

Exploratory Curriculum for Grades 6-8

GRADE 6

Sixth graders take the following required Exploratory courses: Art, Applied Technology, Life Skills and Health. In these courses students receive exposure to the fine arts, practical technology skills, instruction in child development, consumer education, food and nutrition, and topics such as conflict resolution, stress reduction, peer pressure, emotions, hygiene, self-care and safety. In addition to the required courses, students choose additional courses from among a number of options including Band, Orchestra, Study Skills, Introduction to French or Spanish, and other courses that align with student interests and the curriculum. These “choice” courses are more fully explained in the Hadley Choice Book.

GRADE 7

Seventh graders may choose from among a number of Exploratory, or Choice, courses. These include Band, Orchestra, Study Skills, French or Spanish equivalent to the first semester of foreign language in high school, and other courses designed to align with student interests and the curriculum in the fine and performing arts, history, cooking, and more. These “choice” courses are more fully explained in the Hadley Choice Book.

GRADE 8

Eighth graders may choose from among a number of Exploratory, or Choice, courses. These include Band, Orchestra, Study Skills, French or Spanish equivalent to the second semester of foreign language in high school, and other courses designed to align with student interests and the curriculum in the fine and performing arts, history, cooking, and more. These “choice” courses are more fully explained in the Hadley Choice Book.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

GRADE 7

Students may enroll in French or Spanish for the equivalent of semester one at the high school level, focusing on listening, speaking, reading, writing and culture.

GRADE 8

Students may enroll in French or Spanish for the equivalent of semester two at the high school level with a focus on listening, speaking, reading, writing and culture