



**2020-2021
COURSE REGISTRATION FORM
Blacksburg Middle School
Rising 7th Grade**

Student's Last Name	First Name	MI	Gender
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Parent/Guardian's Name	Phone Number	Home Address
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All students entering 7th grade at Blacksburg Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year should complete this form and have it signed by a parent/guardian. Students will be registered automatically for all required courses. On the back of this form, please indicate the student's preference for elective classes.

Students receive daily instruction in English/language arts, mathematics, science, and history/social science each year in middle school. All 7th-grade students also have a full year of Health and Physical Education.

These are **REQUIRED COURSES** for 7th Grade:

- English/Language Arts 7 or English/Language Arts 7 Honors*
- US History II
- Life Science
- Mathematics (BMS determines math placement)*
- Health & Physical Education 7

** MCPS provides comprehensive English/Language Arts and mathematics programs to promote the achievement of every student. A key component of our program is ensuring that all secondary students are placed in courses that deliver an appropriate level of challenge. All MCPS middle schools collect and analyze multiple pieces of student data in order to make English/Language Arts and mathematics placement decisions, including grades, test scores, and teacher recommendations. Final placements are determined only after spring SOL test scores, final grades for current courses, and other final data points are available.*

Specific information about the the Middle School Program, including course descriptions, are available in the MCPS Middle School Program of Studies. The Program of Studies can be accessed on both the MCPS and BMS websites. Here is a link to that resource:

http://www.mcps.org/departments/curriculum_pages/m_c_p_s_middle_school_program_of_studies

MCPS 7th GRADE ELECTIVES 2020-21

The 7th-grade schedule includes 2 periods for elective courses: All middle school students will have the opportunity to enroll in a variety of elective courses in each year of middle school. Many of these courses are offered at multiple grade levels. Therefore, students who are not enrolled in a class they requested as a 7th grader may be enrolled in it as an 8th grader.

- Students who are identified as needing additional instruction in reading or math may be placed in an intervention course in lieu of an elective course.
- Any 7th-grade student who did not take Digital Input Technologies in 6th grade will be enrolled in a semester of **Digital Technology Foundations** in 7th grade. **All MCPS students are REQUIRED to take this course before entering 9th grade.**

All 7th-grade students should choose one of the following elective combinations:

- 1) **TWO YEAR-LONG ELECTIVES**
- 2) **ONE YEAR-LONG ELECTIVE AND TWO SEMESTER ELECTIVES**
- 3) **FOUR SEMESTER ELECTIVES**

Year-Long Electives (Select 0-2 by checking the box next to the course):

- Intermediate Band
- Intermediate Chorus
- Bel Canto Choir (audition level chorus)
- Boys Choir
- Theater 7
- Intermediate Art

OR

Semester Electives (Rank the following elective options 1-13 with 1 as your first choice):

- _____ Introduction to Coding I
- _____ Introduction to Coding II (*must have Introduction to Coding I*)
- _____ Make It Your Business
- _____ Technology Systems
- _____ Robotics I
- _____ Robotics II (*must have Robotics I*)
- _____ Introduction to Floriculture
- _____ AgriScience
- _____ Family & Consumer Science I
- _____ Family & Consumer Science II (*must have Family & Consumer Science I*)
- _____ World Language Exploration
- _____ 2D-3D Art
- _____ Creative Writing

All course offerings are dependent upon staff availability and sufficient student interest in the class. Schools often share elective teachers; therefore, it may not be possible to determine the availability of certain courses until master schedules are finalized in June.

Parents: Please complete and return this form to your child's science teacher by Thursday, February 13, 2020. If you have questions, call the Blacksburg Middle School Counseling Office at 951-5803. Please direct your questions either to Mr. David Byrd, Assistant Principal, or Mr. Jordan Glick, Counselor.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date
