

MIDDLE SCHOOL 2020-2021

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COURSE DESCRIPTION HANDBOOK



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ALGOMA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 24 Total Credits · Successful completion of the following subject and credit requirements
English	4 Credits including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ English I (1 credit) ○ English II(1 credit) ○ Elective(s) (2 credits)
Social Studies	3.5 Credits including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social Studies Seminar (1.0 credit) ○ US History (1.0 credit) ○ Elective(s) (1.5 credits)
Science	3.0 Credits including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Biology 9/Physical Science 9 (1.0 credit) ○ Biology 10/Physical Science 10 (1.0 credit) ○ Elective(s) (1.0 credit)
Math	3.0 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Algebra I ○ Geometry ○ Algebra II
Health and Wellness Education	2.0 Credits including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 semester electives in P.E. ○ Health Education (.5 credit)
STEAM/CTE	1.5 Credits including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Electives in Technology and Engineering Education, Business Education, Visual Arts, and/or Family and Consumer Science (1.5 credits)
Business Education	.5 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Employability Skills/Personal Finance (ES/PF)
Electives	6.5 Credits
TOTAL CREDITS	24 Credits

COURSES TAKEN IN MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

→ **2013 ACT 138: Allowing Credit Earned in Grade 7 or 8 to Count as High School Credit If Certain Conditions Are Met**

Under Act 138, if three conditions are met, a school board may count a credit that a pupil earns in grade 7 or 8 toward the 15 state graduation credit requirements or the 8.5 additional credits that the state superintendent encourages school boards to require from any combination of vocational education, foreign languages, fine arts, and other courses.

- The pupil's performance on a state examination or similar examination approved by the school board must demonstrate that the pupil is academically prepared for coursework that is offered in the high school grades.
- The credit must be earned in a course that is taught by a teacher who is licensed to teach the subject in the high school grades.
- The credit must be earned in a course that is taught using a curriculum and assessments that are equivalent to the curriculum and assessments used to teach the subject in the high school grades.

(adapted from information on the DPI website - http://cal.dpi.wi.gov/cal_8gr_algebra_hsggrad)

ALGOMA MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPORTANT SCHEDULING INFORMATION

→ All middle school students will be scheduled for their core courses: Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.

• **COURSES REQUIRED FOR ALL 7th GRADERS:**

- English/Lang Arts 7
- Math 7
- Social Studies 7
- Science 7
- Exploratories (Four day cycle all year)
 - ◆ Family and Consumer Science
 - ◆ PE 7
 - ◆ Tech Ed
 - ◆ Business Education

→ Each 7th grade student will have 2 class periods a semester to take elective courses of their choice.

• **COURSES REQUIRED FOR ALL 8th GRADERS:**

- ELA 8/Social Studies 8 Integration
- Math 8
- Science 8
- Exploratories (EOD all year)
 - ◆ Preparing for Your Life (Family Consumer Science/Tech Ed Integration)
 - ◆ PE 8

→ Each 8th grade student will have 3 class periods a semester to take elective courses of their choice.

COURSE OFFERINGS BY DEPARTMENTS

BUSINESS EDUCATION

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

1 semester .5 credit Grades: 7-10

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs. JA helps prepare young people for the real world by showing them how to generate wealth and effectively manage it, how to create jobs which make their communities more robust, and how to apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace. Students put these lessons into action and learn the value of contributing to their communities. JA Finance Park allows students to build a foundation for making intelligent, lifelong personal-finance decisions. Finance Park combines in-class learning with a hands-on experience in a fully interactive field trip to Appleton for the capstone project.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

CREATIVE DESIGN

1 semester .5 credit Grades 7-12

Are you creative? Do you enjoy doing crafts, sewing, and quilting? During this course we will be creating and designing a variety of projects using recycled materials, sewing using commercial patterns for clothing and learning how to create a simple block quilt. **STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING ALL SEWING SUPPLIES.**

INTRODUCTION TO FOODS

1 semester .5 credit Grades 8-12

This course will allow students to learn the fundamental skills of culinary arts by applying the principles of food safety and sanitation, quality food preparation such as measuring and food storage. Students will participate in labs and related classroom studies, discuss the how and why of cooking, and gain confidence in skills and techniques.

VISUAL ARTS

2D ART

1 semester .5 Credit Grades: 7-12

Students will learn through hands-on experience using a wide range of mediums to exemplify skills and create meaningful art. Materials included but are not limited to: graphite, ink, charcoal, watercolor, paint, and pastels. Art History will be learned along the way! Formal and on-the-spot, in progress critiques will be held in small groups and full class settings. Want to learn how to draw better, join 2D Art!

Limit 20 students \$10 Lab Fee will apply

3D ART

1 semester .5 Credit Grades: 7-12

Students will learn through hands-on experience and will use a wide range of mediums to exemplify skills and create meaningful art. Materials include but are not limited to: clay, plaster, paper, and found objects. Relevant historical and modern artists and art pieces will be studied along the way. Formal and on-the-spot, in progress and final critiques will be held in small groups and full class settings to practice vocabulary and talking about art.

Limit: 15 Students \$10 Lab Fee will apply

CORELDRAW AND DIGITAL DESIGN 1

Co taught: Miss Louis and Mr. Abel

1 semester .5 Credit Grades: 7-12

This class will focus on the uses of the design program called CorelDraw. Once students have learned the basics of CorelDraw, they will be able to use their creative designs with other tools in the tech ed department. This class will also focus on entrepreneurial applications, and connect students with local businesses; where they will learn practical applications of CorelDraw. This class will be a co taught class with both Mr. Abel and Miss Louis teaching, demonstrating, and leading discussion. This class is designed to bridge the gap between fine art and its practical applications that could be used in a future career.

Max 18 students

TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING EDUCATION

MS INTRODUCTION TO TECH-ED

1 semester Grades: 7-8

Students will learn the building blocks of manufacturing, welding, sheet metal, and woodworking. Basic equipment/tooling knowledge, measurement, and blueprint skills will be explored.

Limit: 24 Students \$30 Lab Fees will Apply

MS MANUFACTURING

Prerequisite: Introduction to Tech-Ed

1 semester Grades: 7-8

Students will build from the skills and concepts acquired from INTRODUCTION TO TECH-ED and create class based projects.

Limit: 24 Students \$30 Lab Fees will Apply

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

SPANISH I (NCAA Approved)

2 semesters 1 credit Grades: 8-12

This course strives to familiarize students with language learning and vocabulary acquisition. Using the four areas of language study: speaking, listening, reading, and writing, students will develop a basic vocabulary and knowledge of the cultures studied.

MUSIC EDUCATION

MS BAND

2 semesters Meets Everyday (*EOD if taking MS Chorus or Essentials*) Grade: 7 or 8

The MS Band is a performing ensemble. Students will be required to attend 1 parade and 3 concerts. This ensemble is open to all students with experience playing a traditional concert band instrument (or with permission from Mrs. Massey). Student rehearsals will consist of learning music appropriate for the band's ability. Students will play standard band repertoire and explore challenging music. 7th and 8th grade students will meet a combined ensemble.

MS CHORUS

2 semesters Meets Everyday (*EOD if taking MS Grade Band or Essentials*) Grade: 7 or 8

This choir is a performing ensemble that participates in at least two concerts a year. Students have the option of participating in one or two festivals a year. Exceptional students have the opportunity of auditioning for "All-State" choirs. Fundamentals of good singing are taught. Good posture, breathing, and good tone are emphasized and reinforced through warm-ups and quality literature. Sight singing, music notation and theory are introduced/reviewed.