



### AVONDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## 2024-2025 Seventh Grade Scheduling Update

Dear 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent or Guardian,

This fall your student will be attending seventh grade at Avondale Middle School. This transition brings opportunities for growth, excellence, and new experiences. We are confident that your 7<sup>th</sup> grader will enjoy their year at AMS and we have a dynamic team of teachers and support staff prepared to welcome them. As we prepare, we want to share information related to the steps for the transition from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The overall scheduling process will begin as we work with our 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, counselors, and administration to support placement for the 2024-2025 school year. The overall process for transitioning our sixth graders to seventh grade at Avondale Middle School has three important steps.

- **Step One: AMS Counselors visit 6<sup>th</sup> graders- February 20th-21st** - We will visit with students in their Social Studies class during the school day to share with them all they need to know about scheduling requests for next year.
- **Step Two: 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents complete course requests - Due Tuesday, March 5th** –All documents and directions will be on the AMS website under the **Curriculum and Scheduling** tab. These are not final placements as there is a selection process for some courses. Knowing what courses students would like to request helps us with planning. Questions about placement can be directed to the AMS counseling office. Placement testing and process for advanced courses will be explained in English and Math classes with supporting information sent home to parents for review.
- **Step Three: Student Registration- Late August** -All students come to register for the new school year and pick up their schedule of classes. We will send you information regarding registration in early August.

All students have two hours of exploratory classes in their schedule. Exploratory class scheduling begins with each student choosing whether they would like to participate in a full year music option (Band or Choir). These courses will require an audition with the teacher prior to placement in the class. Students who take a full year elective will then be scheduled into Health and PE. All seventh grade students must take **one semester of Health and one semester of Physical Education**, to complete curriculum requirements. Students who do not participate in a full year elective course will be scheduled into a combination of the following elective options; Art, Spanish, French, and Careers, STEM - App & Animation, Stem - Flight & Space. **\*\*Elective classes will run based on student requests and may change.**

Additionally, we will offer a full year elective Heritage Learners Spanish class for students who speak the Spanish Language at their homes. Intervention and academic support classes will be substituted in the elective hours as recommended.

All scheduling information is shared and posted on the AMS website under the **Scheduling and Orientation** tab. Please contact the AMS Counseling Office AMS if you have any questions (248) 537-6300. On behalf of our entire staff, welcome to the 2022-2023 school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. [Katie Gómez](#)  
AMS Principal