



READINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear 5th grade parents,

Readington Middle School is already preparing for the arrival of the class of 2020! There are several new opportunities for your child to experience in middle school, including:

World Language: 6th grade students have the option of choosing one of three languages: French, Spanish or Mandarin Chinese. We hope to be able to assign all students their top selection, but you must indicate an alternate second choice as some schedules may be limited. Please consider these choices carefully as students will study the same language through 6th, 7th & 8th grade.

Performing Arts: Sixth grade students may choose to take Band, Chorus, or Orchestra as one of their encore classes. Students electing band or orchestra must currently be playing an instrument.

Elective classes: Sixth grade students, who are not in band, chorus or orchestra, will be scheduled for two elective classes per semester (Innovation & Design, Financial Literacy, Studio Art, General Music) in addition to their mandatory full-year Health and Physical Education classes. Band/Chorus/Orchestra students will take one elective class per semester.

Students who are scheduled for Literacy and/or Math Intervention classes will be scheduled for those courses in place of an elective. If students are scheduled for two intervention classes, they may not be able to participate in Band, Chorus, or Orchestra.

Please discuss these choices with your child and complete the Course Selection form. Please keep in mind:

- Please choose a world language, and also indicate a second choice.
- If you do not choose any Performing Arts, you may be given a General Music class.
- Completing this form correctly is very important as changes cannot be made after the school year begins.
- If course selection sheets are not returned, the student will be placed into foreign language and elective classes based on availability.

We will have a parent orientation to welcome you to Readington Middle School on the evening of **May 17, 2017**. We look forward to meeting you at that time. In the spring, the fifth graders will be invited to Readington Middle School for a tour and welcome to the Readington Middle School community. We look forward to working with you and your child to prepare for the exciting three years ahead.

Sincerely,

Sharon Moffat
Principal

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RMS Course Selection
Grade 6 - Class of 2020

Student's Name (Last Name, First Name)

MATH

Has your child taken any advanced or honors math classes in his/her previous school?

(Please indicate "yes" or "no" and course taken): _____

WORLD LANGUAGES

Please write mark your choices with a **1** (first choice), **2** (second choice), or **3** (third choice):

____ Spanish ____ French ____ Mandarin

PERFORMING ARTS

Students may elect to enroll in **one** of the following programs. Students electing band or orchestra must currently be playing an instrument. Please mark your choices with a **1** (first choice), **2** (second choice), or **3** (third choice):

____ Band/Instrument: _____ (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion)

____ Gold Orchestra/Instrument: _____ (Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass)

____ Chorus

ELECTIVE CLASSES

All students will receive mandatory Health and Physical Education. In addition, they will be given a choice of electives. Students who are placed in Literacy and/or Math Intervention will have those classes replace their electives. Please mark your choices with a **1** (first choice), **2** (second choice), **3** (third choice), or **4** (fourth choice) ***It is important to put a number next to each course:**

____ Innovation & Design (In this course, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) learning, innovative thinking, and creative problem solving are at the forefront of every class. Students will design a three dimensional eco-friendly solar house to scale, and work collaboratively to design and construct a solar car and wind turbine.)

____ Financial Literacy (There are three major units in this project based course: income/careers/money management, credit/debt management, and investment/financial planning. Some of the major course activities are choosing your college, buying your first car, how you can budget your money effectively and a net based stock market simulation.)

____ Studio Art (Student projects range from constructing, to drawing, sculpting and painting in order for all students to receive exposure to all the Visual Arts have to offer.)

____ General Music (Students will develop written and verbal skills to analyze music, as well as study different aspects of music through listening, composing, and performing.)

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Phone _____