

# Highland Middle School

## Weld Re-9

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### Highland Middle School Curriculum Overview

#### **Required Core Courses:**

- Math
- English Language Arts
- Science
- Social Studies

#### Course offerings:

- Math:
  - Basic Math
  - Math 6
  - Math 7
  - Math 8
  - Algebra
  - Geometry
- English Language Arts
  - Basic LA I
  - Basic LA II
  - LA 6
  - LA 7
  - LA 8
  - Advanced LA
- Science
  - Science 6
  - Science 7
  - Science 8
- Social Studies
  - Social Studies 6
  - Social Studies 7
  - Social Studies 8

Required core classes are year long courses. Math and English Language Arts classes meet daily; science and social studies meet every-other day.

#### **Elective Courses:**

- PE (Semester Course)
- Choir (7th & 8th Grade Only)
- Stem Technology (Sem Course)
- Stem Engineering (Sem Course)
- Stem Explorations (Sem Course)
- Art (Sem Course)
- Steam (Sem Course)
- Band (Year Long Course)

Students will take a total of four elective courses over the course of the year. Band counts as 2 courses since it is a year long course, so students in band will only have three different elective courses.

Elective courses meet every-other day.

#### **Advisory:**

Advisory is an important time during the school day that meets every morning and every Green Day for the last 40 minutes of the day.

Students will attend Zero Hour for the first 10 minutes of the day for announcements, checking in with their advisors at the beginning of the day, and preparing themselves for the day physically and emotionally.

The last 40 minutes on Green Days is the Advisory class. Students perform grade checks, have one-on-one conferences with their advisors, complete Social-Emotional lessons, read a class novel, and have individual reading time in order to create a sense of community and unity amongst the students.

## Toggles

Toggles are an essential component of the curriculum at HMS that allow us to offer courses and meet standards that don't fit well into core courses. They are connectors that allow students to gain access to more knowledge and to become more aware of the different opportunities in the real-world.

With the exception of Tier 2 reading intervention and Yearbook, Toggles are quarter long courses. There are both required and elective Toggle Courses. Toggles are every other day on White Days.

Beginning Fall 2020, all Toggle courses will be graded identical to core and elective classes. Toggle grades will apply items such as GPA, eligibility, performance based qualifications.

### Required Toggles:

- 6th Grade: Technology
- 7th Grade: Health
- 8th Grade: Personal Finance
- All Grades: Tier 1 & 2 reading intervention for all students who meet the criteria of scoring below the 35% percentile on the Maps reading assessment 2 or their last 3 assessments. *This course is scheduled for one quarter each semester; students who successfully raise their reading score above the 35th percentile in the winter Maps assessment will not be required to take the second quarter of Tier 2 reading intervention.*
- All Grades: Fitness for all students not taking a PE elective course.

### Elective Toggles:

- Astronomy
- Brain Bowl
- Civil War
- Colorado Critters
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- Fitness
- Guitar
- Hero Stories
- Kid Wind Challenge
- Lego Robotics
- Math Games
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Wilderness Survival
- Yearbook (8th Grade, 3 Quarters, Application Required)