

Fishers Junior High School

**Junior High Scheduling Information
Incoming 7th Graders
2021-2022**

Plans are underway for next year's classes for junior high students. In order to begin our scheduling process, we need an accurate count of enrollees for the elective classes. Students have one elective choice for 7th grade. They will choose between the Fine Arts Option or the Family and Consumer Science (FACS) Option. Students who choose a fine arts elective may take art, band, choir or orchestra. Students may take band or orchestra even if they have not participated in sixth grade band or orchestra. **Participation in seventh grade band or orchestra will require the rental of an instrument.** If your child has already participated in band or orchestra in sixth grade, the intermediate band and orchestra teachers will recommend placement in the appropriate level of seventh grade band or orchestra if your child chooses to continue with these programs for next year.

Sixth grade teachers will be asked to recommend students for advanced placement in seventh grade English, math and science classes. If you have questions concerning how your child will be recommended, please contact your child's sixth grade English, math, and/or science teachers.

We would like you to discuss the elective options with your child prior to Thursday, February 11, 2021 when students will be electronically submitting their elective choice in their 6th grade homeroom. Please remember that your child is choosing this elective for the **entire** school year. If you would like to make a change to your child's elective choice after Thursday, February 11, please contact the Fishers Junior High Guidance Department at 317-594-4150. Changes will be made up until June 1, 2021. **After June 1, 2021 schedule changes will not be made.**

SEVENTH GRADE COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH 7

MATH 7

SCIENCE 7

SOCIAL STUDIES 7

WELLNESS

COMPOSITION 7 (One semester)

BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Nine-week course)

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE (One semester if no fine arts)

ART SURVEY (Nine-week course)

GENERAL MUSIC (Nine-week course)

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (Nine-week course)

ELECTIVE CHOICE - FINE ARTS OR FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

Choice of:

**Family and Consumer Science
(FACS-semester)**

**BAND (full year) – or
CHOIR (full year) - or
ORCHESTRA (full year) - or
ART 7 (full year)
With - Art 9wk or Mus 9wk
(depending on fine arts choice)**

Sample Schedules Attached

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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7TH GRADE

2021-2022

English 7 – The three major areas studied are grammar, literature, and vocabulary. Grammar and vocabulary are integrated throughout the course and are used in various forms of writing and speech as well. The Magic Lens approach to grammar will be used. Students will delve into the world of novels, short stories, fables, and poetry. Students will participate in drama, write literature responses, participate in group discussions, give speeches, write essays and write their very own creative stories.

Advanced English 7 – The introduction of the Pre-AP Handbook occurs in 7th grade Advanced English. This handbook will be used extensively at the high school level and some of its content is expected to be mastered while in junior high. This includes, but is not limited to, numerous literary devices (irony, tone, mood, allegory, figurative language, theme, point of view) and certain AP skills such as how to mark a text and an introduction to dialectical journals. A wide range of texts, including many that are above grade level, will be used to teach these concepts, but in Advanced English 7 a greater emphasis will be placed on critical thinking skills, higher level questions and literary analysis. There is an expectation that students will be asked to go above grade level when appropriate. The rigor of the course will be in the relevancy of the tests and the differentiation of instruction implemented by the teacher. *It is the expectation of HSE schools that students in Advanced English classes in junior high will continue to the honors level and AP courses in high school. Placement is based on grades and teacher recommendation.*

Composition 7 – Composition is a one semester course focusing on the skills necessary to effectively communicate ideas in writing in a grammatically correct manner. Students will use the library to conduct research for a research paper and utilize the computer lab to gain experience in researching and word processing skills. Students will also participate in at least one oral presentation.

Math 7 – The seventh-grade math class prepares students for their final year of pre-algebra study. The curriculum includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Operations of whole numbers, decimals, fractions, and integers

Applications of each set of numbers, using problem solving strategies

Number theory Algebraic expressions and equations Geometric definitions and concepts

Uses of measurements of plane and solid geometric figures Percents and their applications

Statistics and graphs Probability Coordinate graphing and equations in two variables

Advanced Math 7 – This advanced math class prepares students to take high school Algebra I in eighth grade. The curriculum consists of the topics listed below. *Placement is based on grades and teacher recommendation.*

Algebraic concepts Trigonometric ratios Graphing algebraic equations

Percents and their applications Geometric definitions and concepts

Uses of measurements of plane and solid geometric figures Probability and Statistics

Square roots, Pythagorean Theorem

Solving equations with whole numbers, decimals, fractions, and integers

Science 7 – Topics covered include cells, the scientific method, what is a Scientist? and environmental science. An in-depth study of plants and animals is also covered as well as how these fit into different biomes. Students will be studying the different concepts in a lab setting which will help to develop their scientific thought.

Advanced Science 7 – Topics covered include cells, the scientific method, what is a Scientist? and environmental science. An in-depth study of plants and animals is also covered as well as how these fit into different biomes. This class will require students to be an independent thinker, be able to handle a faster pace setting, and be able to utilize higher thinking skills while studying each topic. *Placement is based on grades and teacher recommendation.*

Social Studies 7 – Seventh grade social studies will explore the Eastern World from ancient to modern times. Major civilizations and historical events (e.g. Ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, South Africa, colonization) are studied through a wide variety of means to include, but not limited to, lectures, group and individual projects. Map skills, historical literature analysis, and writing skills are also implemented.

Art 7 – Students will have the opportunity to create both two and three-dimensional art projects. They will explore drawing and painting as well as printmaking, clay, papier-mâché and other media. Experiences

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with web quests, digital photography and learning about and discussing the work of professional artists will also be part of this class. Sketchbook assignments will be used to supplement art projects. This is a year long course.

Art Survey – This nine-week course will give students the opportunity to create both two and three-dimensional art projects. Drawing, painting and papier-mâché are some of the media explored.

Choir – Seventh grade choir consists of a mixed boys and girls chorus, honors girls chorus, boys and an honors mixed chorus. There are two mandatory evening concerts. *Enrollment in some groups is through audition.*

Band – **Symphonic Band** is for advanced 7th and 8th grade band students who display leadership qualities through practice habits, playing skill, and daily class work ethic. Performances include Fall, Winter, and Spring Concerts as well as band contest and solo and ensemble contest. *The intermediate school and junior high school directors select membership.* This is a year long course. **Concert & Varsity Band** are intermediate level groups for 7th and 8th grade students. Performances include Fall, Winter, and Spring Concerts as well as band contest and solo and ensemble contest. *The intermediate and junior high school directors select membership.* This is a year long course. **Beginning Band** is offered to 7th graders who want to learn to play an instrument. Students will perform at the Winter and Spring Concerts.

Participation in seventh grade band will require the rental of an instrument. Students will be fitted to an instrument within the first few weeks of school. Once an instrument has been selected, it will be the responsibility of the parents and students to obtain an instrument. Information regarding instrument rental will be handed out at the start of the school year. This is a year long course. Band classes meet daily.

Orchestra – **Allegro Orchestra** is for beginning orchestra students and offers beginning instruction on violin, viola, cello and string base instruments. **Symphonic Orchestra** is for intermediate orchestra students who already have an understanding of basic music reading, instrument assembly and maintenance, correct playing position and sound tone production. **Chamber and Philharmonic Orchestra** are the advanced string groups and are comprised of students who have two or more years of playing experience. These classes concentrate on advanced technical and expressive skills in an advanced ensemble-focused setting. All orchestra students will participate in regular concerts and participate in string activities outside of school (Contest, Regional Orchestra Festival, etc.). **Participation in seventh grade orchestra will require the rental of an instrument.** *The intermediate and junior high school director will determine placement in the appropriate level.*

General Music – This nine-week course provides students with opportunities to sample hand chimes, keyboards, and guitars. Music history will also be visited.

Business Information Technology – In this nine-week course, students will improve their computer applications skills, using the touch-type method while utilizing Office 365 applications such as Word, Excel, Powerpoint, and Publisher. In addition, students will explore Computer Science and Coding, as well as basic concepts of Personal Financial Responsibility. Culminating projects will include activities which integrate these concepts and allow students to apply their newly acquired skills to real-world situations.

Wellness – This year-long course will improve the health of the whole person – physically, mentally, emotionally and socially. Wellness will cover units on consumer health, personal wellness, growth and development, the body systems, communicable and non-communicable diseases, and AIDS prevention. Wellness lessons will also include abstinence and substance abuse.

Family and Consumer Science – **FACS** – This is a semester class taken by 7th graders not enrolled in art, band, choir or orchestra. Topics include but are not limited to kitchen safety and sanitation, food preparation skills, nutrition, food guide pyramid and clothing care. This class also covers topics associated with child care.

Technology Education - Tech Ed is a nine-week course studying the following technological systems: transportation, manufacturing, construction and communications systems. Major projects include a truss bridge, a transportation vehicle, and a cutting board. The materials utilized in the lab include wood, plastic, and spray and brush paints.

Sample Schedules Attached

Scheduling Options – 7th Grade Sample Only

(Courses will not be in this order.)

<u>With FACS Option</u>	<u>With Fine Arts Option</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. English2. Math3. Science4. Social Studies5. Wellness (Full Year)6. Composition (Sem) / FACS (Sem)7. Art Survey (9 Wks) / General Music (9 Wks) Business (9 Wks) / Tech Ed (9 Wks)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. English2. Math3. Science4. Social Studies5. Wellness (Full Year)6. Fine Arts Electives: (Choose One) Band/Choir/Orchestra/Art (Full Year)7. Composition (Sem) / Business (9 Wks) <u>AND</u> Art (9 Wks) or Music (9 Wks) depending on fine arts choice

Special Notes

1. English and/or Math Labs (May be required based on ILearn and reading scores).
2. Resource Classes (determined at case conferences).