

Renaissance Academy Middle School Courses 2019-20

Dear Renaissance Middle School Students and Families,

Welcome to RA Middle School! Please see below a list of required courses and elective course options for your student entering 6th, 7th or 8th-grade this coming school year. All students will be automatically registered in required courses. Students will be placed in Math Honors courses upon recommendation by their math teacher in 2018-19. If your student did not attend Renaissance last year and you would like them to be considered for Math Honors, please email this request to Mrs. Stephanie Avery directly at smccappin@renacademy.org

Elective courses are only available to students in 7th and 8th-grade. Please indicate your students preferred elective courses by numbering each subject from 1-15 on page two. **Please email all completed 7th and 8th-grade elective course preference forms to Mrs. Avery at smccappin@renacademy.org as soon as possible. All forms are due by Friday 26th July. MS student schedules will be available for collection from the office upon receipt of MS fees starting Monday 12th August 2019.**

*All 7th and 8th-grade elective courses offered will be dependent upon student interest. If we do not receive enough student interest, a course listed below may be cancelled.

**Placement in highly sought after elective courses will be determined on a first come/first served basis.

<u>6th-8th Required Courses 2019-20</u>					
6th Non-Immersion	6th Chinese DLI Students	7th Non-Immersion	7th Chinese DLI Students	8th Non-Immersion	8th Chinese DLI Students
Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts
Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
Social Studies	Social Studies (Chinese)	Utah Studies & Debate	Utah Studies & Debate	US History	US History
Spanish or Arabic	Chinese Literacy	Spanish or Arabic	Chinese Literacy	Spanish or Arabic	Chinese Literacy
Music, Art, PE & Typing	Music, Art, PE & Typing	CTE	CTE	Digital Literacy	Digital Literacy
		PE	PE	PE	PE
		Health	Health	4x Electives	4x Electives
		Careers & Character Education	Careers & Character Education		
		3x Electives	3x Electives		

2019-20 7th and 8th-grade Elective Course Requests

STUDENT NAME:

DATE:

GRADE:

PARENT NAME & SIGNATURE:

<u>7th & 8th-grade Elective Course Options (All courses are semester length unless indicated otherwise as 'full-year')</u>			
<u>Please rank in order of preference (i.e., 1-15)</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Course Description</u>
	Musical Theatre 1	Ms. Kinder	This class focuses on individual and group performance techniques for skits and plays. Units include focus on staging terminology, physical movement (body, gesture, expression), vocal elements (projection, rate, diction, inflection), and playwriting. The semester typically culminates in a larger group performance. This is a very active class and requires daily physical participation, teamwork, and some creativity.
	Musical Theatre 2 (prerequisite of Musical Theatre 1 required)	Ms. Kinder	This class reviews and builds upon the skills built in Musical Theatre 1. There will be a brief review of staging terminology, physical movement, and vocal elements. This class has a stronger emphasis on playwriting and group performance, typically culminating in a whole-class production from a classic playwright, such as Shakespeare or Moliere.
	Choir	Ms. Kinder	Emphasis is placed on ear-training and in-tune singing. Ear training is practiced daily through small doses of note-writing, sight-reading, and musical dictation. Vocal practice includes a daily warm-up, singing in rounds, and a strong focus on part-singing. Singing will be done in unison, in rounds, and in three part harmony. Choir pieces are selected from a broad variety of genres to teach proper elements of voice such as diction, vocal quality (light/dark), group intonation, proper projection, and musical mood. The semester typically culminates in a group performance.
	Stagecraft	Ms. Kinder	This course focuses on all the non-performance aspects of theater. Students enrolled in this class will help create set, props, lighting, and sound elements for a production. Students in this class will be held to a higher standard of participation and work-ethic: they

			must be responsible, willing, and independently capable of working with expensive equipment.
	Art Foundations 1	Ms. Cook	This course places emphasis on the 'Elements of Art' while exploring a variety of materials and techniques that include charcoal drawing, watercolor painting, and tape sculpture. Students will also be working in a sketchbook to develop creative thinking, and technical drawing skills.
	Art Foundations 2 (prerequisite of Art Foundations 1 required)	Ms. Cook	This course places emphasis on the 'Principles of Design' showing students how to organize the 'Elements of Art' to create effective compositions to communicate their ideas. with an exploration in materials such as acrylic painting, cardboard sculptures, and mixed media projects. Students will also be working in a sketchbook to develop creative thinking and technical drawing skills.
	Yearbook (8th only) - Semester	Mrs. Knaupp	Students in this course will learn all the skills necessary to help design and produce our 2019-20 Renaissance school yearbook.
	Yearbook (8th only) - Full-year	Mrs. Knaupp	Students in this course will learn all the skills necessary to help design and produce our 2019-20 Renaissance school yearbook.
	Coding	Mrs. Knaupp	Students in this course learn basic coding skills.
	Math Support	Ms. Smith	This course is designed to provide additional support and instruction for students struggling in math. Students taking math honors will not be placed in this course.
	Physical Education 2	Mr. Story	This PE class can be taken as an elective in addition to the core-required PE class.
	Dance Composition & Choreography	Ms. Bybee	Learn to create dances by studying space, time, rhythm, phrase, musicality and levels. This class requires collaboration with classmates for final project.
	Dance 1A - Intro to Contemporary & Jazz	Ms. Bybee	Improve your technique with a technique-based warm-up, followed by contemporary choreography similar to those seen on popular television shows.
	Social Dance - Beginning Ballroom	Ms. Bybee	Study partnering and the basics of social dances such as rumba, cha cha, waltz, tango, and foxtrot.
	Chinese Culture	*To be determined	Learn more about Chinese culture and language. This course is taught in the Chinese language and is for Chinese DLI students only.