

CJHS Course Selection Guide
Class of 2025
(Current Seventh Graders)

Next year you will be taking seven classes each semester. Some of your classes will be year long, and some are semester classes. Some of your classes are pre-selected for you, and some you will get to choose.

In addition, you may be placed in certain classes based on your test scores, but this will be done by staff. You will not have to worry about making those decisions.

Core Classes

You will take four core classes, and these are year long classes. You don't have to make any choices for this -- everyone takes these classes. These core classes are:

- Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

Wellness

Last year in seventh grade, you took two semesters of Wellness class. In eighth grade, every student will take only one semester of Wellness.

Music

Students are not required to take a music class, but MANY do at Concord! First, you will need to decide IF you want to participate in music. If you do decide that you want to, you have several options:

Symphonic Band - This is a year long class for students who play woodwind, brass, or percussion instruments.

Symphonic Orchestra - This is a year long class for students who play string instruments.

Choir 8 - This is a year long class for students who will sing and perform with others. No prior experience is necessary.

Advanced Choir - This is a year long class for students who excelled in choir during seventh grade and are recommended by the staff.

Notes:

- Students who participate in band or orchestra, can also participate in choir.
- Students who participate in Choir 8 may also participate in Advanced Choir if they qualify.

World Language

We do offer two world languages to eighth graders for HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT. *Spanish I* and *French I* are year long courses that students can take if they have demonstrated, through their academic record, that they will be successful in the courses and if parents consent. This is an excellent opportunity to get a high school credit under your belt, and the grade counts on your high school transcript, so we want people to fully commit.

Additional Electives

Believe it or not we still have MORE choices! Which situation are you in?

_____ A student who takes 1 year long music class and no world languages will still need to select 3 additional electives.

_____ A student who takes 2 year long music classes and no world languages will still need to select 1 additional elective.

_____ A student who takes 1 year long music class and 1 world language will still need 1 additional elective.

_____ A student who takes no music but does take 1 world language, will still need 3 additional electives.

_____ A student who does not take any of the above music classes or a world language for high school credit, will need to select 5 electives.

Note: Students whose test scores indicate that they will benefit from an intervention in math or reading will be placed in those classes, and those intervention classes will replace an elective.

The following electives are one semester long and will be offered to eighth graders next year:

Art 1 - This is an introductory art class for students who DID NOT take art in seventh grade, but are interested in trying it in eighth grade.

Art 2 - Students may take this class only if they have already successfully completed Art 1.

Advanced Art - Students may take this class only if they have already successfully completed Art 1 AND Art 2.

Computer Science - This class works with coding, robotics, and very cool stuff like that.

Exploratory French - This is a beginning French class intended to help students determine which World Language class they would like to take in high school. It is not for high school credit.

Exploratory Spanish - This is a beginning Spanish class intended to help students determine which World Language class they would like to take in high school. It is not for high school credit.

Performing Arts- This class includes music appreciation, theatre, and introductory keyboarding skills. It is open to anybody.

Pre-Manufacturing - This course focuses on the knowledge and skills that students need to be able to make products in a lab setting.

Office Aide - Students work in the office to help run passes and do other errands and small jobs for office staff. Office aides are chosen based on grades, attendance, and behavior.

Next Steps

Students will be making their course selections in PowerSchool during homeroom this week. We would like for families to have conversations SOON so that students are confident when they are making the selections.

Important Final Note: We will do EVERYTHING within our power to get you in every class you request. However, sometimes there are unresolvable schedule conflicts.