Hammarskjold Middle School
Seventh Grade Elective Survey Form

Student's Name: ___________________________  Student ID: ______

House #: ______

Phone Numbers:
Home: ___________  Cell: ___________  Work: ___________

Elective Choices

Box A
If you would like to continue with Band or Orchestra as your elective, place an X next to the appropriate choice.

____ Band 7
____ Orchestra 7

What instrument does your child play?

Box B
If you did not select Band or Orchestra in Box A, then rank in priority order the following elective choices from 1 to 6, with 1 representing the highest priority. If you took Chorus in 6th grade and would like to continue with Chorus, then rank Chorus as a "1."

____ Art Exploration 7
____ Beginning Piano 7
____ Chorus 7
____ Family and Consumer Science 7
____ STEM 7
____ Literacy Den

Every effort will be made to accommodate your elective choices (Box B). However, no guarantee can be made with the exception of band, orchestra or chorus.

BOX C

Students will continue with the world language studied in sixth grade unless the student will learn Mandarin. Place a checkmark next to Mandarin 1 if the student will start Mandarin 1 in 7th grade at Hammarskjold Middle School.

□ Mandarin 1

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Parent Signature  Date
Hammarskjold Middle School 7th Grade
Elective Course Descriptions

Band 7: is an alternate day elective course offered to sixth grade students proficient on woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. Fundamentals of ensemble playing are emphasized while studying and performing quality band music. Group lessons are offered on a rotating (pullout) schedule and are part of the course requirement. Band students should anticipate additional after school rehearsals in preparation for public performances.

Orchestra 7: is an alternate day elective course offered to sixth grade students proficient on string instruments (violin, viola, cello, bass). Fundamentals of ensemble playing are emphasized while studying and performing quality orchestra music. Group lessons are offered on a rotating (pullout) schedule and are part of the course requirement. Orchestra students should anticipate additional after school rehearsals in preparation for public performances.

- If your child is not currently in Band or Orchestra at his/her elementary school, special permission must be received from our Arts Education Supervisor, Mr. Perillo. He can be reached at 732-613-6985. If you have band or orchestra, you will be required to participate in pull out lessons on a rotating basis.

Chorus 7: Students selecting Chorus as their alternate day elective in grade seven, will be exposed to a wide variety of musical compositions ranging from classical music to popular music. Students will spend their class periods learning to sing a variety of songs in preparation for a winter and spring concert performance. Along with these concert preparations, students are also taught music, vocabulary and music theory that will serve to enhance the music they are learning for each performance. Participation in the spring and fall concerts is mandatory.

Family and Consumer Science 7: The Family and Consumer Science elective will provide students with exploratory experiences designed to foster personal growth and development. These experiences will prepare students for family, societal and school expectations and help them achieve more independence and self-esteem. The areas of study in this elective include Relationships, Life and Careers, Nutrition and Wellness, Basic cooking skills (food science and preparation), Laundry, Human Development, Child/Elder Care and Textiles (hand sewing and Machine sewing) as well as home design.

Beginning Piano 7: This course is designed for the student who has little or no music background. It introduces the fundamentals of playing any keyboard instrument. An electronic keyboard lab will be used to teach the reading of music notation in both treble and bass clefs, and performance of music using two hands. Through the use of headphones, there will be an opportunity for individual practice time and teacher instruction.

Art Exploration 7: Art Exploration is the art elective course offered to seventh grade students. It is taken as an alternate day elective. Art Exploration provides students with an opportunity to experience in greater depth the many varied methods and materials of art media. Exploration and development of line, color, form, texture and space in both 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional projects help to develop individual growth and personal expression. The program is composed of five broad units with projects in drawing, painting, 3 dimensional design, printmaking and graphic design.

Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM7): Students who take STEM7, an extension of our STEM elective 6, and is not a prerequisite, will synthesize concepts from each of these areas and apply them to solve real world style problems. Utilizing the design loop, students will use tools and materials to design, build and test their solution as well as reflect on and improve their designs. Students will also work on self-guided modules. These modules let our students explore many technology related professions and culminate in a final project which allows students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills.