

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.

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

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

**Visit our website at <http://bms.mcps.org/>
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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*

Sample 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	Science 7	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, 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, Social Studies, and Earth 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

7th/8th Grade Elective Courses for 2022-2023

Introduction to Technology
Robotics
Family & Consumer Science
AgriScience
AgriScience & Technology
Inventions and Innovations
Introduction to Coding I
Introduction to Coding II
Make It Your Business

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)**
- **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	Science	Physical Science / Earth Science or Enrichment
5	Enrichment	
	HPE 7	HPE 8
6	2 Semester Electives *	World Language
7	Year-long Fine Arts or 2 Semester Electives	Year-long Fine Arts or 2 Semester Electives

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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, unit assessments, mid year benchmark, algebra 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, unit assessments, mid year benchmark, 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
6	Intervention Class	Intervention Class
I/E		
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.
- All 7th-8th grade students will complete the online course registration with assistance from a BMS counselor during February.
- Your child's online registration process should be complete by Friday, March 11
- After the online registration process is complete, students and parents can verify course selections through Parent Portal
- Initial Math placements and Intervention Placements will also be in Parent Portal by the end of April.
- In mid-July, student schedules will be mailed home

BMS Counseling Department

- **Jordan Glick: Rising 6th graders**
- **Michele Parker: Rising 7th graders**
- **Katie Conaway: Rising 8th graders**
- **Vanessa Carter-Hollimion: Administrative Assistant**

- **Hailee Strobel : NRVCS Counselor**
- **Peter Golladay: NRVCS Counselor**

Your Questions

David Byrd, Interim Principal

Emily Redding, Assistant Principal

David Hurd, Assistant Principal

Jordan Glick, 6th Grade Counselor (2022-23)

Michele Parker, 7th Grade Counselor (2022-23)

Katie Conaway, 8th Grade Counselor (2022-23)

Tammy Veit, Special Education Consulting Teacher

Lesley Farmer - BMS Gifted Resource Teacher

Your Questions

Core Curriculum Teachers

Jamie McCall, Carrie Sanderson, Sherri Newton
Math Teachers

Erin Bond, Lead Science Teacher

Tracy Goforth, Lead Social Studies Teacher

Sarah Moore, Marissa Wilder English Teachers

Speciality Teachers

- Sarah Eyre, AgriScience Teacher
- Janyne Mathena, HPE Teacher
- Lorraine Hedgepeth and Pam Dalton, Business Teachers
- Aja Eddins, Robotics
- Emily Hubbard, Emily Priddy, Lee Worley Art Teachers
- Harry Farmer - Band and Music Teacher
- Kate Foiles - Choir and Music Teacher
- Melissa Martin - Family & Consumer Science
- Emily Gruver - Theater Arts
- Tammy Veit - Special Education

Lost and Found–Fall Semester

Please see Mr. Hurd in the library if
you want to check for lost items