

ROGER LUDLOWE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear 6th Grade Parents and Guardians,

Infinite Campus is the tool used for the grade 6 to 7 articulation process. When your child logs on to Infinite Campus and selects "Course Registration 2015-2016" from the left hand tab, his or her "Required Courses" for 7th grade will be listed. These courses include language arts, social studies, science, health, physical education, and unified arts courses, as well as the math course for which your child has been recommended. Additionally, the Reading 7 course may be listed. Using specific criteria developed by the language arts curriculum coordinator, teachers recommend students who are in need of this support. The last required course listed is your child's 7th grade music course, which is a continuation of his or her current music study.

If you have any questions about a math or reading recommendation, or wish to make a change in music study, please contact your child's current teacher.

Beginning in 7th grade, students have the option to study either French or Spanish. Please use the step by step directions provided to help your child select his or her 7th grade world language course. Please note that if your child has been recommended for Reading 7, he or she will not select a world language under the "Requested Courses" section.

Once you have reviewed the "Required Courses" and your child has selected his or her language of study, **please print the request summary form, sign and date it, and have your child return it to his or her homeroom teacher by Thursday, May 14th.**

Important: Internet Explorer does not support Infinite Campus. Please use a different browser, such as Google Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

Logging into the Portal

1. From the portal login screen, students log-in using their **Username** and **Password**
2. This will bring students to the main portal page where district and school notices will be listed.
3. Click the **Course Registration 2015-2016** option from the navigation pane on the left of the screen.
4. Any required courses that have been recommended by teachers and inputted by school administrators will be listed in the **Required Courses** list. Students cannot change any required courses listed for them.

Requesting World Language Course


1. Click the **Course Search** link. A search screen will appear. Enter the course name (**Spanish 1 or French 1**)
2. Click the **Go** button. Matching course name will appear to the right.
3. Click on the desired course. (**Spanish 1 or French 1**)
4. To request this course as part of the schedule for next year, click the **Request this Course** button.

Print and Submit the Request Summary Form

1. When finished requesting courses, click the **Print Request Summary** option to print the final report.
2. Record any changes or specific concerns about your child's required courses on this form.
3. Sign and date the form, then submit it to your child's homeroom teacher **by Thursday, May 14th**.

We are here to help. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers, 6th grade school counselor, Mrs. McNeil, or a middle school administrator if you experience any difficulty.

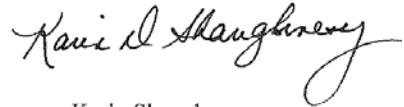
Sincerely,



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7th Grade Program

Students will be placed on crews that are comprised of four teachers. Seventh grade crews are heterogeneously mixed.

The Typical Day:

- 1 period of English/Language Arts
 - 1 period of Mathematics
 - 1 period of Science
 - 1 period of Social Studies
 - 1 period of World Language or Reading Strategies
 - 1 period of “Unified Arts” -a quarterly rotation of Health, Art, Technology Education, and Family and Consumer Science
 - 1 period of Music (3x/week) and Physical Education (2x/week) meeting all year.
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COURSE INFORMATION

World Language / Reading

World Language is a required course which meets for one period every day. Your child may select either French or Spanish. Once a child begins a world language, he/she must complete the year’s commitment.

If your child is experiencing difficulty in reading, a class in Reading Strategies will be recommended *in lieu of* World Language. If your child is recommended for this class, it will be listed under the required courses on the Infinite Campus student portal, and you will be contacted by your child’s teacher or our Language Arts Specialist.

Music Selections (all students must take one)

1. Chorus (3x/week)
2. Orchestra (3x/week)
3. Orchestra and Chorus (2x Orch. & 1x Chorus)
4. Band (3x/week)
5. Band and Chorus (2x Band & 1x Chorus)
6. Keyboard Music– Non performing (3x/week)

All students participating in orchestra and band will continue to have weekly small group lessons which meet during the school day. We attempt to schedule lessons on a rotating basis so that no single class is missed more than once per month. Music choices are a full year commitment and cannot be changed after the start of school. Students in performing ensembles are expected to participate in all concerts.

Math Recommendations

In mathematics, students will be recommended for the course that best fits their current development and achievement in math. Many students will be recommended for Grade 7 Math, which is a rich curriculum that continues to help students develop the ability to reason, compute, solve problems, and to communicate mathematically. Some students may be recommended for Pre-Algebra based on evaluation against a number of criteria that includes consistent high performance on curriculum assessments, standardized test scores, and work habits. Both courses in mathematics are aligned to our state standards.

English/Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science contain students of varying abilities using a differentiated instructional approach. This is consistent across all of Fairfield’s Middle Schools.