

Hanshew Middle School Elective Choice Sheet 8th Grade

Online course request window is Feb 14th – March 4th

STUDENT NAME: _____ ID#: _____

All 8th graders take a Semester of PE and a Semester of Health (required). PE waivers can be requested for students involved in sports outside of the school day.

AVAILABLE ELECTIVE COURSES for 8th GRADE

Rank your top choices 1- 6. (place 1 in front of your first choice, a 2 in front of your 2nd choice, etc). If you choose a class in the Yearlong Courses such as a foreign language, you cannot drop that class at semester. Yearlong classes mean you will be in the class the whole year.

Counselors will do their best to honor your request.

Semester Long Courses

- ___ Applied Technology 8
- ___ Art I
- ___ Art II (Must have taken Art I)
- ___ Advanced Computer Technology
- ___ Computer Science: Innovators & Makers-PLTW
- ___ Drama (not repeatable)
- ___ Law Studies (not repeatable)
- ___ Native Studies (not repeatable)
- ___ Robotics (*not repeatable*)
- ___ School Business Partnership (not repeatable)
- ___ Science Projects (CSI) (*not repeatable*)
- ___ Ukulele

Year Long Courses

- ___ Band Intermediate or Advance Band**
- ___ Jazz Band**
- ___ Orchestra Intermediate I or Advanced**
- ___ Choir Advanced
- ___ Spanish 1B (Must have completed Spanish 1A)
- ___ Art - Select (Art I & Art II) or (Art II & Art III)

Check boxes if interested

- Advanced Language Arts
- Advanced Science
- Peer Mediation - turn in application**
- Yearbook/Publications – turn in application**
- Student Government – turn in application**
- TA/Office Aide – turn in application**

**Placement based on teacher recommendation, tryout and/or application

Parent Signature

Date

Some elective course offerings may change based upon changes to enrollment or staffing

Course Descriptions: Refer to ASD website: <https://apps.asdk12.org/forms/uploads/MSprogram.pdf>

Applied Technology 8: This hands-on course couples technology education with an introduction to engineering. Included in this course are engineering design using computer aided drafting, engineering principles and processes and worksite safety.

Art: Students learn drawing, painting, printmaking, pottery and sculpture.

Advanced Computer Technology: Students learn to touch type and utilize many software applications.

Computer Science – Innovators & Makers (PLTW): This class is a semester long class for 8th graders. Students taking this course will be introduced to Computer Science as a way of thinking, relevant and applicable through a problem-based curriculum. Students will explore a variety of programming systems, languages, and equipment; they will develop skills in problem solving, algorithmic thinking, software design, and debugging strategies.

Drama: The elective emphasizes the many techniques that humans use to communicate and interact, from the simple to the complex. Students study drama, acting, and play production. They are expected to participate in small and large group activities.

Law Studies: This course will survey the juvenile justice system, conflict resolution and other law related activities. Activities such as Youth Court, mock trial, and/or guest speakers from the local Bar Association will engage students in an enlightening exploration of the legal system and it's role in our lives. Students will also learn about the many careers available in the justice system and the skills that go with them.

Native Studies: Students will become aware of and knowledgeable about Alaska native groups. Historical, traditional, cultural, and sociological perspectives are emphasized. Students will explore Alaska native mythology, and create their own myth. Students will create traditional or contemporary objects of Alaska native art in class.

****Peer Mediation:** Student leaders are selected to be taught mediation skills. Once these skills have been learned, a sense of community achieved, and mediators have signed their own nonviolence contracts, students may use the class period for mediating student conflicts.

****Publication:** Students will experience design, preparation, production and finance with emphasis on photographic management, copywriting, and layout in this elective. Students will learn responsibility for deadlines and study career possibilities. The school or team memory book may be published in this class.

Robotics/not repeatable: This elective is designed to introduce the basics of the NXT robots and it teaches science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Opportunities for statewide competition through First Lego League will be explored as well.

School Business Partnership: In SBP class students learn how to plan and manage community service projects, apply and interview for a job, interact with professionals from the community and maintain accurate records. Students also learn basic financial information about paychecks, taxes, saving money, the difference between credit and debit and how to plan a budget.

Science Projects (CSI): This class is about Crime Scene Investigation. Students learn how to identify bones and artifacts; blood spray analysis, facial recognition and other aspects of forensics and investigation. This is all done through a scientific lens.

****Student Government:** This elective provides students with the opportunity to identify and implement projects for the benefit of the school and community. These activities will be augmented by lessons in government to assist students in planning activities and to help them understand their role in a democratic society. Projects are implemented through committee work with teacher/advisor assistance and administrative approval.

Ukulele: This class is a generalized one-semester course over playing the ukulele. In this class students will cover: basic ukulele tuning; tablature, chord, and note reading; and basic music theory. A ukulele of your own is recommended but not required. Students do not need any previous musical experience to take this class.