimester. The class fee must be paid at the beginning of the trimester to help offset the cost of supplies.

### **Ceramics 2**

**Fee: \$10**

**SCED: 05159-02**

**Grade: 8**

**Length: 1 trimester**

**Prerequisite: Ceramics 1 Repeatable: Yes**

Ceramics 2 deeply dives into ceramic construction techniques, including pinch, coil, slab, and the potter's wheel. Students explore the use of traditional and experimental surface decoration and glazing techniques. Students will participate in critique and write three critique response papers and three reflection papers over the trimester. The class fee must be paid at the beginning of the trimester to help offset the cost of supplies.

### **Drawing 1**

**SCED: 05156-01**

**Grade: 7-8**

**Length: 1 trimester**

**Prerequisite: Intro to Art Repeatable: Yes**

An introductory course exploring the basic elements and principles of observational drawing using traditional and experimental media. Students will participate in critique and write three critique response papers and three reflection papers over the trimester. **This class is offered in 2024-25 and every other year.**

### **Graphic Design 1**

**SCED: 05162-01**

**Grade: 7-8**

**Length: 1 trimester**

**Prerequisite: None Repeating: No**

This course is an introduction to the profession of graphic design. This includes the fundamentals of visual communication using symbology, typography, illustration, and photography. Lectures include an introduction to the history of graphic design and art movements that influenced the field. Students are made aware of and will acquire experience in the graphic design profession. Students will participate in critique and write three critique response papers and three reflection papers over the trimester. **This class is offered in 2025-26 and every other year.**

### **Foods & Fabrics**

**SCED: 05164-01**

**Grade: 7-8**

**Length: 1 trimester**

**Prerequisite: None Repeating: No**

Students will learn the basics of sewing and using a sewing machine. They will make 2 - 3 small projects. In the foods section of the class, we start by focusing on herbs & spices, measuring, and knife skills. Students will cook food using basic appliances, including an air fryer, toaster oven, microwave, and an instant pot.

### **Painting 1**

**SCED: 05157-01**

**Grade: 7-8**

**Length: 1 trimester**

**Prerequisite: Intro to Art Repeatable: Yes**

This is an introduction to watercolor, tempera, and acrylic painting techniques. Students will explore observational painting as well as painting from reference material. Students will participate in critique and write three critique response papers and three reflection papers over the trimester. **This class is offered in 2025-26 and every other year.**

### **Photography 1**

**SCED: 05167-01**

**Grade: 7-8**

**Length: 1 trimester**

**Prerequisite: None Repeating: No**

An introduction to the fundamental principles of digital photography as applied in fine art, documentary, photojournalism, and commercial applications. Students will gain a practical understanding of manipulating a digital single-lens reflex 35mm camera (DSLR) and outputting images for the web and print through an introduction to hardware, software, internet technologies, and computer file organization. Topics range from managing light to balancing meter readings by controlling the ISO, aperture, and shutter speed. Students will create an internet portfolio presented on a template website, live online, as part of their final project. Students will participate in critique and write three critique response papers and three reflection papers over the trimester. **This class is offered in 2024-25 and every other year.**



## PERFORMING ARTS

### **Beginning Band**

**SCED: 05101-01,02,03**

**Grade: 6-8**

**Length: 3 trimesters**

**Prerequisite: None**

**Repeatable: Yes**

Beginning Band is the entry-level class of the band program. Students are taught to have a fundamental knowledge of their instruments and read music. Students will perform on instruments alone and with others. Students will be exposed to music of various genres. Students must provide their band instruments (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, baritone, trombone, bells) or rent one from the school district. This class has graded activities that take place during non-school hours.

### **Concert Band**

**SCED: 05102-01,02,03**

**Grade: 6-8**

**Length: 3 trimesters**

**Prerequisite: Beginning Band**

**Repeatable: Yes**

Concert Band is the intermediate-level class of the band program. It is appropriate for students in their 2nd and 3rd year of playing. Students are expected to have a fundamental knowledge of their instrument and be able to read music. Students will perform on instruments alone and with others. Students will be exposed to music of various genres and cultures. Students must provide their band instruments or rent one from the school district. This class has graded activities that take place during non-school hours.

### **Choir**

**SCED: 05159-01,02,03**

**Grade: 6-8**

**Length: 3 trimesters**

**Prerequisite: None**

**Repeatable: Yes**

Choir is a vocal course exploring various choral music and singing genres in Latin, South African, and English. Learning to read music is like learning any other foreign language, so the course includes units on topics such as musical intervals, note and rest values, and the names of notes. Students will learn to sing accompanied music, as well as acapella forms of music, and they will put on **mandatory evening performances** during both the holiday season and the spring, which WILL require an outfit, which will be outlined in the class syllabus.

### **Intro to Performing Arts**

**SCED: 05051-01**

**Grade: 6**

**Length: 1 trimester**

**Prerequisite: 6th Grade Wheel**

**Repeatable: No**

An introductory course where students will explore the many aspects of theatre. Topics will include acting, improvisation, voice, and movement for the actor, playwriting, and an introduction to technical theatre. Students will build an ensemble with their peers and have many opportunities for collaboration. This is a performance-based class, but with such a wide variety of topics, there is something for everyone to enjoy!

### **Theatre 1**

**SCED: 05052-01**

**Grade: 7-8**

**Length: 1 trimester**

**Prerequisite: None**

**Repeatable: Yes**

An introductory course where students will explore the many aspects of theatre. Topics will include acting, improvisation, voice, and movement for the actor, playwriting, and an introduction to technical theatre. Students will build an ensemble with their peers and have many opportunities for collaboration. This is a performance-based class, but with such a wide variety of topics, there is something for everyone to enjoy!

### **Technical Theatre**

**SCED: 05053-01**

**Grade: 7-8**

**Length: 1 trimester**

**Prerequisite: Intro or Theatre**

**Repeatable: Yes**

In this course, students will dive deeper into all the backstage elements of theatre. Topics will include set design, costume design, lighting design, sound design, directing, and playwriting. Individually and in groups, students will learn how to design for theatre and bring elements of their designs from the page to the stage.

### **Advanced Theatre**

**SCED: 05055-01**

**Grade: 7-8**

**Length: 1 trimester**

**Prerequisite: B or + in Theatre**

**Repeatable: Yes**

In this course, students will expand upon the knowledge gained in previous theatre classes. During class, students will rehearse a play that will be produced for an audience at the end of the school year. In addition to play rehearsals, students will assist in designing and creating the technical elements for the show. Participation in this course **includes 2-3 mandatory** after-school performances, outlined further in the class syllabus. This class is only offered during Trimester 3.





## WORLD LANGUAGE & LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

**Beginning ELD** **SCED: 01008-01,02,03**  
**Grade: 6-8** **Length: 1-3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: ELD Placement** **Repeatable: Yes**  
 Students are placed after taking the ELPA21 with an emerging (1) score. The focuses of English Language Development are Listening/Speaking, Reading, Writing, and Grammar. This course focuses more closely on letter and word recognition, phonics, and pronunciation. The class focuses on forming complete sentences in speaking and writing and building the vocabulary to read, write, and speak.

**Early Intermediate ELD** **SCED: 01008-04,05,06**  
**Grade: 6-8** **Length: 1-3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: ELD Placement** **Repeatable: Yes**  
 Students are placed after taking the ELPA21 with a score of progressing (2). The focuses of English Language Development are Listening/Speaking, Reading, Writing, and Grammar. This course focuses more closely on students engaging in vocabulary and sentence structure, grammar accuracy, reading comprehension, and how to write a more complex sentence.

**Intermediate ELD** **SCED: 01008-07,08,09**  
**Grade: 6-8** **Length: 1-3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: ELD Placement** **Repeatable: Yes**  
 Students are placed after taking the ELPA21 with a score of progressing (2-3). The focuses of English Language Development are Listening/Speaking, Reading, Writing, and Grammar. This course focuses more closely on students engaging in longer conversations and discussions, reading comprehension, and how to write a paragraph.

**Advanced ELD** **SCED: 01008-13,14,15**  
**Grade: 6-8** **Length: 1-3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: ELD Placement** **Repeatable: Yes**  
 Students are placed after taking the ELPA21 with a score of progressing (3-4). The focuses of English Language Development are Listening/Speaking, Reading, Writing, and Grammar. This course focuses on developing more in-depth reading skills like story analysis and higher-order reasoning skills. It also focuses on more complex writing, with varying sentence structures, and writing different types of short essays.

## GENERAL ELECTIVES

**Futures** **SCED: 22151-01**  
**Grade: 7** **Length: 1 trimester**  
**Prerequisite: 7th Grade Wheel** **Repeatable: No**  
 This class provides students insight and opportunities for growth needed for future careers of interest. Students will complete career interest surveys, explore various careers, take part in mock interviews, learn how to work successfully with others and develop their communication skills.

**Home Hacks** **SCED: 17010-01**  
**Grade: 7-8** **Length: 1 trimester**  
**Prerequisite: None** **Repeatable: No**  
 This class will teach some basic skills needed as an adult, such as laundry, ironing, budgeting, and grocery shopping. Students will sew buttons, learn to tie a tie, practice manners, and understand the similarities between teens and the elderly. In addition, students will learn the basics of home repairs such as drywall patching, changing the p-trap on a sink, and some simple woodworking and furniture repair skills.

**Leadership** **SCED: 22101-01,02,03**  
**Grade: 7-8** **Length: 3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: Application** **Repeatable: Yes**  
 The class will consist of planning for school and community events, group and individual goals/projects/activities, and practicing and learning skills/qualities to become a strong leader. **Students who hold an office must be in the class for the full year.**

**Media** **SCED: 11051-01,02,03**  
**Grade: 7-8** **Length: 1-3 trimesters**  
**Prerequisite: Teacher Approval** **Repeatable: Yes**  
 This class will combine several aspects of media, including newspaper, yearbook, and broadcasting. Students will be expected to meet deadlines, produce high-quality work, and be open to learning new things. Students must have a proven track record of being responsible, as many tasks require them to move about the campus independently to complete class assignments such as interviews, photographs, and filming.

**Success** **SCED: 22102-01**  
**Grade: 6** **Length: 1 trimester**  
**Prerequisite: 6th Grade Wheel** **Repeatable: No**  
 This course is designed to help students with their academic skills, including organizational skills, study skills, goal setting, and general academic achievement. While this course provides some opportunity to work on homework with teacher support, it will be necessary and expected that students complete homework assignments and time studying each day outside the classroom.

