

Hazelwood School District Curriculum Highlights

By the end of the school year, a seventh grade student will . . .

Reading

Using grade level texts, seventh grade students will:

- Develop vocabulary using the glossary, dictionary, thesaurus and class discussion
- Use appropriate strategies including meaning, syntax, visual cues, and decoding when comprehension breaks down (**Monitoring Comprehension**)
- Compare, contrast, and analyze connections from text-to-text, text-to-self, and text-to-world (**Making Connections**)
- Question in considering the text (author's purpose, theme, or point of view) (**Questioning**)
- Create and describe multi-sensory images that enrich and extend the text (**Visualizing**)
- Identify key concept(s) and supporting details and uses text features to clarify (**Determining Importance**)
- Develop predictions, interpretations, or conclusions about the text; identify point of view and mood; and, analyze the influence of setting on characters, plot, and resolution (**Inferring**)
- Analyze text features of consumer texts, such as product information, to clarify meaning
- Use and explain figurative language: hyperbole, imagery, and propaganda
- Apply post-reading skills to summarize, paraphrase, and retell



Writing

- Apply the characteristics of different writing genres to produce their own pieces of writing
- Develop writing skills based on the six writing traits: (content, organization, sentence fluency, word choice, voice, conventions)
- Use the writing process independently



Listening/Speaking

- Use active listening behaviors asking the speaker appropriate questions
- Listen critically to recognize and interpret propaganda techniques
- Speak clearly and stay on topic using appropriate public speaking techniques
- Read, follow, and give clear and concise multi-step directions to complete a complex task

Informational Literacy

- Develop a research plan to guide investigation and research of focus questions
- Find and evaluate the reliability of information, make note cards, produce an organized draft, and publish a coherent piece of writing
- Document research sources using given citation form
- Identify and explain media techniques used to convey messages in various media

Math

- Identify and represent functions as linear or nonlinear from tables, graphs, or equations
- Solve problems involving ratio, proportion, scale factor, and similarity
- Use positive and negative numbers accurately.
- Find the volume and surface area of various solids
- Describe variability in data and compare data distribution



Science

- Practice using experimental design
- Experiment with simple electrical circuits
- Explore the effects forces have on the motion on the variety of apparatus
- Explain why Earth has seasons, day and night and the moon has phases
- Make connections between science, mathematics, and technology; develop abilities in technological design

Social Studies

- Analyze the history of the ancient and medieval world to compare and contrast the past and the present
- Explain how exploration and colonization affected Native Americans in the western hemisphere
- Identify, compare and contrast different forms of government
- Explain how ancient and medieval cultures differed in Europe, Asia and Africa



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Physical Education/Health

Physical Education

- Develop physical fitness and a positive attitude toward a healthy lifestyle
- Display responsible behavior in the physical education setting
- Learn basic skills for various sports and lifetime activities

Health

- Understand the structure and functions of the body systems
- Apply positive personal and family health habits
- Explore the importance of good nutrition
- Develop an awareness of safe and unsafe substances and effects on the body

Music

Choir

- Develop singing skills
- Acquire skills to read music
- Perform vocally with an ensemble

Band

- Demonstrate the ability to play an instrument
- Develop and apply skills to read music
- Develop and apply instrumental music skills to perform with a group



Orchestra

- Demonstrate ability to play an instrument
- Develop and apply skills to read music
- Develop and apply instrumental music skills to perform with a group

Exploring Music

- Develop basic music skills
- Explore the music of diverse cultures, different genres, and distinctive styles
- Identify standard music symbols and rhythms

Art

- Apply drawing techniques and tools with a variety of materials
- Create artwork with various materials, including paint, fiber, clay, and so on
- Apply principles & elements of art to communicate ideas through artwork



Spanish

- Overview the Spanish language and culture
- Develop basic conversation skills

Family and Consumer Science

- Complete 4 or 5 of the following modules:
Baking & Measurement Fashion and Textile
Basic Sewing Food Science
Careers Interior Design
Early Childhood Life Skills
Entrepreneurship Microwave Cooking & Nutrition
Personal Finance Families
Snack Nutrition



Gateway to Technology - Design and Modeling

- Explore the impact of technology on daily lives
- Use Inventor software to create designs and drawings
- Complete hands-on projects to solve problems

