



# 2014-15 GRADE SEVEN REGISTRATION MUSIC AND GLOBAL LANGUAGE PLYMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

For Office Use Only:

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
MCA Reading \_\_\_\_\_ MAP Reading \_\_\_\_\_  
MCA Math \_\_\_\_\_ MAP Math \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Grade 6 Family,

It is time to help your child select from among the music and global language opportunities available to grade 7 students at Plymouth Middle School. Grade 7 students make two choices--one for *Music* and one for *Global Language*. **Please indicate your choice from the list below and return the completed form to your child's 1<sup>st</sup> period teacher by Friday, February 7.**

### MUSIC SELECTION

Grade 7 students have the opportunity to include music in their schedules. While many students choose one music option, some students choose a combined music option. Students choosing this option should be strong musicians who exhibit good practice habits and organizational skills. Both parents and students should recognize that participating in two performance groups means that students will have only half of the rehearsal and class time that students taking only one performance group will have. *Although students in a single instrumental section may be able to drop music at the end of first semester (as space allows), students choosing combined choir and band or orchestra must remain in both classes all year long; they will not have the option of dropping just one of the classes midyear.*

### GLOBAL LANGUAGE SELECTION

Grade 7 students who demonstrate success in English class and who have met district benchmarks on standardized assessments (MAP and MCA) may select French or Spanish. Students in need of reading, EL or special education support may be placed in a course other than global language.

#### MUSIC OPTIONS

(Select one):

- Band
- Choir
- Orchestra
- Combined Band and Choir
- Combined Orchestra and Choir
- OR
- My child prefers to participate in other Allied Arts options rather than music (see reverse for details)

#### GLOBAL LANGUAGE

(Select one):

- French
- Spanish
- Continue in Spanish Immersion program

If applicable, please indicate the language studied in 6<sup>th</sup> grade: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, please indicate the instrument(s) your student currently plays: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if my child is selecting band or orchestra, he/she should have experience with the instrument (such as grade 6 band or orchestra, or a series of private lessons) by the time school opens in September.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Staff use only:

MATH

READING

\_\_\_\_ Pre-Algebra      \_\_\_\_ Reading Skills 7  
\_\_\_\_ Extended Math      \_\_\_\_ Algebra I      \_\_\_\_ Reading 7  
\_\_\_\_ Higher Algebra      \_\_\_\_ Dev. Reading 7

# FEATURES OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

## Plymouth Middle School

### A 7-period day with coursework in the Core and Allied Arts curriculum

#### *The Core Curriculum*

There are five Core periods per day that include mathematics, science, social studies, English, reading and/or global language. Core curriculum described in more detail below.

#### *The Allied Arts Curriculum*

There are two Allied Arts periods per day. Options include music, physical education, health, art, technology education and family & consumer science. Some students may be enrolled in extended math classes in place of allied arts.

#### *The Core Curriculum*

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will have reading instruction for at least half of the school year (one semester).

#### *Reading*

Students will read a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts using different strategies to further develop their reading skills, comprehension, and critical thinking. Preparation for the MCA will address the three tested areas: comprehension, vocabulary expansion, and literature. Students scoring below district benchmarks on standardized tests will continue to develop their reading skills through a year-long reading course.

#### *English*

Students will expand their understanding of reading and writing well, developing their grammar, vocabulary, comprehension and composition skills through a variety of reading and writing projects.

#### *Math*

Students begin studying *Pre-Algebra* in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Topics include: factors, exponents, ratios, percents, data and probability, measurement, graphing, proportional reasoning, and algebraic representations. Students not demonstrating proficiency will be scheduled into an additional math support class (*Extended Math*) during the allied arts block.

#### *Life Science*

Students will study: the nature of science, the parts of cells and their roles, traits passed from parent to offspring, the structure and function of living systems, the interactions of living organisms, and human interactions with living organisms and ecosystems.

#### *Social Studies*

Grade 7 Social Studies features U.S. History as its lead discipline, making connections with geography and economics as well. Students will learn about people, issues and events of significance to our nation's history from 1800 to the current era of globalization.

#### *Spanish Immersion*

Students enrolled in Spanish Immersion will take Spanish Social Studies and Spanish Science in addition to continued instruction in Spanish Reading.

#### *Global Language*

Students scoring above district benchmarks on standardized tests will have one semester of Global Language opposite the semester of reading. This course is a continuation of Global Language study from 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Students new to the school will have an opportunity to take this course, if they meet the required criteria.

### **An honors level option for academically motivated students**

Plymouth Middle School offers Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) courses. The honors level option requires an application, entrance review and standards to maintain once students are accepted.

### **Options for accelerated mathematics placement**

Scores from the MCA, MAP and a district test are used in combination to place students in mathematics.

### **Academic support**

Students with reading or math needs are provided additional instructional time via reading and/or math classes in place of allied arts courses or during core curriculum.

### **Questions about registration?**

Please call the Guidance Office at 763-504-7119 if you have any questions or concerns about your child's registration choices and options.