

Hamilton Heights  
Middle School



Curriculum Guide  
2019-2020

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Students are taught a core curriculum of English/Reading, mathematics, social studies, physical education, and science. A unique feature of our schedule is that our ELA/Reading course is taught in a double-block period. This provides students with extra reading and writing support as they transition into middle school. In addition, sixth graders who do not participate in band, choir, ELA Lab (LLI Reading Intervention), or a resource period will take four 9-week rotation classes. The classes are Art 6, Agriculture 6, STEM 6, and Science Enrichment 6.

**Elective options:**

<b>Year-Long</b>	<b>Rotations - 9 weeks each</b>
Band	Agriculture 6
Choir	Art 6
Resource (Per IEP)	Science Enrichment 6
	STEM 6
	ELA Lab 6 (LLI Reading Intervention)

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Students are taught by highly qualified teachers, who are specialists in the areas of language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and physical education/health.

Two Honors courses are included in the seventh-grade curricula: Honors Math 7 (which includes Pre-Algebra) and Honors English 7. The Math and English Departments will analyze the academic work and assessment data for each student and recommend students for the Honors Program based on that information. Honors courses are designed to challenge and enhance the thinking and creativity of students and explore the grade-level standards in more depth.

All seventh graders are required to take 2 periods of electives each semester. They have the option to take Band, Honor Band, Choir, or Resource. These are each one year long. The other semester-long options include Business 7, Art 7, Study Hall, Robotics 7, Medical Detectives (PLTW) 7, ELA Lab 7, Math Lab 7, and Character Education 7

**Elective options:**

<b>Year-long</b>	<b>1 Semester</b>
Band	Business 7
Choir	Art 7
Honor Band	Structured Study Hall 7
Resource (Per IEP)	VEX Robotics 7
	Medical Detectives (PLTW) 7
	ELA Lab 7
	Math Lab 7
	Character Education 7

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

The eighth-grade students are taught by highly qualified teachers who specialize in the areas of language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, and physical education/health.

Honors programs are offered (some for high school credit) to students who meet the HHMS academic requirements. The Honors classes are Honors English 8 and Honors Algebra I (HS Credit for Semesters 1 and 2).

All eighth graders are required to take two periods of electives each semester. They have the option to take Band, Choir, or resource for an entire year. They may also take the other one-semester courses. Students may only take Honors Band if they have the teachers' recommendation and are also enrolled in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band for one semester. It is strongly suggested and encouraged that all eighth-grade students take the Preparing for College and Careers course for high school credit. They may also take the other semester-long courses that include Art 8, Advanced Business 8, Advanced Robotics 8, VEX Robotics 8, and Medical Detectives 8

### **Elective options:**

<b>Year-long</b>	<b>1 Semester</b>
Band	Preparing for College and Careers (HS Credit)
Choir	Art 8
Honor Band	Advanced Business 8
Resource (Per IEP)	Advanced Robotics 8
	VEX Robotics 8
	Medical Detectives (PLTW) 8