

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We hope that you and your family are healthy and safe at this time. Next week, your school counselors will be instructing students to select their **World Language** and **Art/Music** classes for next year by completing a survey. The school counselors will be going over with the students the classes that are offered, and how to fill out the survey. However, the students will not be selecting their classes at this time. We will be emailing the students the survey on Friday (3/19), and we are encouraging them to sit with you to select classes **together**. We would like each student to make their selections **by Friday, March 26th**, so the two middle schools can begin to schedule their students for next year.

The students will be choosing the following 2 classes which are **FULL YEAR** classes:

1. World Language:

Students will select ONE full year class. They will be taking the SAME language in 7th grade and in 8th grade.

Choices: French, Chinese, Italian, or Spanish

2. Related Arts/Music:

At the 7th grade level, these classes run a bit differently. Students have to choose between taking Art OR taking a Music class (Band, Chorus, or Orchestra). Students are NOT allowed to take Band or Orchestra in 7th grade if they are not in either of these classes this year. These classes are also FULL YEAR classes. The students must choose only ONE.

Choices: Art, Band, Chorus, or Orchestra

Common Questions:

What if my child likes Art, but wants to continue playing his/her instrument?

We recommend they continue their Music class, and take Art Club after school.

What if my child likes Art and likes to sing in Chorus?

Students can take one as a class, and go to the other after school as a club. However, most choral groups after school are done by audition, so please be aware.

What if I make selections now, and want to change my choices?

You will have until the beginning of June to make changes. Just contact your child's school counselor and we will make note of the changes.

If my child does not continue playing his/her instrument, can they start back up again?

Yes, but not until 9th grade, where students can continue playing an instrument or even learning how to play a new one. This is also true for this year. If your child is NOT in Band or Orchestra this year, they cannot take Band or Orchestra next year.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Feel free to reach out to your school counselor with any questions. Stay safe!

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