



7th grade Elective Courses at Gamble Rogers Middle School 2024-2025

Gamble Rogers Middle School offers **semester** and **yearlong** Elective courses. Students do not need to apply for semester courses. However, students interested in taking a **yearlong elective course** must apply online. You can access the application form for elective selection by using the link below, or you can scan the QR code <https://forms.office.com/r/PdyVTnwYZR>



The application closes **February 27, 2024**.

*Please make sure that you take a lot of time choosing electives and truly commit to your choices!
After the conclusion of the 23-24 school year, elective course request changes will need to be approved by administration.

The **semester courses** are automatically added to student schedules and placement is based on availability.

- Art
- STEM (This is offered a full year or as a semester course as well.)
- PE (Can be a semester or a full year.)

The following courses are **yearlong** elective course offerings in 7th grade:

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| • Art/STEAM | • STEM |
| • AVID | • Theatre |
| • Band | • PE |
| • Beginning Spanish | |
| • Chorus | |
| • ICT | |
| • Musical Theatre | |
| • Media Production (Application only limited seats) | |

*Note for High School Spanish Credit, students must take both Beginning Spanish in 7th grade, and Intermediate Spanish in 8th grade. The grade is then averaged together and then the averaged grade is what reflects on the transcript. The course is a standard level Spanish course.

Things to keep in mind:

- Every student will have P.E. in his or her schedule unless a parent signs a waiver for the student to be excluded from P.E.
- Applying for these courses does NOT guarantee placement. Core classes scheduling and elective teacher recommendation are considered.

Course Review Process:

- Students and parents can request a schedule review for a CORE course placement using the form at the link below.
- Course reviews will take place after final grades and state testing scores are released in June. Decisions to change placement will follow the course progressions and will be communicated over the summer.
- Students and parents will be notified by July 1st if the course review was approved or denied.
<https://tinyurl.com/GRMSreview2425>

Important Dates

Elective Application Link Closes	February 27th, 2024
AVID Applications Due	February 9th, 2024
Course Request Verification Sheet Distributed	No later than May 1st, 2024
Course Review Link Closes	May 25, 2024
Schedules go live in HAC	District Date is TBD

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7th Grade Elective Descriptions

What is a yearlong elective?

- Advanced elective classes for 7th graders who already have a passion or interest in a specific area.
- Students will be scheduled in the same class all year.

AVID	This class focuses on organization, note taking, and higher-level questioning using twice-weekly tutorials, direct instruction, and hands-on learning experiences. This class teaches you how to work collaboratively through engaging lessons that lay the foundation for success in high school, college, and beyond. *Application Needed
Band	Learning an instrument is one of the greatest skills students could learn. Students do not need any prior experience playing an instrument or reading music to join! Students could play: Flute, oboe, clarinet, alto saxophone, French horn, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, or percussion. This class performs for the Fall Arts Festival, Winter Concert, and other performances throughout the year. Some after school practices may be necessary.
Jazz Band	This course is for rising 7 th and 8 th graders who have successfully passed Band 1. Jazz band is a smaller ensemble that gets to play styles in rock, bossa nova, swing, and more. Students can learn a second instrument for this ensemble as the only instruments available are alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trumpet, trombone, drum set, electric guitar, bass guitar, and piano. To be in jazz band, students also need to select either Band 2 or 3, as both classes are taken at the same time. We perform for the Fall Festival, Winter Concert, and do other jazz-specific activities throughout the year.
Chorus	Choir is a place where students can express themselves and become confident singers. Students do not need any prior experience singing or learning how to read music. We perform for the Fall Arts Festival, St. Augustine Nights of Lights and other performances.
ICT (Information & Communications Technology)	This course introduces students to some of the most widely used computer programs in the world. Students learn how to create word documents that can be used for homework, applying for college, or the working world. You will even learn how to add dynamic images, shapes, and colors to make your documents stand out from the crowd. Students will also learn how to use Microsoft PowerPoint to create fascinating presentations that will aid them in creating memorable projects to demonstrate their knowledge. Students will also learn how to make themselves Cybersecure to protect themselves from threats online.
Theatre 1-3/ Musical Theatre	Step into the spotlight through Theatre! Prior experience is not needed as students will learn a variety of lifelong skills such as acting techniques, scenic design, costuming, lighting design, playwriting and so much more! This class performs, competes, and volunteers all over Northeast and Central Florida.
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics is a course designed to help students understand and implement the Engineering Design Process approach to Solving Problems. Students will learn about how technology was created to help us manipulate and understand the world around us. Students will have the chance to participate in hands-on activities where they build projects that demonstrate their knowledge.
STEAM/Art	This is a hands-on course that reviews the elements and principles of design and incorporates them with art and digital media. Students will develop observation and technical skills in software drawing, painting, sculpture, digital art, drawing tablets, animation and various other art mediums and technologies. This yearlong course is filled with projects and activities to help prepare students to design the GRMS YEARBOOK.
Beginning Spanish	This is a yearlong Spanish class where students develop their skills in writing, reading, and speaking skills in Spanish and explore Hispanic culture. Students who successfully complete Beginning Spanish in 7 th grade and Intermediate Spanish in 8 th grade may earn Spanish 1 standard high school credit. *No pre-requisite
Media Production	This course is a design course where students create the school news. Interested students should be proficient in PowerPoint and have some knowledge of iMovie. *Application Acceptance needed & spots are very limited.

What is a Semester Elective?

- Electives only lasting a semester that give students an introductory sample of various classes.
- Students do not select semester electives. They are assigned to students as part of a "wheel" to give students more exposure to different disciplines.

STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Math: The purpose of this semester course is to give students an introduction to the areas of technology and to introduce students to the design and problem-solving processes using manipulative skills while working cooperatively with others in team activities.
Visual Art 2	Students explore media and techniques used to create a variety of 2-D artworks through developing skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, and collage. Students practice, sketch, and manipulate the structural elements of art. They will also investigate artworks from Western and non-Western cultures providing a means for students to expand their understanding and appreciation of the role of art in global culture.