



**AVONDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
 Dr. Kathryn Gomez - Principal  
 Mrs. Arryn Schneider - Assistant Principal  
 Mr. Kody Strong - Dean of Students

## 2024-2025 Seventh Grade Scheduling

Dear 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent or Guardian,

This fall your student will be attending eighth 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 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The overall scheduling process will begin as we work with our 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, counselors, and administration to support placement for the 2024-2025 school year. The overall process for transitioning our seventh graders to eighth grade at Avondale Middle School has three important steps.

- **Step One: AMS Counselor, Mrs. Echols will visit 7<sup>th</sup> graders- February 22nd - 23rd.** She 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: 7<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 elective classes in their schedule. Elective 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 (only if they are new to the program). Then students decide if they are interested in a World Language (Spanish, French or German-AHS) which is also a year-long commitment. Eighth grade language class will give students one out of two years of required credit for high school graduation. Some students may have two full year exploratory classes and that will complete their elective schedule. Students who take one full year elective will then choose from the remaining elective offerings below. Students who do not participate in a full year elective course will be scheduled into a combination of the following course options that fit into their schedule.

**Semester electives:** STEM Medical or STEM Architecture, AMS Publications, PE, Leadership, Multi-Media, Art, Sports & Music Culture

*\*Students can take a combination of year & semester electives\**

*\*Not All course request will be met\**

Please contact the AMS Counseling Office AMS if you have any questions (248) 537-6313.

Sincerely,

Dr. [Katie Gómez](#)  
 AMS Principal