

7th Grade Encore Course Descriptions

2025 - 2026 school year

Financial Literacy

This is a project-based course centered around planning and investing. This information will be conveyed through simulated real-world decision making.

7th Grade Topics:

- College and Career Exploration
- The Stock Market
- Economics and World Trade



STUDIO ART

In this course, students will be develop their artistic abilities, which includes brainstorming, problem solving, analyzing, and evaluating art. Design problems will be solved using various visual art mediums, leaving room for a student's own personal ideas and artistic style. You will explore, drawing, painting, sculpting, printmaking, and other media.



GRAPHIC DESIGN

In this course, students will learn how to use Photopea, which is a free program similar Adobe Photoshop. They will explore and practice using all the tools and experience just how powerful this photo editing program can be. Graphic Design vocabulary and safe online practices will also be learned.






7th Grade Chorus

Do you want to learn how to sing?

Do you sing in the shower?

Have you ever dreamed of being on stage someday?

JOIN CHORUS!



7th Grade chorus meets **during the school day** (not after school). Make friends, go on exciting trips (like Hersheypark in June), and improve your singing voice!

All are welcome!

You can join even if you have never taken chorus before

If you don't try it, you'll never know if you like it!





Sound Lab



Welcome to Sound Lab, where 7th grade students explore the world of music through hands-on experiences! Dive into the rhythms of **boomwhackers**, harmonize with **handbells**, tickle the ivories on the **piano**, strum chords on the **guitar**, and elevate your rhythm skills with **bucket drumming**.



"No Passport Needed: Climate, Culture and Cuisine of the World"



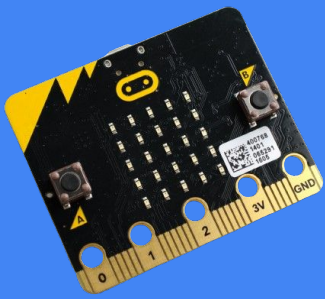
This course helps students understand Earth's human diversity. Students will embark on a global journey exploring countries around the world, where they will gain a rich understanding of each country's geography, history, culture, and of course, food.

ACHIEVING FITNESS: AN ADVENTURE APPROACH

ADVENTURE
AWAITS



This course offers students a fun and exciting way to develop fundamental fitness skills by working to improve their endurance, strength, flexibility and coordination through a series of adventure games and challenges.



Coding 1

In this interactive class, you will embark on a journey of creativity and problem-solving skills using finches and micro:bits, small programmable devices packed with sensors and LEDs. You will create a variety of projects, from coding a hot potato game to creating a virtual pet.



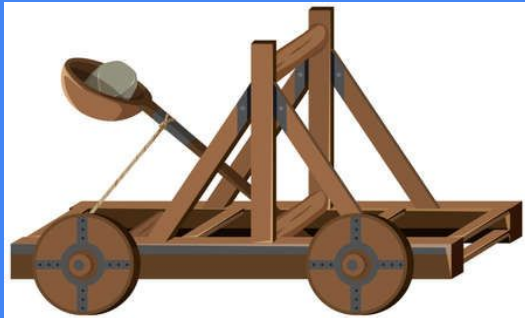
Explore National Parks



This course is designed for scientific environmentalists and conservationists. Woven into our diverse country, the national parks service preserves the beautiful landscape and ecology of our natural treasures. Explore the history of our national parks, their natural resources and plan a visit to a local park located on the National Park Services map.

Innovation & Design

Calling all engineers! In this course, STEM learning, innovative thinking, and creative problem solving are at the forefront of every class. You will work collaboratively to design and build a scaled down version of a medieval siege machine; as well as a structure that can withstand a simulated earthquake.





BREAKING NEWS: NEW ENCORE CLASS VIKING BROADCAST NEWS

In this **hands-on** class, you will master broadcast video basics and learn to work as a crew as you take on the role(s) of your choice: producer, director, writer, camera operator, audio engineer, video editor, designer, or on-air reporter.

We will work in the studio and through field reporting across our schools to develop RMS and District broadcast news programs, commercials, and public service announcements.

We'll also partner with experts from broadcast television, and tour and train at their studio too!



Viking Broadcast: Great for beginners and experienced video makers too!



7th Grade Orchestra

Continue where you left off in 6th grade! You will continue to improve your musical skills while performing more interesting and complex music. Seventh Grade Orchestra performs at the Winter and Spring Concerts, and can look forward to a field trip to Hershey Park in June.

Prerequisite: 6th Grade Orchestra (at least two years of experience).



Symphony Band *(7th Grade Band)*

Continue where you left off in 6th grade! You will continue to improve your musical skills while performing more interesting and complex music. Symphony Band performs at the Winter and Spring Concerts, and students can also elect to audition for the Jazz Ensemble which meets after school.

Prerequisite: Concert Band (at least two years of experience).

