



ATTUCKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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2021/2022 7th Grade Elective Courses Description

The academic courses offered to 7th grade students for the 2021-2022 school year include Language Arts, Mathematics, Life Science and Civics. Students will be placed in each academic course based on an analysis of their reading and math achievement data along with teacher recommendations.

Accelerated Math and Science classes such as Algebra I and GEARS 2, will be assigned to students who are highly academically accelerated.

Communications & Humanities

Speech I Honors (HS) - project and life skills course to develop public speaking skills in the areas of original oratory, dramatic or humorous interpretations, and impromptu speaking. Students will also complete 2 district based speech and debate tournaments that directly contribute to their midterm and final grades. *Recommended for students with an FSA Reading level of 3 or above.*

Spanish I (HS) - project based course that allows students to complete year 1 of the 2-year high school foreign language requirement while learning the Spanish language and about Latino culture. *Recommended for students with an FSA Reading level of 3 or above.*

M/J Law Studies - The primary content for this course pertains to the principles, functions, and organization of the American legal system. The content should include, but not be limited to, the purpose of law, the role of citizens, the impact of laws on the lives of citizens, civil and criminal laws, fundamental civil and criminal justice procedures, causes and effects of crime, consumer and family law, comparison of adult and juvenile justice systems, and career opportunities in the legal system. Students will study methods of historical inquiry and primary and secondary historical documents.

M/J Beginning Band (Band I) - skill based course where the fundamentals of reading music and playing instruments will be explored.

M/J Intermediate Band (Band II) - skills based course that builds on skills learned in Band I. Music theory and application through instrumental play will be further developed.

M/J Advance Band (Band III or Band 4) - skills based course that builds on skills learned in Band II. Music theory and application through instrumental play will be further developed.



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Health, Social & Emotional Learning

Physical Education (P.E.) - life skills course that focuses on healthy living in the forms of nutrition, exercise, and team play. **State Legislation requires at least 1 semester of physical education each year in middle school.* Condition is waived if the student is in a remedial course, participates in a physical activity outside of school equal or in excess of requirement, if the parent completes the waiver below indicating that an optional elective was selected in its stead.

Leadership 1 (HS) - project and life skills based course that helps students develop strategies and techniques of good leadership and work with teachers to support a positive school environment.

Latinos in Action (HS) - project and life skills based course that allows [students of Latino heritage](#) to give back to the community by engaging with elementary school students and completing service projects.

Peer Counseling 1 (Level 2 of Personal Development and Financial Literacy course) - project and life skills based course where students gain valuable interpersonal skills such as conflict mediation, stress coping and leadership.

Communications & Technology

Exploration of Career & Technical Occupations - project and skill based course where the fundamentals of Microsoft Office Applications and HTML are discussed. Deep dive into Word and the HTML coding language for web design. [Recommended for students with an FSA Reading level of 3 or above.](#)

Exploratory Technology (TV Production) - project and skill based course on the fundamentals of journalism and media that utilizes Adobe Photoshop and other graphic based programs. Video editing and principles of marketing are explored and developed.

Digital Discoveries (Coding II) - project and skill based class focusing on building basic coding knowledge, various IT pathways, and initial robotic coding. [Prerequisite is Coding 1 and an FSA Reading level 3 or above.](#)

Cambridge Global Perspectives II - project and challenged based course that tackles major global issues. It encourages critical thinking, collaboration, research skills, and global citizenship. Year 2 curriculum of a 3 year course progression. [Prerequisite is Cambridge Global Perspectives 1 and an FSA Reading level 3 or above.](#)

Introduction to Journalism (Yearbook 1) - project based course where students get hands on experience in graphic design and photo editing while producing the annual yearbook.



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