

# 2024-25 Middle School Course Descriptions

## ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

### 2160EN English 6

This course is designed to deepen student literacy skills in the areas of reading literary text, reading informational text, writing, and speaking/listening. The Missouri Learning Standards will serve as a basis for this course. Some of the skills and topics sixth grade students will focus on include: analysis, text evidence/inference, text features, summarization, theme/claim, central idea and topic, multimedia, graphic organization, evidence of research, writing development, narrative/informational/argument writing, and speaking/listening concepts.

### 2170EN English 7

This course is designed to deepen student literacy skills in the areas of reading literary text, reading informational text, writing, and speaking/listening. The Missouri Learning Standards will serve as a basis for this course. Some of the skills and topics seventh grade students will focus on include: analysis, text evidence/inference, text features, summarization, theme/claim, central idea and topic, multimedia, graphic organization, evidence of research, writing development, narrative/informational/argument writing, and speaking/listening concepts.

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#### 5480MA Math 7

Grade 7 mathematics is aligned with the Missouri Learning Standards with the focus of instructional time spent in four critical areas: (1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; (2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; (3) solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, and working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and (4) drawing inferences about populations based on samples.

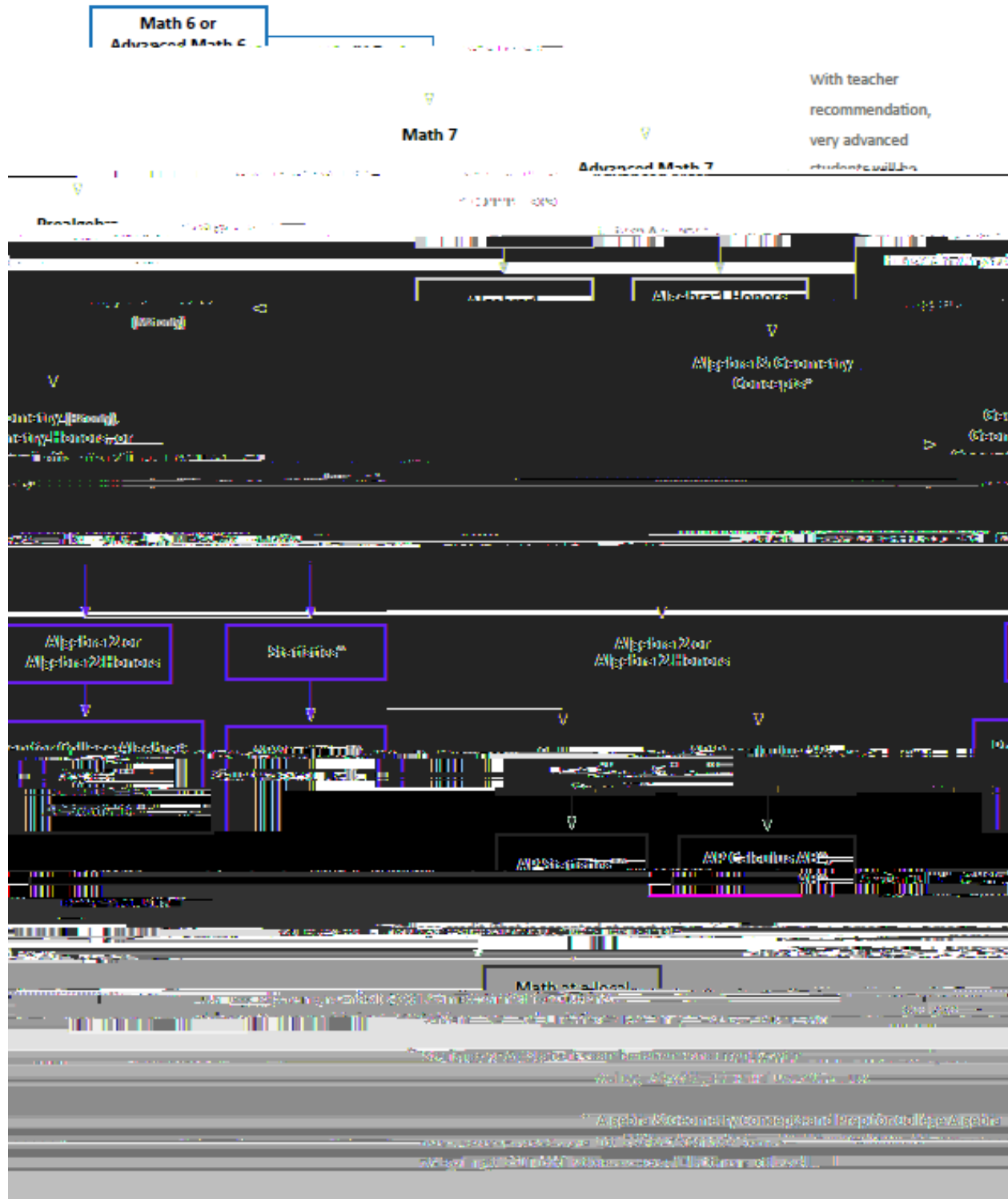
#### 5485MA Advanced Math 7

The 7th grade Advanced math course is accelerated and covers the second half of the 7th grade standards as well

# MATHEMATICS COURSE OFFERINGS

## COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 6-12TH GRADE

### CORE MATH PATHWAYS







#### 4107SS Social Studies 7: The Ancient World II

This course is designed to continue expanding students' understanding of how and why world civilizations have developed and changed over time. It seeks to expose students to the history, geography, culture, and government / economic systems of the following societies: Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, Medieval Europe, Africa, and Latin America, through the Age of Exploration. Students will hone their reading, writing, and disciplinary thinking skills as they explore how power is gained, used, justified, and lost in a civilization and



French-speaking world are introduced. Students satisfactorily completing the 1A course in 7th grade will enroll in 1B in 8th grade.

### 3110WL French 1B (8th grade)

Level 1B is the continuation of 1A. Students will continue to develop skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking, and how to learn a language. Students will revisit concepts learned in 1A and continue to learn new vocabulary, and grammatical structures through a variety of activities. Studies of geography, customs, and culture of the French-speaking world are expanded. Students satisfactorily completing the level will be prepared for and enroll in level 2 in 9th grade.

### 3120WL French 1 (8th grade)

In level 1, students will develop skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Students will learn new vocabulary, and grammatical structures through a variety of activities. The geography, customs, traditions, and culture of the French-speaking world are introduced. Students satisfactorily completing the level will be prepared for and enroll in level 2 in 9th grade.

### 3605WL Spanish 1A (7th grade)

Level 1A is the beginning language course offered in 7th grade. Students will develop skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking, as well as how to study and learn a language. Students will learn pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammatical structures through a variety of activities. The geography, customs, traditions, and culture of the Spanish-speaking world are introduced. Students satisfactorily completing the 1A course in 7th grade will enroll in 1B in 8th grade.

### 3610WL Spanish 1B (8th grade)

Level 1B is the continuation of 1A. Students will continue to develop skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking, and how to learn a language. Students will revisit concepts learned in 1A and continue to learn new vocabulary, and grammatical structures through a variety of activities. Studies of geography, customs, and culture of the Spanish-speaking world are expanded. Students satisfactorily completing the level will be prepared for and enroll in level 2 in 9th grade.







## ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (7th and 8th Grade Electives)

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8303FAMB Advanced Band (8th Grade Course)  
This is a year-long



**1631EL AVID 7th Grade Elective Class  
(Application and Interview Required)**

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a year-long academic elective course that prepares students for college readiness and success. Each week, students receive instruction utilizing a rigorous college preparatory curriculum provided by AVID Center, tutor-facilitated study groups, motivational activities, and academic success skills. In AVID, students participate in activities incorporating strategies focused on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading to support their academic growth.

The seventh-grade AVID Elective course builds upon the components of the AVID philosophy. Students will refine short- and long-term goals and, as a result, begin to understand the value of taking charge of their actions. Students will start working on intrapersonal and interpersonal skills and formal and informal speech. Students will complete self-evaluations and peer evaluations on reading, writing, organization, and speaking. Students will consider audience, purpose, and form in broadening their writing practice. Students will take an active role in their learning, understanding the roles of all members in assignments and collaborative lessons. They will expand their knowledge bases of note-taking in relation to studying and test preparation. Students will be exposed to different field trips, guest speakers, and research to increase their knowledge of college and career options.

**1632EL AVID 8th Grade AVID Elective Class  
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The eighth-grade AVID Elective course is the year of preparation for high school. The students will regularly exhibit and utilize the skills and strategies learned in the seventh-grade AVID course. Students will refine previous goals, focusing on their transition to high school as part of a college preparatory path. Their writing will focus on completing all steps of the writing process and varying style, word choice, vocabulary, structure, and voice. Major writing assignments include persuasive, expository, descriptive, and timed writing. Students will transition from active learners to leaders. Other areas of focus include increasing the use of technology and building upon their test preparation and test-taking knowledge. They will broaden their experiences by analyzing text and utilizing appropriate reading strategies in various settings. Students will become more involved in the presentations of guest speakers and field trips, particularly as they relate to preparation and prior knowledge. Students will also participate in college preparatory testing and build connections with the high school they will attend. Students enrolled in AVID are required to enroll in at least one challenging course. Challenging courses could include 8<sup>th</sup> Honors Algebra, any World Language course, or another course approved by the AVID site team.

*Courses offered in unique setting*