

Norup International School

Incoming 7th grade parent night
March 1, 2023

Welcome to 7th grade - What's Different?

- 7th grade is generally a “tween” year. Parenting can be a major challenge during the 7th grade year. It is likely that your child is going to make some decisions that baffle you.
- 7th grade is more academically challenging for many students than 6th grade was. Many (not all) will run into some adversity academically.
- The workload (homework) is generally greater in 7th grade than 6th grade
- Friend groups change greatly in 7th grade.
- Mondays after Bar Mitzvahs and Bat Mitzvahs can be tough for many 7th graders.

What's Different? - continued

- English does not have to be a longer block - another hour can open up in the schedule. Your choice. We have not had enough interest in the past for continued double block
- More elective choices are available for 7th graders than 6th.
- More athletic opportunities available (football, boys basketball, girls volleyball)
- Greater expectations and responsibility placed upon students
- It's one of the best years for students to learn from their mistakes

Our Middle School Curriculum Will Prepare Your Child For High School

- It is time to start looking at paths to high school graduation and curriculum. It is not too early to start looking at these with your children
- Berkley High School, CASA, OSTC offerings
 - <https://www.berkleyschools.org/schools/berkley-high/counseling/scheduling-and-courses/>
 - https://www.berkleyschools.org/downloads/high_school_counseling/casa_course_catalog_2019-2020.pdf
 - https://www.berkleyschools.org/downloads/high_school_counseling/2018-2019_ostc_informational_brochure.pdf

Let's Talk Curriculum And Scheduling

- Language and Literature (ELA or Language Arts)
- Individuals and Societies (Social Studies)
- Science
- Mathematics
- World Language
- Student Supports
- The Rotation
- Elective Classes

Language and Literature

- Language and Literature utilizes grade level Common Core Standards
- Lucy Calkins Writing and Reader's/Writer's Workshop Curriculum continue
- Digital Classrooms (Google Classroom/Schoology) are a major part of this course
- Options to remain with two class periods or go to one class period
- Language and Literature 8 for 8th graders
- High School - 4 years of English required
 - English 9 or Honors English 9
 - English 10 or Honors English 10
 - English 11 or Honors English 11
 - English 12, AP Literature, AP Language, Project Advance, African American Literature
 - Yearbook/Journalism can be taken grades 9-12 - application process
 - Elective Information and Videos can be found on Berkley High School website

Individuals and Societies

- Social Studies currently follows Oakland Schools Curriculum Sequence
- 7th grade topics include Ancient Civilizations and World History with some geography included.
- 8th grade is US History - colonization through Civil War
- High School - 3 years of social studies required
 - 9th grade is US History - Civil War through Present Day. 8th grade is a prerequisite
 - 10th - Government/Economics - option for AP exists and is popular
 - 11th - World History - option for AP exists and is popular/Electives
 - 12th - Electives/CASA

Science

- Our science classes follow the grade level Next Generation of Science Standards
- Our science curriculum is Mi-STAR, not to be confused with our district software system MISTAR.
- Science 7 - Earth Science and Astronomy
- Science 8 - Global Phenomena and Basic Physics
- High School - 3 credits required
 - Biology or Advanced Earth and Space
 - Chemistry, Physics, or AP Bio
 - Buckets - lots of electives
 - Graduation requirements are currently being reviewed

Mathematics

- Mathematics follows the Common Core grade level standards and utilizes Connected Math 3 program.
- Math 7 standards are set up to prepare students for Algebra content in 8th grade.
- Algebra 8 covers the 8th grade math standards and Algebra.
- High School - currently four credits required, however, this is in flux
 - 9th - Algebra I - CPM, Geometry, or Algebra II
 - 10th - Geometry, Algebra II, or Precalculus
 - 11th - Algebra II, Precalculus, or Calculus (AP AB/BC)
 - 12th - Trigonometry/Prob & Stat, Precalc, AP AB or BC calculus, AP Stat, Calc III
 - The Algebra II requirement may not be there when your children get to high school

World Languages

- Spanish and French currently, other options available at high school
- Not required to take a language in middle school - parent and student choice
- Intro to French/Spanish VERY STRONGLY RECOMMENDED for 7th graders
- Intro to Hebrew potentially being offered
- 7th graders taking Spanish I or French I will find it to be their hardest class by a longshot
- Spanish I/II and French I/II grades taken at Norup go on high school transcript, but not in BHS GPA. A repeated course will be evident on transcript.
- Highly selective colleges prefer to see two years of foreign language taken during high school and have not been so kind to those who take level 3 at the high school as freshmen and don't do well.

World Languages Continued

- Intro to French/Intro to Spanish focus on culture, vocabulary and building interest/fun.
- Spanish I/II and French I/II keep pace with the high school classes utilize the same assessments.
- High School - currently two years required, may be changing
 - Level I
 - Level II
 - Level III
 - Level IV
 - AP
- Other language options available at Berkley High School

Support Classes

- Math Support - 2 sections for next year instead of just one - each capped at 15.
 - NWEA Scores, Teacher Recommendation, Parent Choice
 - Math Safe Space
- English Support - 1 section. Designed for students who need more reading time, individualized writing support, or really still need two hours of ELA.
- Study Skills/Support
 - Planning Time for students, Assignment completion
 - New for 2023-24 - “application” and “contract” for Study Skills
- Learning Resource Center
 - Students with an IEP
 - It's not just a study hall!
 - Executive function lessons

The rotation

- PE 7 = 20 weeks, Health 7 = 10 weeks, Math 7+ = 10 weeks
- Math 7+ => Data and Statistics continued from 6th grade
- Health 7 => Food/Diet/Nutrition, CPR, Social Media
- A student may opt out of the rotation and take a third full year elective.
When a child has opted out, the 7+ content is their responsibility.
- 8th grade - there is no math plus class. This is replaced with Science 8+.

Electives

- Choir - combined 7th/8th grade
- Orchestra - combined 7th/8th grade
- Band - combined 7th/8th grade
- Robotics - can be taken in any year, mixed classes
- Art 7/8 - combined 7th and 8th grade class. The following year 8th graders can be recommended for Advanced Art 8.

***Robotics may be changed to a half year class for 23-24

Electives Continued

- Journalism and Media - full year class, mixed 7th and 8th grade
- Business and Finance (½ year)
- Coding (½ year)
- Speech (½ year)
- Advanced Sport and Fitness - Full year PE class open to all 7th and 8th graders. Students are permitted to take the rotation AND this course

New for 2023-24 - Coding 2 (½ year) and Journalism 2 (full year)

Extra Opportunities to Know About

- Salmon in the Classroom - Science
- Norup Futures Club
- Drama Club
- Counseling Groups
- Norup Black Perspectives
- GSA
- 7th grade UP trip/8th grade Washington DC trip.

Scheduling Process for Next Year

- Curriculum Guide -
https://www.berkleyschools.org/downloads/norup_school/nis_course_descriptions_updated.pdf
- Video information for electives available March 6:
<https://www.schooltube.com/channel/Norup%2BElectives/154141421>
- Online scheduling - Google Form available 3/3 on Norup website or on next slide through QR code (<https://forms.gle/4HdR7Rm5wkX7T2nJA>)
- Paper Copy of Forms available tonight
- Can simply email choices to paul.yowchuang@berkleyschools.org or kaitlin.eickemeyer@berkleyschools.org - subject - Elective Choices for

● Elective Forms/Choices are due April 14, 2022

Thank you!

Thank you for your time and attention.

QUESTIONS??

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Google Form for scheduling ⇒

