

7TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION WORKSHEET – 2024-2025

During your seventh-grade year at Hartland Middle School there are some classes which you must take. These are English, Social Studies, Science, and Math. All 7th grade students are required to take **Health** and **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)**.

You will have an opportunity to select other elective classes also. You may choose from **Box #1**, Band or Choir **OR** rank your Top 5 choices in **Box #2** (number 1 thru 5, with 1 being your 1st choice and 5 being your last). Please note, you are **not required** to take a music class at HMS.

BOX #1 – year-long classes ("x" – choose ONE)	
Band	_____
Choir	_____

OR

BOX #2 – semester long classes (Rank 1 thru 5)	
Art: Exploring Fiber Arts	_____
Art: 2D Drawing, Painting & Design	_____
Art: 3D Sculpture Extravaganza	_____
Creative Writing	_____
Digital Music Production	_____
Engineering & Design	_____
Guitar	_____
Personal Development	_____
Physical Education	_____
Public Speaking	_____
Theater	_____

FILL OUT THE ONLINE [7TH GRADE ELECTIVE CHOICES GOOGLE](#) FORM (SEE PARENT EMAIL FOR THE LINK) AND TURN THIS FORM IN TO YOUR TEACHER NO LATER THAN **MARCH 22, 2024**.

PLEASE NOTE: ELECTIVE AVAILABILITY MAY BE LIMITED DUE TO STAFFING AVAILABILITY AND INTEREST. IF YOU FAIL TO SUBMIT YOUR SELECTIONS ONLINE, SELECTIONS WILL BE MADE FOR YOU.

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____

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Art: Exploring Fiber Arts – This art class includes studying and working on areas that may include needle felting, embroidery, weaving, sewing, paper quilling, papermaking, Batik wax dyeing, Kumihimo weaving, knitting, basket weaving, coiling, macrame, tie-dye, bead loom weaving, needlework, and more!

Art: 2D Drawing, Painting & Design – This art class includes studying and working on areas that may include drawing skills, pencil shading, colored pencil, chalk & oil pastel, pen & ink, scratch art, illustration, printmaking, graffiti, calligraphy, portraits, watercolor painting, acrylic painting, wax painting, collage, and more!

Art: 3D Sculpture Extravaganza – This art class includes studying and working on areas that may include clay, papier-mache, plaster modeling, cardboard construction, origami, wire sculptures, polymer clay, interior design, shadow boxes, 3D characters, masks, stuffed animals, glass mosaics, lamps & lanterns, mobiles, and more!

Band 7 – This class focuses on instrumental music in a concert band setting, featuring numerous performance opportunities throughout the year. Our goal is developing strong fundamental skills and growing those skills through performing a wide variety of music. No prior instrumental music experience is necessary.

Choir 7/8 – Students in this class will work on fundamentals of singing and prepare several musical performances for the school, families, and the community. Topics studied will include becoming a better singer, reading and interpreting music, musical styles, developing the voice and performing before an audience. When you have completed this course, you will be ready to audition for "America's Got Talent."

Creative Writing — Writing is an art and a form of self-expression. In this class, students will have the opportunity to develop their craft through various writing genres. Students will set their own goals, choose their own focus and create their own portfolio. Short stories, personal reflections, and poetry are among the different types of writing that will be explored in this elective. Grading will be based on students' self-motivation, work ethic, creativity and growth in writing skills.

Digital Music Production – Do you have a love for music? Are you interested in creating your own music? This class is a hands-on experience focused on creating original music. We'll explore how some of your favorite musicians make their music, and then dive into the studio to create our own! No prior music experience necessary.

Engineering and Design — Engineering and Design allows students to explore various types of technology used around the world! Students will learn about concepts used in various industries and apply their knowledge to complete various assignments and "hands on" projects. Areas covered include architecture, engineering, cars, bridges, hot air balloons and rockets.

Guitar – This class starts from the very beginning of guitar playing. We learn how to read music on acoustic guitar. Skills learned include how to pick, strum, and play finger style. We will eventually learn folk, rock, and blues music. We will learn older rock songs that go with the chords we are currently learning, and we will add songs with more chords as we go.

Personal Development – This one-semester course is designed to increase students' knowledge of daily living skills, as well as practice these skills in classroom simulations and real-world situations. The course units focus on personal finance, career exploration, physical and mental health enhancement, goal setting and decision making and other daily living skills.

Public Speaking – Students will learn how communication affects everyday life. Students will develop knowledge in the process of communication, its barriers, and active listening. The fundamentals of speech organization and presentation will be applied through three formal presentations.

Physical Education – This course is designed toward promoting physical fitness. Activities include basketball, football, tennis, badminton, bowling, volleyball, pickle ball, and fitness testing.

Theater – This course provides an outlet for student creativity! It is for seasoned actors or those interested in learning about acting and theater. Students interested in performance, direction, design, technical support, backstage crafts and publicity are encouraged to join. Whether you like to be in the limelight, or you like to be creative behind the scenes, you will have an opportunity to show your talent in the theater class. The class will enhance students' speech and communication skills, as well as teaching listening skills. Students will be able to explore the basic components of theater. The focus of this class will be to complete a final play. This will be featured at the end of the semester as a finished performance.