

Blacksburg Middle School



*Academic and Career Planning Curriculum Night
for Rising 7th and 8th Graders*

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The MCPS Middle School Program of Studies will be available on our website by January 27.

Information about course registration will be shared with students in school in early February.

<http://bit.ly/BMS7-8ACP>

**Visit our website at <http://bms.mcps.org/>
Follow us on Twitter [@BruinsBMS](https://twitter.com/BruinsBMS)**

Our Mission Statement



All students have the potential for individual greatness. Our vision at Blacksburg Middle School is to recognize and support this diversity in a positive educational environment rich with mutual respect.

*Revealing Potential and Realizing
Dreams*

7th/8th Grade Middle School Student Schedule

	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
1	Math	Math
2	English 7	English 8
3	U.S. History II	Civics
4	Life Science	Physical Science
5	HPE 7	HPE 8
Intervention/Enrichment Period (40 minutes)		
6	2 Semester Electives *	2 Semester Electives *
7	Year-long Fine Arts or 2 Semester Electives	Year-long Fine Arts or 2 Semester Electives

* All MCPS students are REQUIRED to take Digital Technology Foundations before entering 9th grade

7th Grade Curriculum

- **All students take Math, English/Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science - 1 period for each class all year**
- **All students take a year-long Health and P.E. course**
- **Students have a choice of electives for two other periods**
 - **Year-long Band, Choir or Art**
 - **A variety of CTE and Fine Arts semester electives**

8th Grade Curriculum

- **All students take Math, English/Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science (1 period for each class all year)**
- **All students take a year-long or semester Health and P.E. course, however an “opt out” is available for 8th Graders in Earth Science, World Language, and Year-long Fine Arts if preferred electives are aligned with Academic & Career Plan**
- **Students have a choice of electives for two other periods**
 - **Year-long Band, Choir or Art**
 - **A variety of CTE and Fine Arts semester electives**

Anticipated 7th/8th Grade Elective Courses for 2020-2021

Technology Education

Robotics

Family & Consumer Science

AgriScience

Floriculture

Inventions and Innovations

Introduction to Coding I

Introduction to Coding II

Make It Your Business

**Students who have not completed DIT in 6th grade will have Digital Technology Foundations in 7th or 8th grade*

Creative Writing

Theatre

World Language Exploration

Health/PE Grade 8

Art Exploratory (2D & 3D)

Intermediate Art

Advanced Art (8th grade)

Intermediate Band

Advanced Band

Bel Canto Choir

Chorus 7/8

World Language Elective Courses for 8th Grade

- **French I (High School Credit)**
- **Spanish I (High School Credit)**
- **American Sign Language I (High School Credit)**
- **Latin I Virtual (High School Credit)**
- **Chinese I Virtual (High School Credit)**

Middle School Student Schedule with World Language Class in 8th Grade

	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
1	Math	Math
2	English 7	English 8
3	U.S. History I	Civics
4	Life Science	Physical Science / Earth Science
5	I/E	
	HPE 7	World Language
6	2 Semester Electives *	HPE 8 or 2 Semester Electives *
7	Year-long Fine Arts or 2 Semester Electives	Year-long Fine Arts or 2 Semester Electives

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Example Middle School Student Schedules with World Language Class in 8th Grade

8 th Grade
Math
English 8
Civics
Physical Science / Earth Science <i>("Blocked" with I/E)</i>
World Language (YL)
HPE 8 (YL) *
Band (YL)

8 th Grade
Math
English 8
Civics
Physical Science / Earth Science <i>("Blocked" with I/E)</i>
World Language (YL)
Tech Ed (Sem) Coding (Sem)
Band (YL)

8 th Grade
Math
English 8
Civics
Physical Science / Earth Science <i>("Blocked" with I/E)</i>
World Language (YL)
Ag (Sem) Floriculture (Sem)
Choir (YL)

8 th Grade
Math
English 8
Civics
Physical Science / Earth Science <i>("Blocked" with I/E)</i>
World Language (YL)
Art (YL)
Choir (YL)

8 th Grade
Math
English 8
Civics
Physical Science / Earth Science <i>("Blocked" with I/E)</i>
World Language (YL)
Theatre (YL)
Choir (YL)

*** HPE Required with "opt out" available for 8th Graders in Earth Science, World Language, and Year-long Fine Arts if preferred electives are aligned with Academic & Career Plan**

Math and English Placement

- MCPS provides a comprehensive mathematics and English/Language Arts program to promote the achievement of every student.
- A key component of our program is ensuring that all secondary students are placed in English and mathematics courses that deliver an appropriate level of challenge.
- Each MCPS middle school collects and analyzes multiple pieces of student data in order to make placement decisions, including grades, SOL test scores, MAP data reports, readiness assessments, and teacher recommendations.

Intervention Course Placement

- Reading and Writing Intervention Course
- Intervention courses are in addition to grade-level English courses
- Designed for students who have been identified as needing increased support in order to be successful in reading
- Students will be scheduled for these courses based on a variety of criteria, including grades, SOL test scores, MAP report data, and screening assessments.

Middle School Student Schedule with Intervention Class

	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
1	Math	Math
2	English 7	English 8
3	U.S. History II	Civics
4	Life Science	Earth Science
5	HPE 7	HPE 8
I/E		
6	Intervention Class	Intervention Class
7	Year-Long Fine Arts or 2 Semester Electives *	Year-Long Fine Arts or 2 Semester Electives *

Information about Course Registration

- Middle School Program of Studies will be available online on Monday, January 27
- All 7th-8th grade students will receive course registration forms in early February
- Students should complete the registration form with their parent and return it to school
- By the end of March, students and parents can verify course selections through Parent Portal
- Initial Math placements and Intervention Placements will also be in Portal by mid-March
- In mid-July, student schedules will be mailed home

BMS Counseling Department

- **Katie Conaway: Rising 6th graders**
- **Jordan Glick: Rising 7th graders**
- **Michele Parker: Rising 8th graders**
- **Lori Walls: Administrative Assistant**
- **Lauren McGill: NRVCS Counselor**
- **Peter Golladay: NRVCS Counselor**
- **Morgan Wills: NRVCS TDT Counselor**

Your Questions

Amanda Weidner, Principal

Bo Honeycutt, Assistant Principal, 8th Grade

David Byrd, Assistant Principal, 7th Grade

Katie Conaway, 6th Grade Counselor

Tammy Veit, Special Education Consulting Teacher

Misty Lester - BMS Gifted Resource Teacher

Your Questions

Core Curriculum Teachers

Jamie McCall, Carrie Sanderson, Lead Math Teachers

Erin Bond, Lead Science Teacher

Tracy Goforth, Lead Social Studies Teacher

- Located at the end of the 6th-grade hallway (red hallway)

Suzee Spagnolo and Clint Whitten, Lead English Teachers

Speciality Teachers

Stephanie Parker and Sarah Eyre, CTE Teachers

- Located in classrooms behind the auditorium

Lorraine Hedgepeth and Ellen Sloss, CTE Teachers

Janyne Mathena, HPE Teacher

Lee Worley, Art Teacher

- Located in Cafeteria

Harry Farmer - Band and Music Teacher

Kate Foiles - Choir and Music Teacher

- Located in Cafeteria