

# ROSEMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL

*CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL  
NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL*



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## **7<sup>TH</sup> Grade Course Guidebook**

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# **WELCOME to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade at ROSEMONT**

## **School Motto: Honor, Excellence, and Pride**

Welcome to your 7<sup>th</sup> grade year at Rosemont Middle School. I am truly looking forward to meeting each and every one of you! This booklet has been prepared to help you in planning your educational schedule for next year. The required classes are listed below and the elective classes are described on the following pages. Elective classes are available for all students.

More information about Rosemont and the upcoming school year will be mailed to you in July. Parents may call our Counseling Office at 818-248-4224, if they have any questions.

*Ms. Suzanne Risse, Principal*

## **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE REQUIRED CLASSES**

***ENGLISH or ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT (ELD)***

***WORLD HISTORY***

***MATHEMATICS***

***LIFE SCIENCE***

***PHYSICAL EDUCATION***

- All required classes are scheduled for one full year. For details regarding the content of each class, please refer to the California Standards on the California Department of Education website at [www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov). or [www.corestandards.org/](http://www.corestandards.org/).
- Elective classes described on the following pages may last one-semester or one-year, based on the course.
- Every effort is made to accommodate each student's elective choices. Due to staffing, enrollment and/or program conflicts, this may not be possible, and alternate electives may be assigned.
- Rosemont suggests the use of a Reminder Binder. It assists students with organizing their work and recording homework. It is also an important tool to keep parents informed. Rosemont rules and guidelines are published in the front of the book. Parents and students should review these pages together.

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

### One-semester electives are:

Art Production (Art & Animation)  
Ceramics  
Computer and Multimedia Essentials  
Computer Science Discoveries  
Crafts  
Drama  
Exploring Family and Consumer Science (Life Skills)  
Exploring Spanish  
Forensic Science  
Homework Lab (Teens 4 Success)  
Intervention Math  
Intro to Applied Tech (GEN Yes)  
Literacy for Success (Intervention English)  
Mixed Chorus (Fall only)  
Pathways to College/Career  
Robotics/STEM Intro  
Wood 7A

### Full-year electives are:

Advanced Chorus  
Advanced Strings  
Concert Band  
Dance/Drill/Cheer  
Digital Media & Yearbook Design  
FLAG Japanese Language & Literature  
FLAG Korean Language & Literature  
Intro to Media & Digital Arts  
Journalism (School Newspaper)  
Spanish 1-2  
String Ensemble  
Student Government (ASB)  
Wind Ensemble

**Advanced Chorus** is an advanced class for students who already have some experience singing in a vocal group. Several concerts are held throughout the year, including a winter concert, festival competition, and the Rosemont Bowl.

Audition/Approval by instructor is required  
Yearlong class

**Advanced Strings** is an advanced class for string instruments and piano. Students must audition and demonstrate adequate proficiency. Concerts include a winter concert, festival competition, an end-of-the-year concert, and various community performances.

Audition/Approval by instructor is required  
Donation requested if instrument is needed  
Yearlong class

**Art Production (Art & Animation)** is an introduction to art with a focus on animation. Students will learn about the history of animation and basic drawing techniques. Comic character design, Manga/Anime drawing styles and visual perspective are among the topics explored in this class.

No drawing experience is necessary; assignments are geared to all levels of ability.  
This course is to be taken once only  
Donation requested  
One-semester class

**Ceramics** is an art class with a focus on animation. Students will learn about the history of animation and basic drawing techniques. The history of ceramics and clay, as well as glaze application and kiln safety will be covered.

No drawing experience is necessary; assignments are geared to all levels of ability

This course is to be taken once only

Donation requested

One-semester class

**Computer and Multimedia Essentials** will provide an introduction to computer basics and give students the opportunity to create a variety of multimedia projects using the latest software and up-to-date equipment. This class will cover introductory skills in a variety of the CTE pathways. These pathway skills will include computer-based careers and trends, terminology, best practices, real-world applications, collaboration, problem solving, and leadership skills. This course promotes skills that can be applied across the curriculum and offers preparation relevant to 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.

Donation requested

One-semester class

**Computer Science Discoveries** is a one semester introductory course to the world of Computer Science and coding. This course will cover the five concept areas of computer science: computing systems, algorithms and programming, data and analysis, networks and the internet, and impacts of computing. Computer Science Discoveries introduces students to the Information and Communication Technologies CTE pathway.

No experience is necessary

One-semester class

**Concert Band** is for advanced brass, woodwind, and percussion students. Concerts include the Montrose Christmas Parade, the winter concert, festival competition, and the Rosemont Bowl.

Approval by instructor is required

Donation requested if instrument is needed

Yearlong class

Class meets at 7:00 a.m. (zero period) and an additional elective must be taken.

**Crafts** is an exciting art course that develops the skills necessary to produce a multitude of fine crafts. Students will work through the creative process from design through production while learning the place and influence of crafts in world culture. Projects will include a variety of arts and crafts.

One-semester class

**Dance/Drill/Cheer** is a yearlong class that will help students develop an understanding of the discipline and structure of dance, rehearsal and performance etiquette. Students will experience these elements through a variety of genres (modern dance, lyrical, hip hop, cheer, and others.)

Yearlong class

Audition required

**Digital Media & Yearbook Design** is a yearlong course designed to have students understand the role of visual art and design, and its impact on society and culture, particularly in publication mediums. The course will focus on students understanding a designer's target audience and stimulating creativity through a variety of two-dimensional media. Then, students will apply this artistic process to create designs for the yearbook publication. Finally, they will maintain the

integrity of design through the editing process, while collaborating and communicating with their colleagues on the yearbook staff. The assignments in the course will demonstrate a student's ability to apply the principles of design and effectively communicate their message. Assignments will also have students process, respond to, and judge design works using their knowledge of the elements of art and the principles of design.

Recommended: Computer Multimedia Essentials or Intro to Media and Digital Arts

Application/Teacher recommendation, not required

Donation requested

Yearlong class

**Drama** students will get on their feet and learn acting through drama games, improvisation, pantomime, and scene work. Games from the TV show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" and acting exercises help students learn to play character roles, focus, and overcome nervousness and fear. Students will also learn creative writing techniques for scripts and short stories. Drama games and fun daily. If you like to laugh and act out wacky skits, this class is for you!

No experience is necessary

Donation requested

One-semester class

**Exploring Family and Consumer Science (Life Skills)** is a one semester class that is designed to equip students with essential skills for living. Skills for managing personal, family, and work responsibilities will be highlighted. Also this course may cover content areas such as consumer education, health, and nutrition.

One-semester class

**Exploring Spanish** will introduce students to the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking people. Students learn Spanish through storytelling, songs, games, online programs, and plenty of interactive group activities and projects.

One-semester class

**FLAG Japanese Language and Literature 1-2** is a continuation of the elementary dual immersion program which emphasizes higher levels of communication skills and comprehension strategies in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students will connect ideas and information from two or more texts and analyze and evaluate evidence carefully. Students will use precise and concise language for expressing themselves orally and in written form. Formal aspects of the language will be stressed including spelling and grammar. The curriculum reflects a balance between literature and informational text. There will be an integrated approach to instruction. Readings will include novels, drama, and poetry. Prerequisites for this course are (1) participation in the FLAG Japanese Elementary Dual Immersion Program, and (2) other fluent bilingual and bi-literate students may also be admitted upon assessment and recommendation made by the teacher. Please contact Aya Taylor at [ataylor@gusd.net](mailto:ataylor@gusd.net) for any questions.

Yearlong class

**FLAG Korean Language and Literature 1-2** is an elective designed for those who have completed the FLAG Korean program in elementary school. Prerequisites for this course are (1) completion of the FLAG Korean class in 6th grade or passing a target language proficiency test, and (2) meeting English proficiency criteria through reclassification. Please contact Unis Choi at [uchoi@gusd.net](mailto:uchoi@gusd.net) for any questions.

Yearlong class

**Forensic Science** will introduce students to the fundamentals of forensic science. Utilizing the steps of the scientific method, students will learn how to collect various pieces of evidence from a number of different crime scene scenarios and test the evidence to determine the perpetrator(s) of the crimes. Students will learn how to analyze: simulated blood and blood spatter samples, fingerprints, hair and fiber samples, DNA samples, ballistics, key/tire/footprint impressions, glass fragments, soil samples, and handwriting analysis samples.

After graduating from Rosemont Middle School, students may consider joining the Academy of Science and Medicine at Crescenta Valley High School, which is a career pathway program offering students the opportunity to explore the various careers available in the fields of science and medicine.

One-semester class

**Homework Lab (Teens 4 Success)** is a one semester course that is designed to provide students the opportunity to get ahead in their schoolwork and studies on campus. Students can work alone, collaboratively in peer groups, and/or with the help of a teacher. Learn organizational and time management skills. Get a head start on homework before you even leave school!

One-semester class

**Intervention Math** is a course that is required for students who are behind grade level in the mathematical pathway, received a non-passing grade in previous or current math course, and/or has not met the standards on standardized assessments. Content will focus on student mathematical deficits in order to ensure student success in their core math class.

One-semester class

Assigned by counselor only

**Intro to Applied Tech (GEN Yes)** is a one semester course that provides the skills necessary to become student technology leaders. Student teams support the technology integration efforts of teachers, IT staff, and other adults working at the school. Lessons, activities, and assignments involve assistance in technology skills, creating resources, coding, and helping maintain the school's tech infrastructure.

One-semester class

**Intro to Media & Digital Arts** is an introductory course to the arts, media, and entertainment industry sector. Students will learn basic foundations of graphic design and computer graphic fundamentals. Specialized curriculum in contemporary media involving digital design and moving graphics will be introduced. Careers in the arts, media, and entertainment sector fall in three general pathways: Media and Design Arts, Performing Arts, and Production and Managerial Arts. The foundation and pathway standards make explicit the appropriate knowledge, skills, and practical experience students should have to pursue their chosen profession through whatever course of postsecondary, collegiate, and graduate training or apprenticeship it may require.

Taking Computer and Multimedia Essentials is not a prerequisite, but strongly recommended

Donation requested

Yearlong class

**Journalism (School Newspaper)** is a yearlong course that teaches students to write, edit, and publish a school newspaper. Students will learn and practice writing and editing skills, computer skills, organizational procedures and exercise editorial judgment. They will learn interpersonal skills to work as a team to ensure that the newspaper is published in a timely manner adhering to a predetermined publication schedule.

Yearlong class

**Literacy for Success (Intervention English)** is a course that is required for students who demonstrate significant gaps in reading and the skills associated with reading comprehension. Students will develop reading skills in order to bridge their individual learning gaps. Reading both for academics as well as pleasure will be encouraged.

One-semester class

Assigned by counselor only

**Mixed Chorus** is for students who like music, like to sing, and want to perform for others. You don't need to audition and you don't need to have a great voice. We will help you improve your singing techniques and confidence. There will be opportunities for solos and small groups. The chorus sings at the pancake breakfast and winter concert. Students have the option of joining advanced chorus for second semester.

First semester only

**Pathways to College and Career** is a semester class that teaches students the skills necessary to help them in the competitive environment of acceptance into a variety of career paths. It helps students see the connection between college/career readiness and their current classes. College and Career exploration are a big part of this exciting class.

One-semester class

**Robotics/STEM Intro** is a one-semester projects-based course that introduces students to Robotics, Electronics Engineering (with soldering), Microcontrollers, and 3D Computer Aided Design. Students will build and program a virtual and/or physical robot (VEX IQ, VEXcode VR, LEGO Mindstorms NXT or EV3); create virtual circuits using DCAC Lab, create hands-on electronics projects in series and parallel; learn and apply programming and electronics using Arduino, and design a 3D object using a computer aided design (CAD) software.

One-semester class

No experience is necessary

Donations requested for take-home projects

**Spanish 1-2** ¡Hola! ¿Cómo estás tú? You will learn the basics of communicating in Spanish through storytelling, songs, cultural celebrations, games, online programs, and plenty of interactive group activities to help you use your language skills. Heritage speakers are strongly encouraged to apply to continue developing their proficiency in Spanish. This course satisfies the "A-G" California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) 1<sup>st</sup> year World Language requirement *if* you take Spanish for three consecutive years.

Yearlong class

A three-year commitment (7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade)

Pathway towards college-level courses, including Advanced Placement Spanish

Pathway towards attaining the California State Seal of Biliteracy on your high school diploma

**Pre-requisites:** A or B in English, a strong academic record, excellent study habits, maturity, self-discipline, and a lot of *ganas* (desire) to learn a foreign language.

**String Ensemble** is for beginning and intermediate level string and piano players who want to polish their skills before moving on to the advanced level. Students perform in the pancake breakfast concert, winter concert and end-of-the-year concert and participate in festival competition.

No experience is necessary, although a private teacher is recommended

Donation requested if instrument is needed

Yearlong class

**Student Government** (Associated Student Body – ASB) is a leadership course. It develops the ability to take initiative, plan, and organize and lead others. Students participate in the decision-making process, learn effective communication principles, make ethical decisions, problem-solve and learn parliamentary procedure.

No experience is necessary

Yearlong class

Application and interview required

**Wind Ensemble** is for beginning or intermediate-level woodwind, brass, or percussion, students who want to polish their skill before moving on to the advanced level. Students will perform in the pancake breakfast concert, the winter concert and end-of-the-year concert and participate in a festival competition, as well as march in the Montrose Christmas parade.

No experience is necessary, although a private teacher is recommended

Donation requested if instrument is needed

Yearlong class

**Wood 7A** is designed for the beginning student who has limited or no background in wood technology. Practical application is emphasized as students work on projects and develop skills with hand and power tools. Sanding and finishing procedures are also covered. Safety in the lab is stressed throughout the semester, and you may be removed from the class for safety violations.

No experience required

Donation requested

One-semester class