

ROSEMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL

*CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL
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8TH Grade Course Guidebook

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WELCOME to 8th Grade at ROSEMONT

School Motto: Honor, Excellence, and Pride

Welcome to your 8th grade year at Rosemont Middle School. 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.

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

8TH GRADE REQUIRED CLASSES

ENGLISH or ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT (ELD)

UNITED STATES HISTORY

MATHEMATICS

PHYSICAL 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. or www.corestandards.org/.
- Elective classes that are 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.

8th Grade Electives

One-semester electives are:

Art Production (Art & Animation)
Ceramics
Computer Applications
Drama
Exploratory Family & Consumer Sciences
Exploring Spanish
Forensic Science 8
Intro to Culinary
Mixed Chorus (Fall Only)
Office Training 8
Robotics/STEM Intro
Wood Technology 8A

Full-year electives are:

Advanced Chorus
Advanced Strings
Concert Band (Zero Period Only)
Intro to Media & Digital Arts 8
Publication Design (Yearbook)
Spanish 1-2
Spanish 3-4
Stage and Video Production 8
String Ensemble
Wind Ensemble
Wood/Advanced (8 A-B) Tech Lab

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 winter concert, festival competition, and the Rosemont Bowl.

Audition/Approval by instructor 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 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

Students should not take this class if they had it as a 7th grader

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.

Audition/Approval by instructor 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

Students should not take this class if they had it as a 7th grader

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

Students should not take this class if they had it as a 7th grader

Forensic Science 8 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 collect as evidence: 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 completion of this course, students are encouraged to join 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

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

Intro to Media & Digital Arts 8 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 Applications is not a prerequisite, but strongly recommended
Donation requested
One-year class

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

Office Training 8 offers a select group of students the opportunity to gain practical office experience in such areas as telephone protocol, filing, and using simple office equipment. Students develop interpersonal skills, along with attitudes needed for success in entry-level office jobs. Excellent citizenship required.

One-semester class

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
Students should not take this class if they had it as a 7th grader

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

The course qualifies as the 1st year of language in the A-G CSU and UC entrance requirements.

Full-year class

An additional 2 years of Spanish is required in high school

Spanish 3-4 *¡A comunicarnos!* Spanish 3-4 is a continuation of Spanish 1-2. It is aligned to the World Language Content Standards for California Public Schools: K-12 (2019) and the Common Core State Standards. You'll be communicating in basic Spanish with your classmates about topics regarding different communities, countries, and the world.

Pre-requisite: Spanish 1-2 with a grade of B or better both semesters or be a heritage speaker

An A or B in Spanish 3-4 required to continue to level 5-6 in 9th grade

The course qualifies as the 2nd year of language in the A-G CSU and UC entrance requirements.

Full-year class

An additional 2 years of Spanish is required in high school

Stage and Video Production 8 is an introductory course in the Arts, Media and Entertainment industry sector. Students enrolled in Stage and Video Production will experience a hands-on performance class incorporating play production and video production in a year-long "industry standard" elective. Semester one is a concentration on video production that will enable students to shoot and edit their own videos in a variety of styles. Students will learn the history of movie-making, visit actual movie studios, and hear from industry professionals about the craft and career options in this exciting field, in the creative capital of the world, the city of Los Angeles. The second semester focus will be on acting, staging, movement and character development for performing a full-length play in front of a live audience. Students will learn to stage a scene, perform the voice and body language of specific characters, improvise on cue, and finally play a significant role in a play production for an audience of students and parents at the end of the semester. In addition they will learn to act in front of a camera, explore voice-over acting, and try different parts.

Full-year career tech class for 8th graders

Audition required; auditions in March

All are welcome to try-out for this exciting *new* 8th grade class

This class is a career tech pathway to Clark High School and CV High School programs

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 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

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 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 Technology 8A is for students with limited or no background in woodworking. Practical application is emphasized as students work on projects and develop skills with hand and power tools. Safety in the lab is stressed throughout the class.

Donation requested

One-semester class

Wood/Advanced (8A-B) Technology Lab is designed for students who wish to take an in-depth Wood Technology course. Students will learn about proper safety, planning and design, tools and equipment, hardware, and finishing.

Donation requested

Full-year class