

Middle School Curriculum-at-a-Glance

Assessment

The NJASK is a series of tests that cover many of the important skills students learn at school. The main purpose of the NJASK 6, 7, 8, is to provide the school with information that can be used to improve instruction and to help teachers make sound educational decisions about each student's learning. The scores allow teachers to check each student's strongest and weakest areas of achievement.

The NJASK will be administered to grades six, seven, and eight from April 27-30, 2010 in the areas of Math and Language Arts. Eighth graders will be tested in Science too.

Scores for the NJASK 6, 7, 8 will be mailed home upon receipt.

Academic Offerings

All Students in grades six, seven, and eight receive instruction in Math, Reading, English, Social Studies, and Science. Students who demonstrate the necessary skill level are able to take Advanced Math and/or Advanced Science in grade seven, and Algebra and/or Advanced Science in grade eight

Basic Skills Instruction (BSI) is provided in Math, English, and Reading for students identified as having skills below the district norm in these areas.

Humanities is offered in grades six, seven, and eight for students identified as ready for enriched and accelerated instruction. This program is Social Studies based in all three grade levels.

Physical Education and Health

All students receive three marking periods of Physical Education and one marking period of Health each year.

World Language

Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will receive instruction in their choice of French, German, or Spanish. The selected language will be studied for all 3 years.

In grade six, World Language and Computer Literacy will be offered for one full semester. Grades seven and eight will receive World Language instruction for a full year.

Exploratory Cycles

Students who do not elect to participate in Band, Chorus, Orchestra, or Talented Art (Grade 8) will receive four marking periods of Exploratory Arts each year.

Grade 6: Art, Music Appreciation, Introduction to Technology, and Keyboarding.

Grade 7: Art, Drama, Communication & Control Technology, and Computers.

Grade 8: Computer Literacy, Art, Drama, and Design, Construction and Material Technologies.

Students who participate in a music program (Grades 6, 7, 8) will take one marking period offering each year of the following:

Grade 6: Keyboarding

Grade 7: Art

Grade 8: Design, Construction and Materials Technologies

Eighth graders selected for Talented Art will take this course all four marking periods.

Special Programs

Band is an instrumental music course in which students are offered the opportunity to study music through performance of wind, brass, or percussion instruments.

Chorus is a vocal music offering to develop musicianship, vocal technique, music literacy, and choral literature.

Orchestra is an instrumental music course for string instruments.

Guidance

The middle schools provide a counselor for each grade level and a Student Assistance Counselor (SAC). Counselors meet with students individually, in small groups, and provide large group sessions.

Extra Curricular Activities

All three middle schools offer:

- Band
- Chorus
- Drama
- FutureAct
- Grade Level Class Councils
- Musical
- Newspaper
- Orchestra
- Prep Club
- Student Council
- Yearbook

Many other clubs and intramurals are offered in all three schools.