

Harrington Middle School Elective Selection Form

Grade 7

To the Parents of : _____

First Name

Last Name

Please complete this form and return to your **Hartford** homeroom teacher by **Friday, June 22, 2018**.

Please indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice next to the elective course. Please note that we will do our best to schedule as many requests as we can. A parent or guardian signature is required on this form.

<p>7th Grade Orchestra (M9871)</p> <p>Course Goal: This course is designed to develop the student's ability to understand and use music as a living language, to execute technical skill in individual performance and to participate in ensemble work. Studying a string instrument encourages the following: Problem Solving, Concentration, Self-discipline, and Cooperation Individuality. Students become acquainted with the richest and most significant music heritage of past and present cultures and are made aware of the value of music for recreation, as a potential for developing understanding between nations and as a possible vocation.. <i>*Open to any seventh grade student who has completed at least one year of study on violin, viola, cello or bass.</i></p> <p>Name of instrument played and years experience playing _____</p> <p>Instrument _____</p> <p>Years _____</p>	<p>7th Grade Band (M9872)</p> <p>Course Goal: This course is designed to develop the student's ability to understand and use music as a living language, to execute technical skill in individual performance and to participate in ensemble work. Studying a band instrument encourages the following: Problem Solving, Concentration, Self-discipline, Cooperation, and Individuality. Students become acquainted with the richest and most significant music heritage of past and present cultures and are made aware of the value of music for recreation, as a potential for developing understanding between nations and as a possible vocation. <i>*Open to any seventh grade student who has completed at least one year of study on a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument</i></p> <p>Name of instrument played and years experience playing _____</p> <p>Instrument _____</p> <p>Years _____</p>	<p>I Publish (M7801)</p> <p>Course Goal: This course is designed to give students the opportunity to create a variety of authentic pieces of writing and discover methods for self-publishing and/or create an authentic book.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn various techniques for creating/writing original and creative pieces of work. • Students will investigate several district approved websites for self-publishing. • Students will have the opportunity to speak with published writers via Skype. • Students will have opportunity to write, write, and write some more from personal experience, from research and from class suggested topics. <p><i>Students will develop an expanded vocabulary to use in their writings.</i></p>
<p>Challenge Based Learning (M7802)</p> <p>Course Goal: Challenge Based Learning focuses on 21st century skills that will allow students to think critically and analyze topics of interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will self-select topics of interest for an independent study from global warming to local relief efforts • Students will have the unique opportunity to tackle global issues on a community level • Students will be able to work collaboratively as well as independently • Students will be able to communicate with experts related to the topic of interest to form a deeper understanding. 	<p>Inventive & Creative Thinking (M7803)</p> <p>Course Goal: The goal of the course is to spark students, investigative spirit, promote creativity, help them think through problems, and express their ideas through building things. This process stimulates young people's interest in math, science, and engineering. It also connects the process of invention to their everyday lives and to a broad range of careers and social issues. The invention challenges emphasize teamwork, creative problem solving, and how invention improves people's lives.</p>	<p>Math Matters (M7804)</p> <p>Course Goal: The goal of this course is to challenge students to think about math critically and in ways that are applicable to real world situations. Lessons will mirror the current 7th grade curriculum and pacing guidelines. These types of lessons will foster a culture of critical thinking and develop problem-solving strategies for students. This class will engage students by combining technology and hands-on projects in order to promote rigorous mathematical thinking.</p> <p><i>* This course is not for advance math students. (i.e. Compacted Math 7 & Algebra I)</i></p>

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