
NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear 7th Grade Students and Parents,

Wow! Seventh grade went by fast! Now that the nerves of entering middle school are a memory of the past, it's time to prepare for an AWESOME 8TH GRADE YEAR! Each year we provide every student the opportunity to select their elective class. All students and parents have been emailed the Google form link to select electives. Please fill out the online Google form by May 16, 2025 to select your elective(s) for the 2025-26 school year. Here are the 8th grade electives for next year. More information about each elective is available on the Google form. You can also access the google form by going here:

<https://forms.gle/WrgB3DAkEPsSHQ8g9>

Semester electives:

Art
Advance Art
Global Detectives
GTT: Medical Detectives

Intro to Computer Applications
Broadcasting for Beginners
Guitar
Music and Cultures

Year-long electives

Advanced Band/Percussion
Orchestra
Choir

In addition to selecting electives, families should also consider the following options for the 2024-25 school year.

Algebra and Biology - Eighth grade students can take Algebra 1 and Biology at NRMS. This is a great opportunity for your child to get a head-start on high school. Students that successfully complete these classes will be awarded high school credit and can take more advanced classes during their 9th grade year.

AVID – AVID’s mission is to “close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.” North Ridge Middle School’s AVID program fulfills this mission through the implementation of AVID principles school-wide and through the AVID elective course including tutorials, organizational skills, and college visits. Any student interested in AVID can apply by filling out an AVID application, which can be picked up in the guidance office.

High School Prep Program – The high school prep program is an alternative education placement at the Kenneth D. Bailey Academy that has been in place for many years. Students choose this program because it offers:

1. High school credits earned in “summer school” after their 8th grade year.
2. Smaller classroom setting
3. Community outreach and field trips
4. High school preparation
5. Specific student growth goals

Interested students should see Ms. Helferich to get an application for the program. Applications are due soon and there is a meeting for interested families on May 6th at 5 p.m. Please RSVP: 217-477-0322

English and Math Support Classes – Many students have fallen behind academically and need extra support to catch up. North Ridge Middle School offers English and math support classes to provide targeted interventions in math and English language arts. Students are selected for these classes based on a variety of factors including teacher recommendation, grades, and test scores.

If you have any question or concerns, please contact the guidance office (444-3419) or the counselor, Ms. Helferich, directly at helferichc@danville118.org or 444-3418.