

**WINNECONNE MIDDLE SCHOOL
COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION
INCOMING 8TH GRADERS AND PARENTS
2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

Next year, your school day will be divided into 7 periods, plus a focus time at the end of the day. The core class time will be extended, as a result study halls will not be part of a student's schedule. This extended time can now be used by content specific teachers to give immediate learning feedback to students as they work on homework practice in class.

All students are required to take the basic 5 academic courses that meet daily: English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, Science and US History (Social Studies). ELA continues to be taught in a 2 period block of time. For the 2016/17 school year, mathematics will offer an advanced section. Students who have demonstrated a readiness for an advanced Math placement will be notified near the end of the school year. At that time, you will be able to accept or decline that option.

All students are also be required to take Physical Education all year.

An additional class period will be filled with exploratory courses that will meet on a 12 week rotation. These classes include Health, Technology and Engineering-Flight and Space, and Career Exploration.

Students may be selected to participate in a learning based intervention. They would then be put in only one elective selection.

Other important information to know:

- Advanced math placement, Spanish I, and Health are high school level courses. Health is a requirement for graduation. 8th grade students taking these classes do not receive credit towards HS graduation. These classes, however, are acknowledged on HS transcripts for college admission purposes. Upon successful completion of the courses, students are eligible to take the next level of coursework, for example Geometry and/or Spanish II.
- 8th gr Spanish is semester two of Spanish I, if you have taken Spanish as a 7th grader you should select to take Spanish as an 8th grader. If you DID NOT take Spanish as a 7th grader DO NOT select it as an 8th grade elective course. Remember successful completion of both 7th and 8th gr. Spanish will allow students to take Spanish II as a freshman in high school.
 - Prerequisites for Spanish 1B
 - Achieving a grade “C” or better in Spanish 1A for Semester 1 and Semester 2
- In order to give as many students as possible an experience in art class, students who had art as a 7th grader may not get art as an 8th grader depending on availability of class space.
 - Achieving a grade “C” or better in art class as a 7th grade is a prerequisite for art as a 8th grader.
 - If you turn your course selection sheet in late you will not be selected to be in art class.

See back to select your elective courses

In order to prepare your schedule for **8th grade**, we ask that you select the elective courses that you would like to take.

Remember there is **limited space** in some elective classes, as a result it is possible that students will not get their first choice. Please provide us with a **1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice**.

Students must choose from the following elective courses (These classes meet all year):

____ Band only ____ Band and Spanish 1B ____ Band and Art

____ Choir only ____ Choir and Spanish 1B ____ Choir and Art

____ Choir and Band ____ Art and Spanish 1B

If you have any questions, contact WMS Principal Todd Schroeder, at 582-5800, Ext. 2124.

This sheet is due _____

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(first & last name, please)

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

Office use only

Date received