



Nelsen Middle School

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March 7, 2022

Hello Nelsen Families,

This packet contains important information regarding registration for the 2022-2023 school year. The information below is for current 6th graders transitioning to 7th grade next school year.

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How Registration Works

During the week of March 7th-11th students will receive their registration packets, review and complete the course request forms with parents, and return all forms applicable to registration by *March 24th*.

During the week of March 21st-24th counselors will be coming into science classes to walk students through online registration and pick up paper registration forms.

Students will need to access their Skyward username and password to complete online registration. Registration will close Sunday, March 27th at midnight.

Important Deadlines and To-Dos

- ☐ Check that your student can log into Skyward Student/Family Access
- ☐ Complete and sign Course Request Form with student
- ☐ TA Forms due to the main office by, Friday March 25th

March 21st-24th – Students will input registration choices via Skyward during science class.
(Please make sure your student brings their completed Course Request form and their Chromebook on this date fully charged.)

“Hawks SOAR”

Questions

Please direct any questions to your student's school counselor. Counselors are assigned by your student's last name.

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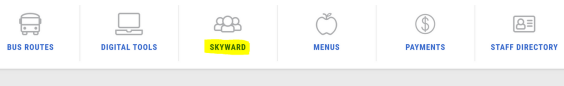
We look forward to supporting your students and working with you in the upcoming year!

In Partnership,

Nelsen Middle School

LOGIN INTO SKYWARD

1. **Go to Nelsen Website:** scroll down and click on the Skyward tab



2. Skyward Screen

If you need your Skyward Family Access login ID or password, please contact your student's school.

RENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Renton S.D. #403

Login ID:

Password:

[Forgot your Login/Password?](#)

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Enter your computer log in

Students: Only use the beginning part of your email. Up to not including the @rentonstudents.us

Enter Password

Click Login

If you are having issues logging in please email terri.zura@rentonschools.us

FORGOT SKYWARD PASSWORD?

Click on Forgot your Login/Password?

Click on "I'm not a robot"

Add your Renton School District email - the whole thing this time.

Fir.las000@rentonstudent.us

Submit

Forgotten Login/Password Assistance

Please enter your email address or user name. If it matches the email or user name the district has on file, you will be sent an email containing your login and a link that can be used to reset your password.

☐ I'm not a robot

Email or User Name:

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Please enter your email address or user name. If it matches the email or user name the district has on file, you will be sent an email containing your login and a link that can be used to reset your password.

Skyward

Your request has been received by the district. If you don't receive the email soon, please contact the district.

Students: Skyward has sent a link to your School District OUTLOOK email account!

Where is my OUTLOOK? It's in the RSD Log in Portal, also there is an outlook tile on the splash page of your chromebook.

Parents: Skyward has sent a link to the email on record. Proceed to your email to receive a link to skyward.



NELSEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

2022 – 2023

RISING 7TH GRADE SCHEDULE SUMMARY

In middle school, the school year is broken down into three trimesters. During each trimester all students will take six classes.

- Four of these classes are required yearlong courses: language arts, math, science and social studies.
- All 7th grade students will take two trimesters of PE.
- All 7th grade students have 2 – 4 class openings or elective opportunities in their schedule depending on their chosen electives.
- For their electives, 7th grade students will either have:
 - 1 yearlong music elective and 1 trimester long elective course
 - OR
 - 4 1-trimester long electives

NOTE: Students may qualify for an intervention class in reading or math, based on test scores and other academic criteria; this class will replace one or more elective classes.

Sample 7th grade schedule:

Period	Schedule w/1-Yearlong Elective		
	Trimester 1 (Fall)	Trimester 2 (Winter)	Trimester 3 (Spring)
1	Language Arts 7	Language Arts 7	Language Arts 7
2	Science 7	Science 7	Science 7
3	Math 7	Math 7	Math 7
4	PNW History	PNW History	PNW History
5	Orchestra	Orchestra	Orchestra
6	PE	PE	Intro to Spanish

Period	Schedule w/Family Consumer Science & Two 1-Trimester Electives		
	Trimester 1 (Fall)	Trimester 2 (Winter)	Trimester 3 (Spring)
1	Language Arts 7	Language Arts 7	Language Arts 7
2	Honors Science 7	Honors Science 7	Honors Science 7
3	Math 7	Math 7	Math 7
4	Honors PNW History	Honors PNW History	Honors PNW History
5	Family Consumer Sci A	Family Consumer Sci B	Intro to Leadership
6	PE	PE	Art

7th grade Honors Course Options – Family Information

Families of Future 7th Graders,

As a 7th grader for the 2022-2023 school year, your student has the option to register for middle school Honors courses.

All students can register for an Honors course in the following content areas:

- Honors English Language Arts*
- Honors Social Studies*
- Honors Science

When registering for Honors courses, consider student strengths and interests.

What might my student experience in an Honors course?	
English Language Arts & Social Studies	Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student-driven exploration & research • Text difficulty • Increased pacing • In-depth analysis • Partner & group work • Discussion & debate • Complex vocabulary • Primary source exploration • Inquiry-based learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deeper understanding of STEM concepts • Exploration into STEM career pathways • Problem-based learning • Student-led inquiry • Real-world application • Increased pacing • In-depth analysis • Collaborative work • Science communication practices • Preparation for advanced high school coursework
An Honors course might be the right fit for my student if they...	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can persevere when tasks get hard • Are self-motivated • Are curious • Are open to trying new strategies and procedures • Have strength or interest in a content area(s) 	

*Students who are currently identified as Highly Capable will be automatically registered for Honors ELA and Honors Social Studies with the option to withdraw if they choose.

To register for Honors Science, all students need to select the course on their registration form.

Please contact your student's classroom teacher or Highly Capable Program Facilitator below if you have questions.

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RISING 7TH GRADE COURSE REQUEST

Please bring this form with you to school on March 21st.

NAME (PRINT) _____
LAST NAME FIRST NAME ID #

While we try to accommodate first choices, classes are based on availability and staffing limitations, therefore some classes may change or become unavailable.

NOTE: Students may qualify for an intervention class in reading or math, based on test scores and other academic criteria; this class will replace elective classes. Yearlong classes are in **bold** below. Descriptions are attached to this form.

AFTER REVIEWING ALL THE ELECTIVE CLASSES AND DESCRIPTIONS, PLEASE LABEL THE SIX CLASSES, YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE WITH NUMBERS 1 – 6 (#1 IS THE TOP CHOICE):

___ BAND (Yearlong)	___ EXPLORE-DESIGN-CREATE 1
___ ORCHESTRA (Yearlong)	___ EXPLORE-DESIGN-CREATE 2
___ CHOIR (Yearlong)	___ EXPLORE-DESIGN-CREATE 3
___ ADVANCED LEADERSHIP (Yearlong) • Prerequisite: Intro to Leadership	___ FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE A
___ ART II	___ FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE B
___ CREATIVE WRITING	___ INTRO TO LEADERSHIP
___ DRAMA II	___ INTRO TO SPANISH

TEACHERS ASSISTANT:

Students can TA up to 2 trimesters. Students must complete the TA Application found in the registration packet and return it to the main office by **Friday, March 25th.**

HONORS COURSES:

After reviewing the 7th Grade Honors Registration & Courses letter, if your family has determined an honors course would be a good fit, please select which honors courses you would like to register for.

___ LANGUAGE ARTS HONORS ___ SOCIAL STUDIES HONORS ___ SCIENCE HONORS

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

Band – Yearlong

Learn to play instruments such as flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone and saxophone. Play different types of music like classical, jazz, musical theatre, movie, and pop. Share learning by performing in concerts & events on and off campus. Yes, that means field trips! Students can rent instruments through Nelsen and scholarships are available for instrument rental.

Orchestra – Yearlong

Learn to play instruments such as violin, viola, cello and stringed bass. Here you will learn technique, music theory skills and performance skills. Students share their learning by performing a wide variety of music in concerts and on fieldtrips. Students can rent instruments through Nelsen and scholarships are available for instrument rental.

Choir – Yearlong

Be part of the largest and best middle school choir program in the area! If you are interested in learning more about your voice, singing with purpose and performing great music, this is the class for you. Students will develop sight-reading skills, basic music theory knowledge, healthy vocal technique and performance skills while learning diverse music for concerts. There is also opportunity for field trips.

Advanced Leadership – Yearlong

Advanced Leadership is character work put into action through: Character Dare challenges, group projects, passion projects, school-wide events (dances, assemblies) and community games. *Prerequisite: You must have taken 'Intro to Leadership' prior.

Art II – 1 trimester

Be prepared to create! This course is exploratory and good for all skill levels. New art experiences will be offered each trimester. Topics can include: drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, collage, photography, crafts, and more!

Creative Writing – 1 trimester

Do you have a story to tell? Do you want to improve your skills in storytelling, playwriting, poetry and more? Try creative writing! In this class you will share your stories through writing, drawing, and performing while working creatively with peers in an open and supportive environment.

Drama II – 1 trimester

In Drama II students will learn 1) Acting: build acting skills, rehearse & perform 2) Improv: play games to improve response time, storytelling and 3) Technical Design: costumes, set, lights, sound and makeup. Students will have the opportunity to be a designer or work as part of the production team.

Explore Design Create A – 1 trimester

Connect Two Cities: Enjoy making things with your hands? This section will use the design process to Explore Design and Create with hands on bridge building, catapult creation and building and programming Autonomous robot cars as we attempt to connect two cities.

Explore Design Create B – 1 trimester

Media Lab : Want to be a digital media star? This section will Explore Design and Create digital content. Including computer programming with Scratch and Python, App Inventor for cell phones, Adobe Draw for Digital Art creations and WeVideo for media content and video editing.

Explore Design Create C – 1 trimester

Flight: Wonder how things fly? This section will use the design process to Explore, Design, and Create objects that fly.

Family Consumer Science A – 1 trimester

Students will learn about personal finance, basic cooking, leadership and participate in Character Strong lessons.

Family Consumer Science B – 1 trimester

Students learn soft skills related to career, complete sewing projects and learn basic cooking skills.

Introduction to Spanish – 1 trimester

Curious about the Spanish language? Give this NEW class a try! This one trimester class will introduce you to the basics of Spanish. Students will learn to read, write, listen and speak while exploring the cultures of Spanish speaking countries.

Introduction to Leadership – 1 trimester

Anyone can be a positive leader, even you! This course focuses on encouraging students to be empathetic, thoughtful, kind, and successful. Students will build character through community builders, projects, team work, and other fun activities.

TA ~ Classroom and Office Assistants: Student may choose to assist a teacher, serve in the library, or Main Office. To register students must complete the TA Application found in the registration packet and return it to the main office with parent and teacher signature, by Friday, March 25th.



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STUDENT TA APPLICATION – TRIMESTER 1

Applying for a TA position is similar to applying for a job. There are responsibilities as well as privileges. The TA position is an elective class. You will receive a grade for your work. You may only TA for 2 trimesters a year. Only 7th and 8th grade students are eligible to TA. If you do not meet your supervising Teacher's expectations, you will be rescheduled into an available elective class. TA positions may be requested but are not guaranteed.

Student name: _____

Grade level for the 2022-23 school year: _____

What TA job are you applying for? (example: office, Library, Specific Teacher)

Please explain why you would like to be a TA:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Supervising Teacher Name: _____

Supervising Teacher Signature: _____

**** please return this completed form to the main office by Friday, March 25th.**