



Boltz Middle School 2024-25

8TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION SHEET

Course description guides are available online at:

bol.pdschools.org/counseling/registration

REQUIRED CORE COURSES

English/Language Arts 8

Science 8

Social Studies 8

Mathematics *Accelerated students will be placed by district guidelines. Students placed in Algebra or Geometry will earn 10 high school credits upon successful completion.

OPTIONAL YEAR- LONG MUSIC ELECTIVES

_____ Symphonic Band (2610MS)

_____ Symphonic Orchestra (2620MS)

_____ Concert Choir (2540MS)

OPTIONAL YEAR-LONG WORLD LANGUAGE- Dual Language students do not need to sign up. Students must complete Spanish 1A in 7th grade to sign up for 1B. *Students must complete 1A and 1B to be considered for 10 units of high school credit.*

_____ Spanish 1B (4729MS)

OPTIONAL SEMESTER-LONG ELECTIVES

- Number your top 11 elective choices from the following electives using 1-11 with 1 being first choice.

_____ Innovations in Design and Tech II (2002- Semester 1 Only)

_____ Computer Science Exploration (1650- Semester 2 Only)

_____ Intro to Culinary Arts (4022MS-Semester 1 Only)

_____ Teen Living (4030MS- Semester 2 only)

_____ Intro to Technical Theatre (5078- Semester 1 Only)

_____ Musical Theatre Production (5237MS- Semester 2 Only)

_____ Physical Education 8 (3525)

_____ Cultural Dance (3097MS)

_____ Guitar (2560MS)

_____ MS Studio Art (1040MS)

_____ Pottery and Sculpture (1045MS)

All course offerings are subject to change.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ ID# _____

**You will turn this document in to your counselor AFTER you have input your course selections into StudentVue.

Extended Learning Opportunities (6th period)

Please Rank in order of preference 1-11 (1 being your top choice)

_____ **Book Club (Quarter Long):** Enhance your reading life by joining a book club. Students will enjoy the love of reading together in a relaxed setting and discover that reading can become a social activity. Clubs will be formed based on reading interests. Tips for finding books will be shared and reading time will be provided. We will also practice low-pressure, seminar-style discussion where there are no wrong answers. (Requirements: 7th and 8th grade)

_____ **Sketch Club (Semester long):** A space where students can work to improve their drawing and illustration skills. Class time will be spent attempting drawing challenges, drawing from life, exploring different types of mark making and materials. This class is for those interested in drawing with pencils and ink. No clay or other 3-D materials will be provided. (Requirements: 7th and 8th grade, Semester)

_____ **Makerspace Club/Technology Student Association/Lego Robotics :** It is a collaborative and community workspace for student-led and interest-driven making, learning, exploring and sharing from the practical to the whimsical! Students use low to high tech tools to pursue and tinker with coding, art design, 3D printing, laser and CNC cutting, bicycle maintenance, sewing/cosplay, jewelry making, woodworking, and your own wonders beyond the spectrum. It's the stuff of goosebumps, connection, and delight as a collective and your own sense of hands-on nourishment! (7th and 8th grade, Semester)

_____ **Board Games Extraordinaire:** Board Game : We will be playing board games and so much more! After we spend time playing the games, we will explore strategies that help us have the upper hand. Then we will work in groups to create our own games that others can play. (Requirements: 7th and 8th grade)

_____ **Pop Culture Movies and Music (Quarter Long):** In this class we will learn about different time periods in American popular culture. We will watch the movies and listen to the music that was popular during each time period. This class will be full of fun discussions and analysis! (Requirements: 7th and 8th grade)

_____ **Fitness Focus (Quarter Long):** Fitness Focus is a class for all students who would like to work in the weight room and gym on speed, strength, and overall fitness. (Requirements: 7th and 8th grade)

_____ **Boltz Athletics (Quarter Long):** Boltz Athletics is for student athletes at Boltz, students will work on their sport specific skills and any tasks their coaches need help with during their athletic season. (Requirements: 7th and 8th grade)

_____ **Satire and the Simpsons:** Are you a big Simpsons fan? Do you love satires? Satires are works that poke fun at something, examples being South Park, Family Guy, Deadpool, Weird Al Yankovic, Saturday Night Live, The Onion, and many more! In this class, we will watch The Simpsons and analyze the episodes. (Requirements: 7th and 8th grade; Parent Permission Slip)

_____ **Bullet Journal:** A bullet journal (or BuJo, for short) will help you get organized, make todo lists and maybe even help you relax! Think of it as part planner and part diary - but a fun way to do both. Instead of blank pages, we use lined pages. We will learn a new way to take notes, keep track of your life (goals, ideas, and schedules) and get creative. Your journal is what you want it to be. You will get out of this class what you put into it! Think of it as taking a diary to the next level! We might even sip some tea along the way! (Requirements: 7th and 8th grade)

_____ **Project Unify:** This course is meant to build compassion, leadership skills, and individual responsibility. Students will be learning about differences and disabilities, and working with the Integrated Services program in order to learn how to be inclusive of all students. (Requirements: 7th and 8th grade)

_____ **7th Grade Musical Theater** - will focus on work backstage (sets, lights, sound, costumes, props, stage crew) for the spring musical theater production, as well as some potential ensemble work on stage. An application/audition form are required to participate, as is attendance at the interest meeting or an arranged meeting with Mr. Thompson.