



EAU CLAIRE
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2013-2014

Middle School Course Catalog Grade 7

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Non-Discrimination Policy

The Eau Claire Area School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, creed, age, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital status or parental status, sexual orientation or disability.

All Eau Claire Area School District Career & Technical Education program and classes are offered to students regardless of their sex, race, color, religion, creed, age, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital status or parental status, sexual orientation or disability.

Specialized Programs

- **Alternate Programming:** The Eau Claire Area School District provides academic support for students with additional educational needs. For example, *READ 180* is a comprehensive reading intervention program proven to meet the needs of struggling readers. The program directly addresses individual needs through differentiated instruction, adaptive and instructional software, high-interest literature and non-fiction, and direct instruction in reading, writing, and vocabulary skills. Read 180 is delivered for 90 minutes a day for identified students. Eau Claire Area School District's Secondary Literacy Coordinator is Melissa Olson (852-4710, molson2@ecasd.k12.wi.us).
- **English Language Learners:** Students who speak a language other than English at home may qualify for English Language Learner (ELL) support. For additional information on ELL services, you may contact the district English Language Learners Resource Teacher, Kristen Gundry, at 852-3071 or kgundry@ecasd.k12.wi.us . You may also contact district bilingual helpline at 715-852-3555.
- **Gifted Education:** The Eau Claire Area School District provides for the special learning needs of students who exhibit gifted behavior in any of the following areas: General Intellectual Ability, Specific Academic Ability, Artistic Ability (including art, music, drama), Leadership Ability, and Creative Ability.

Students are assessed for appropriate math, science, and language arts placement during their middle school years. Students who qualify for acceleration should contact their counselor or gifted resource teacher for further information.

Gifted Education Resource Teachers are available to provide the following services: development of enrichment activities with the classroom teacher, development of appropriate programming for students whose learning needs do not match the "age lock step pattern" of school, assistance for classroom teachers in differentiating curriculum for gifted students, assistance in planning "job shadowing" or "mentor" experiences, direct services to students (i.e., counseling, differentiated education plans).

Eau Claire Area School District's Gifted Education Coordinator is Pam Cernocky (852-5132, pcernocky1@ecasd.k12.wi.us).

- **Special Education:** Special education services may be delivered in a general or special education environment; or a combination of these options. Individual Educational Plans (IEP) are designed to meet the student's educational needs with accommodations and/or modifications. Course selection decisions are made based on the student's IEP. Most special education courses parallel traditional core academic offerings, but some are significantly modified in content and focus. See your school counselor or IEP manager for more information. You may also contact the district Director of Special Education and Student Services, Robyn Criego, at 852-3074 or rcriego@ecasd.k12.wi.us .

GRADE SEVEN
COURSE OFFERINGS

Each seventh grade student will have a schedule similar to the one listed below:

1	period of English	daily – all year
1	period of Mathematics	daily – all year
1	period of Science	daily – all year
1	period of Social Studies	daily – all year
1	period of: Art 7, Health 7,	daily – one semester daily – one semester
1	period of: Reading 7, World Languages	daily – one semester daily – one semester
1	period of: Physical Education	alternate days – all year
1	period of: choice of Band, Chorus, Exploring Music, or Orchestra	alternate days – all year

Grade 7 Required Courses

7050	Reading 7	Grade 7	Required	Semester
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Reading 7 is designed to improve reading, learning, and thinking skills. Topics include: comprehension strategies for expository and narrative materials, techniques for learning and remembering, critical reading/thinking, vocabulary development, and reading interests.

7610	Art 7	Grade 7	Required	Semester
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Art 7 is studio-based and builds on concepts from Art 6. Students in Art 7 will continue to develop creative-problem solving skills by refining existing art skills. The fundamentals of drawing, painting, color theory, ceramics, sculpture, metalsmithing, printmaking, and information design will be examined. Emphasis will be placed on the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design, careers in art and design, a variety of art styles and art history/diversity, developing good craftsmanship, innovative ideas, caring for materials, and working well with others.

7620	Health 7	Grade 7	Required	Semester
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This class is designed to give the student the necessary life skills and health-related knowledge needed at this transitional time in their lives. This curriculum allows the student to begin to make important decisions that will not only make their lives healthier and more “well” but much more happy and successful also. The course focuses on the seven dimensions of wellness(Physical, Social, Emotional, Intellectual, Environmental, School/Career and Spiritual) and it allows the students to practice those learned life skills that they will need to make sound decisions in order to stay well. Students are given many opportunities to begin to take a more personal responsibility for the quality of their lives by seriously examining the choices that could eventually affect their lives. Specific skills such as communication, assertiveness, decision-making, problem-solving, writing goals, and caring about others are just a few of the skills intermingled throughout all of the content areas. Major content areas that are addressed include health/wellness, intellectual/emotional/social wellness, substance use/abuse, human growth and development and personal wellness. Students not only receive the specific knowledge and life skills but are also taught the well researched 40 developmental assets, the building blocks for their lives. Finally, in addition to the knowledge, life skills and assets the students receive, they are given many opportunities to apply critical thinking skills in a variety of realistic health-related situations.

7700	Physical Education 7	Grade 7	Required	Year - Alternate Days
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The seventh grade curriculum stresses team sports as well as lifetime activities. Emphasis is placed on participation and skill development. Teamwork, cooperation, fitness, and effort are all stressed at this level. A physical education shirt purchased from the school is required.

Grade 7 Music Electives

7900	Band 7	Grade 7	Meets Music Requirement	Year - Alternate Days
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Band Seven is designed for students with one year of band experience. Students who wish to start a band instrument in the seventh grade must consult with the band teacher. Students are expected to attend summer lessons unless other arrangements have been made with the band instructor. Performances will include concerts, and may include Saturday parades and opportunities for solo ensemble or jazz band experiences. Participation in performances will constitute part of the student's grade. This course has a dress code for all performances. A band shirt purchased from the school is required.

7910	Chorus 7	Grade 7	Meets Music Requirement	Year - Alternate Days
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Chorus Seven is designed for students who have an interest and ability in singing and wish to further develop that ability. Much of the classroom rehearsal will emphasize developing healthy vocal technique, learning choral parts, and developing music reading skills. Students will meet every other day and will sing with other students of similar vocal range. Participation in concerts will constitute part of the student's grade. Opportunities may be available for participation in select ensembles, honors groups, and solo and small group singing. This course has a dress code for all performances. A chorus shirt purchased from the school is required at DeLong and Northstar only.

7920	Exploring Music 7	Grade 7	Meets Music Requirement	Year - Alternate Days
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Exploring Music Seven is designed for students who do not wish to participate in band, orchestra, or chorus; and who wish to study music in a non-performance setting. No musical background is necessary. Class work may involve listening; reading and writing music; studying composers; and singing, playing and studying keyboard, guitar, or other instruments.

7930	Orchestra 7	Grade 7	Meets Music Requirement	Year - Alternate Days
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Seventh Grade Orchestra is designed for students with one year of orchestra experience. Students who wish to start a string instrument in seventh grade must consult with the orchestra teacher. Students will learn more about key signatures and finger positions as well as work on more advanced music. There will be opportunities for solo and small group performances. Participation in concerts will constitute part of the student's grade. Seventh Grade Orchestra meets every other day with all string instruments. This course has a dress code for all performances. An orchestra shirt purchased from the school is required at DeLong and Northstar only.

Grade 7 World Language Electives

7500	French 7	Grade 7	Meets World Languages Requirement	Semester
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This is an introduction to the French language. Speaking, listening, reading, and writing activities are used to develop a beginning vocabulary. Dialogues, pair and group activities, songs, and games are an important part of the class. Students will learn about the geography, people, and cultures of the French-speaking world through the use of music, videos, and food.

7510	German 7	Grade 7	Meets World Languages Requirement	Semester
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This is an introduction to the German language. Speaking, listening, reading, and writing activities are used to develop a beginning vocabulary. Dialogues, pair and group activities, songs, and games are an important part of the class. Students will learn about the geography, people, and cultures of the German-speaking world through the use of music, videos, and food.

7520	Spanish 7	Grade 7	Meets World Languages Requirement	Semester
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This is an introduction to the Spanish language. Speaking, listening, reading, and writing activities are used to develop a beginning vocabulary. Dialogues, pair and group activities, songs, and games are an important part of the class. Students will learn about the geography, people, and cultures of the Spanish-speaking world through the use of music, videos, and food.