

**CJHS Course Selection Guide**  
**Class of 2026**  
**(Current Sixth Graders)**

Welcome to Concord Jr. High School! Next year you will be taking seven classes each semester. Each class is 47 minutes long then you have a five minute passing period to go to your next class. 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 five core classes, and these are year long classes. You don't have to make any choices for this -- everyone in seventh grade takes these classes. These core classes are:

- Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- 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:

*Concert Band* - This is a year long class for students who play woodwind, brass, or percussion instruments and have completed Beginning Band as a 6th grader.

*Beginning Band* - This a year long class for students who play woodwind, brass, or percussion instruments and will just be starting out in band.

*Concert Orchestra* - This is a year long class for students who play string instruments and have completed Beginning Orchestra as a 6th grader.

*Beginning Orchestra* - This is a year long class for students who play string instruments and will just be starting out in orchestra.

*Choir 7* - This is a year long class for students who will sing and perform with others. No prior experience is necessary.

*Note: Students who participate in band or orchestra, can also participate in choir.*

## **Additional Electives**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ A student who takes 2 year long music classes, is not able to take any other electives. You're done! (example -- band and choir)

\_\_\_\_\_ A student who takes 1 year long music class, will still need to select 2 additional electives.

\_\_\_\_\_ A student who does not take any music classes, will still need to select 4 additional 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 seventh graders next year:**

*Art 1* - This is an introductory art class for students who are interested in learning more about art.

*Art 2* - If you successfully complete Art I the first semester, you can take Art II the second semester. Sign up for this if you know you LOVE art!

*Digital Communications* - In this class students learn about internet safety, social media, and all of the ways that technology has impacted our society.

*Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS)* - A main component of this class is cooking, but the curriculum also goes into healthy relationships, personal finance, and how to be a responsible consumer.

*Pre-Engineering* - In this class students learn about design principles, real world problem solving, computer aided drawing, and the basics of engineering.

## **Next Steps**

On February 18, we will visit CIS and have scheduling meetings with groups of students. At that meeting, students will make their course selections. It is very important that you talk as a family about what courses are best so that the student can be confident when they mark their choices.

**Important Final Note: We will do EVERYTHING within our power to get you in every class you request, but sometimes there are schedule conflicts that can't be resolved. We will do our best! That's a promise!**

