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7th and 8th Grade Course Description Guide

**2011-2012
School Year**

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Civil Rights Compliance

Equal Opportunity Officers

Section 504 and Americans with Disability Act = Randy Hughes, Director of Special Education

Title IX = Cory Baumgartner, Associate Principal for Co-Curricular Activities

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Reasonable Accommodations

An opportunity will be available during the selection process for persons with disabilities to advise the District of any need for reasonable accommodation.

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RIVER VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL - KAUKAUNA, WI
GRADE 7 COURSE OFFERINGS 2011-2012

Name _____ __Male __Female
Last First Middle

Address _____ Telephone Number (H) _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ (W) _____

Students will be placed in core classes like math, language arts, science and social studies automatically. Physical education is the only encore class that will be automatically scheduled every other day for the year. **Students are required to take Family and Consumer Education and Technical Education some time during 6th through 8th grade.** It is highly recommended that all students take a variety of classes while they attend River View Middle School. Please complete the three steps below in making choices for classes in 7th grade.

Step 1 - Music, Art 1, and Foreign Language – Select the Music, Art 1, and Foreign Language classes you wish to take. These classes meet every other day all year.

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|--------------------------|---|------|--------------------------|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | No Music, No Art, and No Foreign Language | 9267 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Orchestra |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 9220 <input type="checkbox"/> Band | 9970 | <input type="checkbox"/> | French |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 9245 <input type="checkbox"/> Choir Alto | 9972 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Spanish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 9246 <input type="checkbox"/> Choir Soprano | 9471 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Art 1 |

Step 2 – Other Encore Class Choices – Rank the classes below based on interest. **

Please rank all seven options: 1 – highest interest and 7 – lowest interest.

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|------|---|------|--|
| 9271 | <input type="checkbox"/> Piano Synthesizer 7 | 9670 | <input type="checkbox"/> FCSE and Work Skills II |
| 9367 | <input type="checkbox"/> Exploring Technology | 9770 | <input type="checkbox"/> Health |
| 9470 | <input type="checkbox"/> Art Design | 9071 | <input type="checkbox"/> Resource |
| 9570 | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer | | |

How many of the “ranked” classes will fit in my schedule?

- Students who **do not choose any Music, Art 1 or Foreign Language** will receive six of the ranked encore classes **if it fits in their schedule.**
- Students choosing one Music, Art 1 or Foreign Language class will only receive four of the ranked encore classes **if it fits in their schedule.**
- Students choosing two Music, Art 1 or Foreign Language classes will only receive two of the ranked encore classes **if it fits in their schedule.**
- Students choosing three of the Music, Art 1 or Foreign Language classes will more than likely not have room in their schedule for any of the ranked encore classes. *Students are still asked to rank the courses just in case one of the Music, Art, or Foreign Language courses is at capacity.*

*** We ask students to rank ALL Encore classes because there is no guarantee that classes will be placed into a student’s schedule in the order they are ranked. Classes sometimes are offered at the same time or are at capacity and therefore do not fit into a student’s schedule as requested. **If a class does not have enough students the class may not be offered.** Ranking classes provides options if we are unable to place first choice classes into a schedule.*

Seventh Grade Course Descriptions

Students will automatically be scheduled into these courses as they are required classes.

7070 **Homeroom** **All Year/Everyday**

Homeroom meets every day for the year at the end of each day. Students have the opportunity to work on assignments and make sure they have all materials to complete work for the next day at home. Homeroom teachers can also use this time to advise students on personal issues that may be impacting their learning.

7110 **Language Arts 7** **All Year/Everyday**

LA -7 covers the language area of literature-reading. The course emphasizes reading strategies in a wide variety of literature, including the short story, the novel, drama, poetry, mythology, nonfiction essays, and newspaper and magazine articles.

7120 **Writing Skills 7** **All Year/Everyday**

Students in Writing Skills 7 focus on the writing process using the Writer's Workshop approach. All Writing Skills students will complete a personal narrative, realistic fiction stories, and essays, a research report and an informative speech in addition to other writing assignments.

7200 **Math 7** **All Year/Everyday**

First semester, seventh grade math 7 students will concentrate on the applications of decimals, fractions, integers/equations, and number theory. Later in the school year, seventh grade students will work on proportions/percents, basic geometry/measurement, probability, and graphing in the coordinate planes. This is for the majority of the seventh grade students.

7220 **Pre-Algebra** **All Year/Everyday**

Pre-Algebra students concentrate on applying problem solving strategies, reviewing the necessary arithmetic skills for a first year algebra course, understanding number theory concepts and understanding basic algebraic concepts. Scientific calculators are a requirement for this course. This class is for those students who have special needs in math which can be better met in an accelerated math course. This class is a prerequisite to Algebra I. The sixth grade students who are eligible for Pre-Algebra must meet set criteria to be enrolled in this accelerated program. More information will be sent home with these students.

7300 **Social Studies 7** **All Year/Everyday**

7th grade Social Studies is a study of the Eastern Hemisphere with major emphasis on Europe and Asia. Geography, history and cultures are studied. Projects, videos, Junior Scholastic, tapes and movies are used to supplement the text.

7400 **Science 7** **All Year/Everyday**
Science in seventh grade is mostly life science with a small amount of earth science included. The life science curriculum includes the study of cell structure and reproduction, genetics, evolution, bacteria, protists, fungus, and invertebrate and vertebrate animals. As the class moves into the earth science portion of the curriculum, the topics of climate, weather and atmosphere are examined.

9170 **Physical Education 7** **All Year/Day 1 Day 2**
Physical Education at the middle school level is designed to meet the individual needs of all students. At the end of the middle school program the students should have an awareness of physical fitness in accordance with his/her capabilities as evidenced by his/her participation in team sports, individual sports, lifetime activities and rhythm activities.

7th grade students will have input into which of the following classes they have
(Courses students take taught by instructors certified/trained in the specific area)

9071 **Resource** **Semester/Day 1 Day 2**
Students who would like a regularly scheduled study time will be able to do so by requesting a resource period on their student schedule. Students may not sign up for more than two resource classes. There is no guarantee that they will both fall in opposite semesters.

9220 **Band** **All Year/Day 1 Day 2**
Seventh grade students who have had previous instruction on a band instrument may enroll in band. The ensemble plays a wide variety of music including marches, popular tunes, and standard concert band literature. This music is performed at three concerts throughout the year. Those students, who desire to enroll in band, but have not played a band instrument, may enroll with the approval of the instructor.

9245, 9246 **Choir (Alto & Soprano)** **All Year/Day 1 Day 2**
Course content includes singing of standard choral literature with emphasis on voice and voice production. Basic note reading and part-singing will also be stressed.

9271 **Piano/Synthesizer 7** **Semester/Day 1 Day 2**
Do you have one of those portable electronic keyboards laying around your house, but you really don't know what to do with it? Well then, this class is for you! Students will study the basic skills necessary to become a functional piano or synthesizer player. In addition, students will gain an understanding of the basic functions of a synthesizer/sequencer.

9267 **Orchestra** **All Year/Day 1 Day 2**
Students who have played a string instrument for at least one year are eligible to take orchestra. Emphasis will be on learning to play as an ensemble, but class time will also be spent exploring instrument maintenance, musical hobbies and careers in music. A private lesson each week from the director and three concert performances are required.

9367 **Technology Education 2** **Semester/Day 1 Day 2**
Students must take FCE and Tech Ed at least one time each during grades 6-8.

Technology Education 2 is a project based, "hands on" class that will give students an opportunity to learn about and use different tools and equipment. Students will take an in-depth look at the four technology areas including communication, construction, manufacturing and transportation. Students will be in both a "shop" and "technology center" type environment working on projects such as model rocket design, computer aided architecture and digital graphic manipulation using Adobe Photoshop. Safety, problem solving and teamwork will be stressed.

9470 **Art Design 7** **Semester/Day 1 Day 2**

The course content of "Introduction to Design" will include the discussion and application of the six elements of art; color, line, space, texture, shape, and values. The course will contain various two dimensional projects along with some brief history of Logo Design. Some of these projects will include interior design, logo perspective, printing, and folding designs.

9471 **Art I** **All Year/Day 1 Day 2**

Art I is the study of the basic art principles. It emphasizes the further development of basic skills necessary to communicate an individual's ideas and experiences through a variety of art materials. Art activities include drawing, painting, sculpture, design and crafts.

9570 **Computer** **Semester/Day 1 Day 2**

The seventh grade computer curriculum is divided into two general units--advanced word processing and multimedia. In the advanced word processing unit students will use Microsoft Word and learn many of its built-in features. Online searches and citing online sources are emphasized. In the multimedia unit, students will be introduced to three programs: Power Point, Windows Movie Maker/Photo Story 3 and GIMP. Using Power Point students review effective presentation features and learn alternative uses for Power Point. Using Movie Maker/Photo Story 3, students will learn how to work with digital photos, text and sounds to create digital movies. Last, students will learn how to create simple animations using GIMP software.

9670 **FCSE Life and Work Skills II** **Semester/Day 1 Day 2**

Students must take FCE and Tech Ed at least one time each during grades 6-8.

This course focuses on the importance of helping others. We will focus on children and see how the needs of children change as they grow. We will also look at other people groups that need assistance. We will identify careers that help others. We will create care packages, practice food preparation, and sew a locker caddy organizer. There is a \$7.00 course fee.

9770 **Health** **Semester/Day 1 Day 2**

In 7th grade Health we will cover basic first aid, CPR, choking, and water and fire safety. We will also cover personality, stress, fitness/wellness, nutrition, and alcohol.

9970

Introduction to French

All Year/Day 1 Day 2

Students will be introduced to level I French vocabulary, grammar and culture through a variety of projects, songs, games and partner activities. The first 2-3 chapters of the course book will be presented in this class, and it will provide the basic building blocks for 8th grade French language study. It is **STRONGLY** recommended that students wishing to take 8th grade French also take this class.

9972

Introduction to Spanish

All Year/Day 1 Day 2

Students will be introduced to level I Spanish vocabulary, grammar and culture through a variety of projects, songs, games and partner activities. The first 2-3 chapters of the course book will be presented in this class and it will provide the basic building blocks for 8th grade Spanish language study. It is **STRONGLY** recommended that students wishing to take 8th grade Spanish also take this class.

Eighth Grade Required Course Descriptions

Students will automatically be scheduled into these courses as they are required classes.

8080 Homeroom All Year/Everyday

Homeroom meets every day for the year at the end of each day. Students have the opportunity to work on assignments and make sure they have all materials to complete work for the next day at home. Homeroom teachers can also use this time to advise students on personal issues that may be impacting their learning.

8110 Language Arts 8 All Year/Everyday

Eight grade students concentrate on literature and composition. The study of literature involves helping students understand the characteristics of various types of literature which include short stories, novels, drama, poetry as well as nonfiction. Students learn to analyze literature in terms of its elements such as characters, plot, setting, theme and style. In composition, students focus on daily journal writing, the use of the writing process and clear thinking and writing strategies to produce a variety of different types of written text which include multiple paragraphs.

8120 Writing Skills 8 All Year/Everyday

Students in Writing Skills 8 focus on the writing process using the Writer's Workshop approach. All Writing Skills students will complete a personal narrative, realistic fiction stories, and essays, a research report and an informative speech in addition to other writing assignments.

8200 Pre-Algebra All Year/Everyday

Pre-Algebra 8 will continue topics studied in seventh grade and provide the students a good foundation to build upon in Algebra during their freshmen year. Major topics of study include: all operations with integers; solving one-step and two-step equations; writing and simplifying algebraic expressions; distributive property; writing equations; solving inequalities; finding the slope of a line; graphing linear equations; writing equations in the slope-intercept form; finding squares and square roots; using the Pythagorean Theorem; finding the volume and surface area of polyhedra and cylinders; and finding permutations and combinations.

8220 Algebra 1 All Year/Everyday

Algebra 1 is the same course which is taught in the high school. It is a prerequisite to Geometry. Topics covered include the basic rules of algebra, signed numbers, equations, inequalities, graphing, functions, systems of equations, exponents, radicals, polynomials and quadratics. This class follows the 7th grade Pre-Algebra class (7220). Students enrolled in Algebra 1 as eighth graders must also meet the set criterion. More information is sent home with these students.

8300 Social Studies 8 All Year/Everyday

8th grade Social Studies is a survey course that covers American History with the discovery, exploration, and settling of America up through the Civil War/Reconstruction Period. The series **Roots** is also viewed to enhance the curriculum and to gain a better understanding of the early history of African Americans in the United States.

8400 Science 8 All Year/Everyday

The eighth grade science curriculum will cover earth science and basic chemistry. The earth science units covered are: minerals, rocks, soil, weathering, and erosion. The chemistry units covered are: atoms, elements, compounds, mixtures, states of matter, and physical and chemical changes.

9180 **Physical Education 8** **All Year/Day 1 Day 2**

This program works to teach students motor skills necessary to participate in a wide variety of physical activities which include: team, life time, and individual sports. It also tries to help students understand the link between good health and physical activity in their lives. Extra credit projects are made available for all students. An individual exercise program can be set up for students at various times of the school year.

8th grade students will have input into which of the following classes they have

(Courses students take taught by instructors certified/trained in the specific area)

9081 **Resource** **Semester/Day 1 Day 2**

Students who would like a regularly scheduled study time will be able to do so by requesting a resource period on their student schedule. Students may not sign up for more than two resource classes. There is no guarantee that they will both fall in opposite semesters.

9230 **Band** **All Year/Day 1 Day 2**

Eighth grade students who have had previous instruction on a band instrument may enroll in band. The ensemble plays a wide variety of music including marches, popular tunes, and standard concert band literature. This music is performed at three concerts throughout the year. Those students who desire to enroll in band, but have not played a band instrument, may enroll with the approval of the instructor. Students will receive small group instruction on their respective instruments each week during the scheduled class period. Large group band will practice during homeroom.

9250-9251-9252 **Choir** **All Year/Day 1 Day 2**

Course content includes singing of standard choral literature with emphasis on voice and voice production. Basic note reading and part-singing will also be stressed.

9268 **Orchestra** **All Year/Day 1 Day 2**

Students who have played a string instrument for at least one year are eligible to take orchestra. Emphasis will be on learning to play as an ensemble, but class time will also be spent exploring instrument maintenance, musical hobbies, and careers in music. A private lesson each week from the director and three concert performances are required.

9368 **Technology Education 3** **Semester 1/Day 1 Day 2**

Students must take FCE and Tech Ed at least one time each during grades 6-8.

Technology 3 is a "hands on" class where students spend half their time in a traditional shop and half their time in a contemporary computer-based technology center. Students will work on various problem solving activities in a team learning environment and will learn about safe machine usage, aviation, truss construction and egg-drop machines. Students will have an opportunity to design a floor plan, learn about digital graphic manipulation using Adobe Photoshop, and edit digital video using iMovie in the technology center. Safety and problem solving will be stressed.

9369 **Technology Education 4** **Semester 2/Day 1 Day 2**

Students must take FCE and Tech Ed at least one time each during grades 6-8.

Technology 4 is a "hands on" class where students spend half their time in a traditional shop and half their time in a contemporary computer-based technology center. Subjects covered include digital video editing, computer aided drafting and digital graphic design. We will explore manufacturing through arc welding, wood turning and by designing, building and racing CO2 powered dragsters. Balsa wood towers will be designed, built and tested in a construction unit. Safety and problem solving will be stressed.

9480 **Art Design 8** **Semester/Day 1 Day 2**
The course content of "Introduction to Design" will include the discussion and application of the six elements of art; color, line, space, texture, shape, and values. The course will contain various two dimensional projects along with some brief history of Logo Design. Some of these projects will include interior design, logo perspective, printing and folding designs. This is a different class from Art Design 7.

9482 **Art I** **All Year/Day 1 Day 2**
Art I is the study of the basic art principles. It emphasizes the further development of basic skills necessary to communicate an individual's ideas and experiences through activities including drawing, painting, sculpture, design and crafts.

9484 **Art II** **All Year/Day 1 Day 2**
Art II is a more advanced study of art skills. The intention of Art II is to provide students with the ability to express their ideas more creatively. Art activities include drawing, painting, clay, metals, and design introducing new materials and ideas. Students must have had Art I or Art Design in 7th grade.

9580 **Computer** **Semester/Day 1 Day 2**
The eighth grade computer curriculum is divided into two general units—Microsoft Office and Multimedia. Students will review Microsoft Word and Power Point. Next they will be introduced to Microsoft Access (database) and Excel (spreadsheet) applications and learn how these applications can work together. In the multimedia unit, students learn how to create Flash animations to use in projects or on web pages. They will also learn programming logic using Scratch, a fun programming application.

9680 **FCSE and Work Skills III** **Semester/Day 1 Day 2**
This course will help teens gain life skills needed to become successful and independent young adults. We will address topics that will help teens navigate high school. We'll talk about successful learning and education, peers and friends, choosing your career, getting and keeping a job, living on your own, and plans for the future. We will explore the importance of healthy eating. We will practice food preparation and sew a pillowcase. There is a \$7.00 course fee.

9681 **FCSE Family and Jobs** **Semester/Day 1 Day 2**
This course will explore all aspects of the world of work. We will focus on learning job-related skills while setting up and running a small business—The Snack Shop. We will be making test batches of various snack-type foods and deciding which snacks we will make and offer for sale in our snack shop. We will also incorporate the nationwide FCCLA (Family, Community, and Career Leaders of America) program to assist us in reaching our class goals. There is a \$7.00 course fee.

9980/9982 **French 8 – Spanish 8** **All Year/Day 1 Day 2**
Students will continue to build on the language skills acquired in the 7th grade Intro to French / Spanish course. Students are expected to learn and apply various vocabulary, grammar concepts, and verb conjugations in order to speak, read, write and listen to the language in realistic situations. Role playing, projects, songs, games, partner activities and group work are used to teach and practice skills. Based on their achievement after completing this course, students may opt to take a level II French/Spanish class at the high school as a freshman.