

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: This information varies from what is in the Middle School Registration Guide. This is the correct information for Brooklyn Middle School.**

**Art 7 (040000)**

*Daily, 1 trimester*

This class builds on the skills taught in Art 6 to create new and exciting opportunities in two- and three-dimensional art. The hands-on course goes deeper into building techniques and methods with drawing, clay/pottery, painting, printmaking, digital art, calligraphy and collage. The goal is to provide students with broader understanding of the elements of art and principles of design.

**Family & Consumer Sciences 7 (020000)**

*Daily, 1 trimester*

Enjoy making things? In this yearlong class, students explore a variety of topics, including food preparation, nutrition, career exploration, understanding personal purchases, financial literacy, growth and development of children, and a design project. Students learn the basics of cooking and work in small group cooking labs. Students learn how to become informed and responsible lifelong learners who are able to make healthy decisions regarding diet, fitness and lifestyle. Students also investigate the exciting world of careers.

**Band 7 (052201, 052202, 052203)**

*Every other day- 1.5 credits per year*

In Band 7, students continue their individual and ensemble musical growth. Band 7 students are required to perform two evening concerts during the year. Prerequisite: Completion of Band 6, Intro to Band 6 or audition with the band director.

**Choir 7 (051201, 051202, 051203)**

*Every other day- 1.5 credits per year*

7th grade choir is for students who enjoy singing. In this class, students continue to develop their individual and ensemble vocal skills. A variety of music is performed. All Choir 7 musicians are required to perform two evening concerts during the year.

**Orchestra 7 (051401, 051402, 051403)**

*Every other day- 1.5 credits per year*

In Orchestra 7, students continue their individual and ensemble musical growth. This ensemble performs two evening concerts during the year and participation in these concerts is required. Prerequisite: Completion of Orchestra 6, Intro to Orchestra 6 or audition with the orchestra director.

**Physical Education 7 (060001, 060002, 060003)**

*Every other day- 1.5 credits per year*

This activity-based course is organized around an active and healthy lifestyle. The emphasis is on fundamentals, rules, strategies and individual physical fitness. Activities may include team/individual games, cooperative games, fitness training, swimming and other indoor/outdoor activities. A high level of participation is expected, and students are required to change into appropriate clothing for participation. This class is taken opposite of health

**Physical Education 7 (060000)**

*Daily, 1 trimester*

This trimester, daily PE class may be taken 1, 2 or 3 trimesters. You may not sign up for this class if you are taking the every other day PE option. This activity-based course is organized around an active and healthy lifestyle. The emphasis is on fundamentals, rules, strategies and individual physical fitness. Activities may include team/individual

games, cooperative games, fitness training, swimming and other indoor/outdoor activities. A high level of participation is expected, and students are required to change into appropriate clothing for participation. This class may be taken 1, 2 or 3 trimesters. You may not take this if you are taking every other day Phy Ed.

### **Project Lead the Way/Tech Ed 7 (011000)**

*Daily, 1 trimester*

Gateway to Technology 7 is a hands-on, lab-based, Project Lead the Way course that provides project-based learning – a hands-on approach – that is exciting and challenging for a wide range of students. The curriculum relates technology to students’ daily lives. It promotes communication and collaboration by emphasizing a teaming approach. Through this approach, students use their strengths to accomplish project goals while learning challenges at all ability levels. The course curriculum meets national standards and integrates age-appropriate knowledge with developing STEAM awareness.

### **Creative Technology: Design & Problem Solving (001300)**

*Daily, 1 trimester*

Students will explore the principles of design through the design cycle. Students will engage in different activities using digital technologies in order to create solutions to complex problems. In addition to developing specialist skills, students will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with your peers in other creative and technical areas. The goal of this course requires project-based work across core subject areas, leading students to develop flexible creative and technical skills which will prepare them for their future.

### **French 1 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (132201, 132202, 132203)**

*Every day- 3 credits per year*

French 1 introduces students to communicating in French and becoming familiar with French-speaking cultures. Students receive instruction in all of the French Level 1 standards. The main linguistic goal is to achieve some degree of comfort with spoken French. The course also includes an initial familiarization with French written materials. Students explore the role of culture by learning about themselves and others as cultural beings.

### **Spanish 1- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (136201, 136202, 136203)**

*Every day- 3 credits per year*

Spanish 1 introduces students to communicating in Spanish and becoming familiar with Spanish-speaking cultures. Students receive instruction in all of the Spanish Level 1 standards. The main linguistic goal is to achieve some degree of comfort with spoken Spanish. The course also includes an initial familiarization with Spanish written materials. Students explore the role of culture by learning about themselves and others as cultural beings.

**Important note:** Students planning on attending a postsecondary institution are strongly encouraged to continue the Spanish/French course sequence by participating in Spanish/French 2, 3, 4, and beyond during their high school experience. Students who elect to participate in Spanish 1 or French 1 can earn high school credit. It is recommended that students who take a world language earn a “C” average or better and have strong study skills.

### **Health and Wellness 7 (REQUIRED) (060101, 060102, 060103)**

*Required Elective; Every other day- 1.5 credits per year*

This course empowers students to make healthy decisions that influence self, family and community. Students are given opportunities to enhance and explore their health within the context of the following topics: introduction to health, decision making and goal setting, safety and injury/violence prevention; substance use/abuse; personal health/nutrition/fitness; community/consumer health; social/mental/emotional health; disease prevention/HIV-AIDS; and basic family life.