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Junior High School Course Selection Handbook

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James N. Gamble Montessori High School
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**Prior to completing course optioning each year, a student and their caregivers should review these important requirements and considerations:*

High School Graduation Requirements Class of 2023 and Beyond

CORE CREDITS – 15 CREDITS

- English Language Arts – 4 credits
- Mathematics – 4 Credits
 - Algebra I
 - Geometry
 - Algebra II
 - Advanced Math
- Science – 3 Credits
 - 1 Physical Science
 - 1 Biological Science
 - 1 Advanced Science
- Social Studies – 3 Credits
 - 1.0 American History
 - 1.0 Modern World History
 - 1.0 Government / Economics
- Health – 0.5 Credits
- Physical Education – 0.5 Credits
 - 2 semesters (each semester counts as 0.25 credit)
 - OR PE Waiver

ELECTIVE CREDITS – 9 CREDITS

- Fine Arts – 1 Credit
 - 1 year-long course or 2 semester-long courses
- World Language – 2 Credits
 - Students should complete two years of same language
- Intersession – 2 Credits
- 4 Additional credits including (but not limited to);
 - A 4th year of science and/or
 - A 4th year of social studies and/or
 - 2 additional fine arts units (indicating a major in fine arts) and/or
 - 2 units of college-preparatory work

NON-CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

- Senior Project
 - All required community service (Gators Give Back)
 - [Additional requirements for Class of 2023 and beyond](#)
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Junior High School Core Class Course Descriptions

English Language Arts 7/8

This course should address the content in the 7-8 portion of Ohio's Learning Standards for Reading. Reading instruction should include the reading of a variety of text (e.g., informational and literary), applications of the comprehension strategies, and the building and extending of vocabulary. *Content looping occurs in 7th and 8th grade.

Mathematics 7/8

Includes content in the grade 7 and grade 8 portions of Ohio's New Learning Standards for Mathematics. *Content looping occurs in 7th and 8th grade.

Science 7/8

Course includes content found in Ohio's New Learning Standards and Model Curriculum for Science, grade 7 and grade 8. Earth and Space Sciences, Life Sciences, and Physical Sciences are integrated with scientific practices, inquiry, and applications. *Content looping occurs in 7th and 8th grade.

Social Studies 7/8

Elementary social studies course that includes content and skills found in Ohio's Learning Standards and Model Curriculum for Social Studies, Grades 7-8. Topics covered may include history, geography, government, and economics. *Content looping occurs in 7th and 8th grade.

Junior High School Elective Class Course Descriptions

Junior High students will have elective courses during 7th and 8th bells. Most electives are semester-long courses and are open to both 7th and 8th grade students, however some courses are year-long courses and only open to certain grades. Additionally, some courses offer students the opportunity to earn high school credits. Please read the descriptions below carefully to help you rank your top choices.

****Note that if you are placed in a year-long course, you will only have 3 electives in your schedule.***

Art Middle

Bells 7 & 8 Semester-long course

A study of the knowledge, skills and processes for observing, creating, responding and communicating in ways that are unique to visual art. Art production and the construction of meaning in visual artworks are complementary learning activities. Course content may include meaningful connections between visual art and other disciplines to enable students to understand art in a broader context.

American Sign Language Exploration (ASL)

Bells 7 & 8 Semester-long course

This course introduces students to American Sign Language (ASL), a complex visual-spatial language used by the Deaf community in the United States and Canada. Students will build interpretive receptive skills, such as signing and fingerspelling, as well as interpersonal interactive skills, and presentational expressive skills to share information visually.

Computer/Multimedia Literacy

Bells 7 & 8 Semester-long course

Students will learn about computer skills including keyboarding, word processing, digital productivity, multimedia communication, and information tools. Includes content in the 7 - 8 portion of Ohio's academic content standards for technology.

Introduction to Nutrition and Wellness

Bells 7 & 8 Semester-long course

Students will learn about illness, physical education, and balanced diets so they have the knowledge to make healthy choices. Good eating habits and a healthy amount of exercise help keep the mind and body performing at their best. Students will interact with science activities on the human body and learn recipes for delicious foods to keep them interested in nutrition.

JH Choir: Performance Vocal Ensemble

***High school credit can be earned for this class**

Bell 7 ONLY Year-long course

Welcome to all interested singers! We will learn basic singing skills and how to read music. We will perform once a quarter, with the exception of the 3rd quarter, where we will prepare a Jr. High musical. This class is a prerequisite for Sr. High Choir.

JH Steel Band/General Music

Bell 8 ONLY Semester-long course

Learn to play the Steel Drums. This course will teach you the basics of the steel pan, learning calypso and soca. We will also learn basic music theory and history of the Caribbean. This class is a prerequisite for Advanced Steel Drum Band in High School. We will perform one concert a quarter, after school.

JH Band_____ *Prerequisite: At least one year of prior band class or private lessons preferred.

Bell 7 ONLY Year-long course

Junior High Band is an intermediate-level performing ensemble in which students build upon the basic skills they learned in their elementary band program. Students practice their instruments at home to prepare to work together in class as we rehearse a variety of music in preparation for evening concerts, which are scheduled once per quarter.

Korean Exploration

Bells 7 & 8 Semester-long course

This course provides students with an introduction to Korean language and cultural experiences. Students will investigate and reflect on their awareness of their own and others' cultures. While developing this intercultural competence, students will interact in familiar and everyday contexts by: beginning to recognize some words and phrases they hear and read; ask and answer questions using memorized or practiced words and phrases; and speak and write using words, phrases, and memorized expressions when supported by visuals.

Physical Education (P.E.)

Bells 7 & 8 Semester-long course

Students will learn about a wide range of physical activities including major sports and pastimes, while improving their personal fitness. Improve leadership through active participation in group initiatives.

Spanish Exploration

Bells 7 & 8 Semester-long course

This course provides students with an introduction to Spanish language and cultural experiences. Students will investigate and reflect on their awareness of their own and others' cultures. While developing this intercultural competence, students will interact in familiar and everyday contexts by: beginning to recognize some words and phrases they hear and read; ask and answer questions using memorized or practiced words and phrases; and speak and write using words, phrases, and memorized expressions when supported by visuals.

Spanish I AA *High school credit can be earned for this class (Open to 8th graders ONLY)

Bell 8 ONLY Year-long course

This course provides students with the foundational language and cultural experiences necessary to develop proficiency. Students will investigate and reflect on their awareness of their own and others' cultures. While developing this intercultural competence, students will interact in familiar and everyday contexts by: recognizing some words and phrases they hear and read; asking and answering questions using memorized or practiced words and phrases; and speak and write using words, phrases, and memorized expressions when supported by visuals.

STEM Discovery *High school credit can be earned for this class (Open to 8th graders ONLY)

Bells 7 & 8 Year-long course

The goal of this course is to introduce students to the skills, concepts, and S.T.E.M. fields of study and careers using age-appropriate lessons, challenges, and tools. This course will encourage curiosity while building confidence. Students will build a solid foundation of specific technical skills as well as the habits of mind for thinking critically, learning continuously, and for preparing, testing and improving solutions to all types of problems in S.T.E.M. related fields.

Urban Agriculture Exploration

Bells 7 & 8 Semester-long course

This course is an agricultural science elective that focuses mainly on plant and animal science. The desired outcome is to spark interest in junior high students to pursue the Agriculture CTE Pathway offered at Gamble.