

# 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.

*Dr. Anderle, 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 Applications  
Drama  
Exploratory Family & Consumer Sciences  
Exploring Spanish  
Intro to Culinary  
Mixed Chorus (Fall only)  
Robotics/STEM Intro  
Wood 7A

### Full-year electives are:

Advanced Chorus  
Advanced Strings  
Concert Band (zero period only)  
Publication Design (Yearbook AB)  
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  
Full-year 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  
Full-year 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 Applications** explores a variety of computer uses including word processing, spreadsheets, drawing, painting, animation, presentations, and Internet research. Students will use Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point, in addition to other graphics programs to complete assignments. Students will use the Internet for research, and use colors, pictures, and graphics in slideshows and other creative documents.

Strong keyboarding skills are not a prerequisite, but recommended.

Donation requested

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

Full-year class

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

**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.

No experience is necessary

Donation requested

One-semester class

**Exploratory Family & Consumer Sciences** is an exploratory to the study of the discipline of Consumer and Family Sciences and equips students with essential skills for living. This course focuses on teaching students skills for managing personal, family, and work responsibilities and provides a solid foundation for further study in the Consumer and Family Sciences content areas such as consumer education, individual and family health, fashion and interior design, food and nutrition and career exploration.

One-semester class

Donation requested

**Exploring Spanish** is an introduction to the language and culture of Spanish-speaking countries. Basic vocabulary and simple dialogues are taught. Group projects and presentations may include people, places, and traditions.

One-semester class

**Intro to Culinary** is an exploratory course for students interested in the Food Service and Hospitality Pathway. Students explore the world of nutrition, food science, and culinary arts. They learn basic cooking skills, food/kitchen safety, creating healthy meals, learning about nutrients and food groups, and implementing the U.S. dietary guidelines. Other valuable skills taught include time management, team management, reflecting on their cooking labs, proper table setting, following directions, critical thinking skills, and problem solving skills.

One-semester class

Donation requested

**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

**Publication Design (Yearbook)** is an art class that focuses on the design skills needed for designing a publication. The class is involved in the production of the school newspaper (The Spartan Scroll) as well as the design and production of the School yearbook. Students will be drawing, writing, interviewing, photographing and designing in this class.

Application required

Strong writing skills are recommended

Donation requested

Full-year class

**Robotics/STEM Intro** is a one-semester projects-based course that introduces Robotics and Engineering. In Robotics, students will design, build, and program VEX IQ and LEGO Mindstorms robots. In Engineering, students will learn the basics of electricity and electronics, how to solder, and how to connect circuits in series or parallel. In addition, students will build a simple motor/generator, and various projects using solar energy. All students will develop strategies including **critical thinking, peer tutoring, and cooperative learning.**

No previous robotics experience is necessary

Donation requested

One-semester class

**Spanish 1-2** ¡Hola! ¿Cómo estás tú? Did you know that Spanish is the third most spoken language by native and secondary speakers in the world? Wouldn't you like to be a part of that? You can start your journey at Rosemont Middle School. Spanish 1-2 is aligned to the World Language Content Standards for California Public Schools: K-12 (2019) and the Common Core State Standards. You learn the basics of communicating in Spanish through storytelling, songs, cultural celebrations, games, online programs, and plenty of interactive group activities, which encourage and motivate you to think creatively and use your language skills.

**Pre-requisite:** A or B in English and a strong grade point average are required

An additional 2 years of Spanish is required in high school

Student must have strong academic grades.

Full-year class and two year commitment

Application and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher recommendation required

Four year colleges require 1-2 years of additional foreign language study in high school.

The course qualifies as the 1<sup>st</sup> year of language in the "A-G" California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) entrance requirements.

**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

Full-year 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

Full-year 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

Full-year 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.

No experience required

Donation requested

One semester class