NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to North Ridge Middle School! To provide a smooth transition for your child, we need your assistance in providing some necessary information and helping your child select their elective classes for next year. Each 7th grade student will be enrolled in the following academic classes:

| Language Arts | Science | PE/Health |
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| Math | Social Studies | Advisory/Lunch |

In addition to these courses, each student will be enrolled in two elective classes of his/her choice. Students choose electives by filling out an online form and selecting their top four choices. The link to the form is listed here but can also be found more conveniently on the NRMS website under <u>Information</u> and <u>North Ridge</u> <u>Counseling</u>.

https://forms.gle/hqjXc1h9Xtv4LrTg6 or https://www.danville118.org/domain/518

North Ridge Middle School Electives

| Band (year) | Art (year) | |
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| Percussion (year) | Guitar (semester) | |
| Orchestra (year) | Music and Culture (semester) | |
| Choir (year) | Intro to Computer Applications (semester) | |

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 fulfils 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.

Honors Courses – North Ridge Middle School offers four honors-level courses for 7th graders. Students are placed in honors based on test scores, grades, and teacher recommendation. Students qualified for the elementary MATS program automatically qualify for all four Honors sections. Other students can take any combination of honors courses (meaning they don't have to take all four).

Honors English Language Arts Honors Math Honors Science Honors Social Studies

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. Support classes take priority over elective courses when making a student's schedule.

Grades – North Ridge Middle School evaluates student performance using a traditional grading scale (A, B, etc.). We utilize two grading periods, one for each semester, to monitor students' academic progress throughout the year. Promotion/retention is based on whether a student maintained an average minimum of 60% D for the entire school year in each subject.

Questions? Please contact Tyler Ferber, 2025-26 7th grade counselor, 217-444-3421, ferbert@danville118.org.