



CEDAR SPRINGS

MIDDLE LEVEL



Student Schedule Recommendations

Instrumental Music - 3 Years

WITH STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Class 1	Language Arts 6	Language Arts 7	Language Arts 8
Class 2	Math 6	Math 7	Math 8
Class 3	Science 6	Science 7	Science 8
Class 4	Social Studies 6	Social Studies 7	Social Studies 8
Class 5	Elective 1 (One Semester) Elective 2 (One Semester)	Elective 1 (One Semester) Elective 2 (One Semester)	Health (One Semester) Elective 1 (One Semester) OR *Spanish I (Full Year)
Class 6	Band 6	Band 7	Band 8

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN SCHEDULING:

- ***SPANISH I / 8th GRADE ELECTIVE** - It is recommended that band students consider taking Spanish I as their 8th grade elective. Students will earn one high school credit after successful completion of course. This will satisfy one year of the two-year graduation requirement and help to create more elective options for these students at the high school level. If interested, speak to your counselor for options on how to accomplish taking this class in your 8th grade year.
- **HIGH SCHOOL FINE ARTS GRADUATION CREDIT** - If band is continued at the high school level, it will fulfill the Fine Arts Credit required for high school graduation.
- **SUCCESS IN SCHOOL** - It is widely documented that musically trained students are more invested in their schooling, achieve higher GPA's, and perform better on standardized tests (like the SAT) than their non-music peers.
- **UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCE** - Playing an instrument in class every day works the brain differently than the core subjects. It builds self-confidence, increases the sense of accomplishment, improves communication skills, cultivates creativity, fosters responsibility & self-discipline, develops social skills, and creates a lifelong appreciation for music and the arts.



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WITH HONORS COURSES

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Class 1	Honors Language Arts 6	Honors Language Arts 7	Honors English 8
Class 2	Honors Math 6	Honors Math 7	Honors Algebra I
Class 3	Science 6	Honors Science 7	Honors Science 8
Class 4	Social Studies 6	Honors Social Studies 7	Honors Social Studies 8
Class 5	Elective 1 (One Semester) Elective 2 (One Semester)	Elective 1 (One Semester) Elective 2 (One Semester)	*Spanish I (Full Year)
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Sample High School Student Schedule Instrumental Music - 4 Years

WITH HONORS, AP, ACADEMY CLASSES, ETC.

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Class 1	English 9 (Honors)	English 10 American Lit	English 11 American Lit. AP. Lang AP Seminar	English 12 American Lit AP Lang/Lit/Sem.
Class 2	Geometry (Honors) Algebra I	Algebra II (Honors) Geometry (Honors)	Pre-Calculus Algebra II (Honors)	AP Calc or Stats Pre-Calculus
Class 3	Earth Science Biology (Honors)	Biology Chemistry	Chemistry Physics AP Bio/Chem Anatomy	AP Bio/Chem Anatomy
Class 4	World History (AP)	Econ/Gov AP Macro	US History (AP)	Elective/Elective
Class 5	Foreign Language	*Foreign Language	Elective/Elective	Health (One Sem) PE (One Sem)
Class 6	**Band	Band	Band	Band

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN SCHEDULING:

- **MARCHING BAND** - If a student takes Marching Band for three (3) years, the class will exempt/replace the one-semester physical education (PE) credit requirement.
- ****BAND IN 9th GRADE** - Those student that take one full year/credit of a band class (i.e. band in 9th grade), will fulfill their one-credit Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts graduation requirement.
- ***FOREIGN LANGUAGE** - Band students are able to exempt/replace the second year of their foreign language requirement by taking a second year (one credit) of a band class. Students can also take a foreign language in 8th grade to meet one credit of the high school requirement. This allows opportunity for other electives. Check your college's requirements (all are different).
- **PLEASE NOTE** - Students do not need to be in the Honors Academy to take AP and Honors courses. The extreme is represented above. Most students take a schedule that is similar, but slightly less demanding.