

NORTH MAC MIDDLE  
SCHOOL  
2013-2014  
COURSE HANDBOOK

# **NORTH MAC MIDDLE SCHOOL**

## **2013-2014 REGISTRATION**

### **General Instructions**

**Course descriptions are provided for your information. If you have any questions concerning any course, prerequisite for a course, or course sequence, talk with the instructor, counselor, or principal. Any questions concerning regulations, policies, or laws governing curriculum should be directed to the administration.**

**PARENT SIGNATURE ON REGISTRATION FORM:** A parent/guardian is required to sign the registration form. This will indicate that they have seen the student's choice of classes and agree with the selection. Because many of the classes have a maximum size limitation, registration forms will be numbered as they are received and those returned first will have priority. If there are questions regarding registration, students and/or parents should meet with the counselor or call the counselor office at 217-627-2136.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION**

**Promotion Requirements Middle School – (Must pass 5 of 6 Core Classes).**

In order to be promoted within the ranks of Middle School and to High Schools, students must pass 5 of 6 core classes in each grade.

- \* Math
- \* Social Studies
- \* Physical Education/Health
- \* English
- \* Reading
- \* Science

# **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

## **Course: English**

### Course Description:

The Shurley Method English Made Easy Level 6 by Brenda Shurley and Ruth Wetsell cover study skills, vocabulary, nouns, verbs, kinds of sentences, adverbs, adjectives, subject nouns, subject/predicate, question/answer flow, singular/plural nouns, common/proper nouns, prepositions, pronouns, possessive pronouns/nouns, subject pronouns, helping verbs, the NOT adverb, the question verb, subject/verb agreement conjunctions, interjections, subject/verb agreement, homonyms, expository paragraph and essay, friendly letter, business letter, three-point paragraphs, direct object, compound sentence, comma splice, coordinate conjunctions, connective adverbs, combining sentences, pronoun cases, indirect object, complex sentences, subordinate conjunctions, double negatives, persuasive essay, principal parts of verbs, verb tense, descriptive writing, predicate adjectives, degrees of adjectives, descriptive writing, narrative writing, creative writing, thank-you notes, invitations, and more.

### Materials:

The Shurley Method English Made Easy Level 6 by Brenda Shurley and Ruth Wetsell.  
Copyright 1997  
Second Edition ISBN # 1-881940-56-X Level 6 Student Workbook

## **Course: Reading**

### Course Description:

This course aims to provide opportunities for all students to develop skills as readers, writers, listeners, speakers, and viewers through the use of rewarding literature.

### Materials:

Glencoe Reading Textbook Course 1 - Grade 6  
ISBN:0078251362

### Novels

The Egypt Game - Zilpha Keatly Snider  
A Christmas Carol - Charles Dickens  
A Wrinkle In Time - Madeline L'engle  
A Bridge to Terabithia - Katherine Patterson

## **Course: Geography**

### Course Description:

The book walks through the different countries and locations around the world while mentioning the economy, religion, and culture of each country.

Materials:

Textbook - The World and Its People

Publisher is Glencoe/McGraw Hill and the authors are David Armstrong, Merry Lobrecht, Richard Boehm, Francis Hunkins, and Dennis Reinhartz.

ISBN - 0-07-860977-1

**Course: Earth Science**

Course Description Earth Science focuses on the study of earth and space science.

The topics covered include: the materials that make up the earth, the changing surface of the earth, earth's internal processes, earth's air and water, astronomy and the scientific method.

Materials:

Title: Earth Science

ISBN: 978-0-07-877803-2

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math**

Course Description:

This course is geared towards preparing students for Pre-Algebra. In addition to a heavy dose of arithmetic topics covered include decimals, fractions, one step equations, percents, and plotting points on the coordinate plane. Perimeter and area of two-dimensional shapes will also be introduced. Guided Problem solving strategies throughout the text provide students with the tools they need to be effective and independent learners. An emphasis on fractions solidifies student understanding of rational number operations in preparation for applying these skills to algebraic equations. Students will be given quarterly exams as a means of monitoring progress. Both formative and summative assessments will be used when determining student grades.

Materials:

Title: Mathematics Course 2

ISBN: 0-13-133992-5

Authors: Charles, Illingworth, McNemar, Mills, Ramirez, Reeves

Publisher: Pearson Prentice Hall

Publication Date: Copyright 2008

# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

## **Course: English**

### Course Description:

The Shurley English 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum will cover study skills, vocabulary, noun, verb, kinds of sentences, adverb, adjectives, subject noun, subject/predicate, question/answer flow, singular/plural nouns, common/proper nouns, prepositions, pronouns, possessive pronoun and noun, subject verb agreement, the not adverb, conjunctions, interjections, homonyms, synonyms, antonyms, expository paragraph and essay, descriptive paragraph, friendly and business letters, direct object, compound sentences, complex sentences, subordinate conjunctions, double negatives, persuasive essay, principal parts of verbs, verb tense, predicate adjective, narrative writing, creative writing, thank you letter, invitation, research paper.

### Materials:

Title: The Shurley English Method Made Easy

ISBN: 1-881940-81-0 (Teacher Manual Level 7), 978-1-881940-83-8 (Student Book Level 7)

Authors: Brenda Shurley, Ruth Wetsell, and Teddie Faye Raines

Publisher: Shurley Instructional Methods, Inc.

Publication Date: 1997

Title: Daily Sentence Editing for all Interactive Whiteboards

ISBN: 978-1-4206-3891-2

Author: Migliaccio, Eric

Publisher: Teacher Created Resources

Publication Date: 2011

Title: Grammar and Language Workbook

ISBN: 0-07-820540-9

Publisher: Glencoe Mcgraw Hill

## **Course: US History**

Course Description: In this course students will investigate early American History from the first inhabitants of the continent until adoption of the United States Constitution. We will explore political, social, economic and cultural events that contributed to the creation of a multicultural industrial society that shaped the United States. We will analyze key issues such as the changing relationships between government and the governed; the era of exploration, European expansionism and enlightenment; the settlement and colonization of North America; the growth of a strong central state; the American Revolutionary war, Declaration of Independence, and the adoption of the United States Constitution.

Materials:

Title: The American Journey

ISBN: 978-0-07-877715-8

Authors: Appleby, Brinkley, Broussard, Mcpherson, Ritchie

Publisher: Glencoe/McGraw Hill

Publication Date: 2009

**Course: Reading**

Course Description:

7th grade Reading will focus on the skills necessary to become successful readers. Students will develop critical thinking and comprehension skills in a variety of categories including: figures of speech, compare/contrast, fact/opinion, drawing conclusions, predicting determining author's purpose and style, main ideas and details, making inferences, summarizing, and the use of context clues for defining vocabulary.

Materials:

Title: Glencoe Literature The Reader's Choice

ISBN: 0-07-825106-0

Authors:

Publisher: Glencoe/McGraw Hill

Publication Date: 2002

Title: The Giver

ISBN: 978-0-440-23768-6

Authors: Lois Lowry

Publisher: Dell Laurel-Leaf

Publication Date: 1993

Title: Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

ISBN: 978-0-14-034893-4

Authors: Mildred D. Taylor

Publisher: Puffin Books

Publication Date: 1976

Title: The Secret of NIMH

ISBN: 0-590-41708-8

Authors: Robert C. O'Brien

Publisher: Apple Paperbacks

Publication Date: 1971

Title: The Westing Game

ISBN: 0-14-038664-5

Authors: Ellen Raskin

Publisher: Puffin Books

Publication Date: 1978

## **Course: Science**

Course Description- In 7th grade science we will be focusing on life, interactions, changes over time, and biodiversity. This will be accomplished through daily homework, independent research, chapter tests, lab work, and quizzes.

### Materials:

Title: Life Science

ISBN:978-0-07-888037-7

Authors: Glencoe

Publisher:McGraw-Hill Companies

Publication Date: 2012

## **Course: Pre-Algebra (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

### Course Description:

This course is designed for students who need the basic skills required for Algebra I. Topics covered will include set of numbers, order of operations with real numbers, algebraic expression, properties of equality, solving equations and inequalities, and graphing. A review of fractions, decimals, integers, percent's and proportions will also be covered. Basic geometry concepts will also be introduced.

### Materials:

Prentice Hall Mathematics

ISBN: 978-0-13-365950-4

Health

Glencoe ISBN# 978-0-07-877449-2.

## **Course: Math Course 2**

### Course Description:

This course prepares students for Pre-Algebra. General topics that are covered include decimals, fractions, equations, percents, graphing in the coordinate plane, and probability. A review of measurement, patterns, displaying and analyzing data, multiplication, and division will also be covered.

### Materials:

Prentice Hall Mathematics-Course 2

ISBN: 0-13-134001-8

Publisher: Pearson Prentice Hall

Publication Date: 2008

# **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

## **Course: Algebra 1**

### **Course Description:**

This course is an in-depth study of the foundations of Algebra,. Topics include: groups, fields, and rings; algebraic expressions, equations, and inequalities; pattern finding; functions; and linear functions.

### **Materials:**

Prentice Hall Mathematics – Algebra I  
ISBN: 978-0-13-365951-1

## **Course: U.S. History**

### **Course Description:**

Students in eighth grade apply mapping, charting, graphing and research skills to examine how the United States developed from an agricultural society to the industrial country it is today. The content focuses on the history of the U.S. from after the implementation of the current Constitution to present times. Immigration, changing values, the blending of multicultural perspectives, interdependence and interaction with other nation WW I, WW II, and the role of citizenship are the critical topics included in this course of study.

Students learn to read and discuss current events, original sources of information and literature reflecting the issues of the periods being studied. These activities support and extend the information in their textbooks, assist students in responding to document based questions and are useful when writing a detailed research paper.

### **Materials:**

The American Journey  
ISBN # 0-07-825875-8 Glencoe 2002

## **Course: Physical Science**

### **Course Description:**

Physical science is the study of matter and energy. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade approach begins, 1<sup>st</sup> semester with the study of what substances are made of and how they change and combine. The 2<sup>nd</sup> semester continues with a study of forms of energy and motion. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade physical science curriculum offers hands-on/minds-on science integrating it with technology and connecting it to other sciences, subject areas, and everyday life.



Materials:

Physical I Science; Glencoe, McGraw Hill Education, copyright 2012.  
ISBN: 978-0-07-888004-9

**Course: Reading**

Course Description:

Eighth grade students' reading will be enhanced through basal reader, novels, media, and technology. Students will strengthen reading skills by interpreting, analyzing, inferring, and supporting, by reading selections that are aligned to Common Core Standards.

Materials:

ISBN # 0-07-825138-9 Teacher edition Copyright 2002 Glencoe/McGraw Hill  
ISBN # 0-07-825107—9 Student Edition

**Course: English**

Course Description: Students will learn to classify sentences using the eight parts of speech, identifying sentence parts as well as overall sentence structure. Students will learn to speak and express themselves in written form using correct grammar. Application of correct sentence structure carries over into the writing of narrative, expository, descriptive, and persuasive writing.

Materials:

ISBN #1-881940-22-5 Teacher Edition (First Edition) Copyright 1997  
ISBN # 1-881940-24-1 Student softcover workbook

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES**

### **Course: Health (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

#### Course Description:

The same book is used for all three grade levels divided into 3 parts with seven chapters covered in each grade level. 7th grade covers - How to stay healthy concentrating on physical fitness, nutrition, and how to handle conflicts and other emotional issues. 8th grade - focus is on relationships, social health, personal care, body systems, growth and development and diseases.

#### Materials

Teen Health: Authors, Mary Bronson, Michael J. Cleary, Betty M. Hubbard  
Glencoe ISBN# 978-0-07-877449-2.

### **COURSE: PE (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)**

#### Course Description:

North Mac Middle School Physical Education focuses on participation and instruction in a variety of games, including team sports, and fitness activities. Our intent is to build on previously learned fundamental skills from our elementary programs. The results are advanced skill development in organized games, an improved fitness level, socialization and cooperation among our students.

#### Textbook:

N/A

## **ENRICHMENT COURSES**

### **Exploratory Spanish: 7,8**

#### Course Description:

This exploratory Spanish class will focus on culture and beginning level Spanish expressions, writing through listening, speaking, reading and writing. Concepts such as the alphabet, calendar, cognates, classroom objects and school subjects, commands, numbers, colors, greetings, and a basic understanding of Spanish-speaking cultures will be taught. This course is highly recommended for students to prepare for Spanish in High School. This is a semester long course which is tied to art.

## **Study Skills (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)**

### **Course Description:**

The purpose of Study Skills is to help students maximize the learning process. Students will review how to use a planner, how to set and achieve goals, learn proper ways to study, develop note-taking skills, develop test-taking skills, learn memorization techniques, develop active listening skills, learn organization skills, and learn how to read informational text.

## **Band (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)**

### **Course Description:**

Band is an ensemble that provides students with learning and performance opportunities on wind and percussion instruments. The primary focus is on the development, continuation, and expansion of basic skills begun the previous year that are necessary for effective instrumental music performance. In addition to large group ensembles, individual growth and achievement are encouraged through participation in adjudicated solo and ensemble contests.

## **Chorus (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)**

### **Course Description:**

The curriculum is inclusive and is based around performances. Activities include: learning to read music; music theory; playing tone chimes; basic piano skills; and performances. The class participates in a school fall, winter, and spring concert, and various other performances throughout the year.

## **Art (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)**

### **Course Description:**

Exploratory Art is a foundation course presenting a variety of projects including drawing, painting, sculpture, and design that will enable the student to become familiar with vocabulary, materials, techniques, technology, history, and art appreciation. Students will explore a variety of materials in order to express ideas and concepts. This course is designed to introduce the beginning student to the basic art elements. This is a semester course which is tied to Spanish.

## **Media/Journalism (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)**

### **Course Description:**

Students in this course will be introduced to the theory and practice of Journalism, publish the school newspaper, practice web design and help in developing the middle school website. Applications are necessary.

# **SASED**

## **7th grade/SRS/SRC Language Arts** **Resource Reading and English/Language Arts**

### **Course Description:**

This course is designed for students who need additional support with English. The Shurley English Method will be used with emphasis placed on parts of speech, editing paragraphs and writing.

Materials:

The Shurley Method

Level 7,

Brenda Shurley

Ruth Wetsell

Teddi Faye Raines

ISBN 1-881940-81-0 (Level 7, Teachers Manual)

Copyright 1997

### **Course Description:**

Reading

This course is designed for students who need additional support with Reading.

Researched based methods include Six Minute Solutions to increase student fluency and Soar to Success to increase student comprehension. Students will also use AR to build reading skills.

The Six Minute Solutions

A Reading Fluency Program

Sopris West, Educational Services

ISBN 1-59318-678-9

Copyright 2007

Soar to Success

The Reading Intervention

ISBN 0-618-6905-9

Copyright 2006

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2013 - 2014 school year

<u><b>REQUIRED (6, 7, 8)</b></u>	<u><b>ELECTIVE</b></u>
<u>PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH</u>	<u>STUDY SKILLS (6, 7, 8)</u>
<u>ENGLISH</u>	<u>BAND (6, 7, 8)</u>
<u>MATHEMATICS</u>	<u>CHORUS (6, 7, 8)</u>
<u>READING</u>	<u>EXPLORATORY ART (7, 8)</u>
<u>SCIENCE</u>	<u>EXPLORATORY SPANISH (7, 8)</u>
<u>SOCIAL STUDIES</u>	<u>MEDIA/JOURNALISM (7,8)</u>
	<u>OFFICE AID (8)</u>
	<u>LIBRARY AID (7, 8)</u>