

KINARD CORE KNOWLEDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Registration Packet

7th Grade

2022 - 2023

(blank page)

Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School

3002 E. Trilby Road
Ft. Collins, Colorado 80528
Main: (970) 488-5400
Fax: (970) 488-5433
Registrar: (970) 488-5414
<http://kin.psdschools.org/>

Lindsey Matkin, Principal
Chris Bergmann, Assistant Principal
Erin LaRue, Assistant Principal
Cecilia Bonertz, Academic Dean
Karen Irvine, Counselor (H-Z)
Patti Young, Counselor (A-G)

TABLE OF CONTENTS

<u>Contents</u>	<u>Page</u>
Placement Information	3 - 4
Middle School Courses for High School Credit	5
Course Descriptions	6 - 11
Honors Application (English, Science, and Social Studies)	12
Course Request Form	14

We Care and Challenge with Character . . . Kinard Character

7th GRADE PLACEMENT INFORMATION

MATH

Math placement is determined by Kinard staff using the following data and observations:

- Proficiency and work habits in current math course
- Math CMAS scores
- Math MAPS scores

The following courses offered at the middle school level are the equivalent of a high school course and count toward the student's GPA and high school graduation requirements.

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra 2

Please contact your child's teacher or David Meuret, Math Department Leader, at (970) 488-5450 / dmeuret@psdschools.org if you have a specific math placement question.

HONORS

7th Grade Honors courses at Kinard are:

- English/Language Arts 7 Honors
- Science 7 Honors
- Social Studies 7 Honors

Placement criteria into Honors courses include:

- Achievement test scores of proficient to advanced (most recent CMAS and/or MAPS)
- Proficient or advanced academic and work habit grades
- Completed application and required components
- Parent input

These courses are intended for highly motivated and academically skilled students who wish to actively participate in a challenging course of exploration. Students must meet specific criteria including the commitment to put forth the extra effort necessary for success in an academically challenging environment. Honors courses will teach the Core Knowledge Curriculum and State Academic Standards; however, the student should be willing to become a self-directed learner and explore the content on a deeper level. Students must complete applications for each Honors English, Honors Social Studies, and Honors Science class in which they wish to be enrolled. These applications *must be completed and returned on or before Friday, February 18, 2022 to the Kinard Registrar's office. Any applications received **after February 19th** will be added to a waiting list.*

Notification of Honors placement will occur by April 22, 2022 by email.

MUSIC

Music is required in 7th grade at Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School. Students continue to build upon the foundations of music learned in 6th grade. Course offerings include Choir, Band, Orchestra, and Music Explorations.

Please contact Leanne Griffey, Music Department Leader, at (970) 488-5483 or at lgriffey@psdschools.org if you have a specific music placement question.

7th GRADE WORLD LANGUAGE PLACEMENT INFORMATION

WORLD LANGUAGE

What World Language courses can a 7th grade student choose to take?

- World Language is ***required*** in the 7th grade. Students can choose between Spanish 1A or French 1A. All 1A World Language courses are full year courses and are designed for students to acquire a deeper understanding of the language by means of listening, speaking, reading, writing, and learning about the cultures of the target language.
- If students took a level 1A course at Kinard during 6th grade, then they will proceed to level 1B. They may also choose to retake a level 1A in the same language or take level 1A in a new language.

Is it possible for a 7th grader to postpone starting a World Language course until their 8th grade year?

- No, World Language is required for all 7th grade students.

Where are students placed if they have prior extensive experience with a language?

- Incoming 7th grade students with prior extensive experience in a World Language can be placed into a 1B course. Placement into a 1B course is based on one or more of the following requirements:
 - Pre-requisite of level 1A
 - Or mastery of the 1B entrance assessment
 - The 1B entrance assessment will require students to proficiently read, write, listen, and speak in the target language. The entrance assessment will be administered for incoming 7th grade students who meet the necessary requirements during the first few weeks of school; assessment times will be determined per teacher/student request and availability. Students must earn a score of proficient on the entrance assessment in order to enroll in a 1B course as a 7th grade student.

Note: The following courses offered at the middle school level are the equivalent of a high school course and count toward the student's GPA and high school graduation requirements.

- Spanish 1A & Spanish 1B = Spanish 1*
- French 1A & French 1B = French 1*
- Spanish 2 = Spanish 2
- French 2 = French 2

*World Language students need to complete both the 1A and 1B courses to receive credit for either Spanish 1 or French 1.

Please contact Mary Beth Fischer, French teacher, at (970) 488-5466 or mfischer@psdschools.org if you have specific World Language placement questions.

For additional information regarding Graduation Requirements and PSD Policy, please review the district policy at: <https://www.psdschools.org/sites/default/files/PSD/policies/IKF-2017.pdf>.

For information regarding the opportunity to earn a PSD Seal of Biliteracy on a student's high school diploma, go to the PSD Seal of Biliteracy website at: <https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/psdsealofbiliteracy/home>

Middle School Courses for High School Credit

Qualifications:

Poudre School District middle school students have the option to receive high school graduation credit for taking courses at the middle school level that meet the PSD graduation requirements.

The Kinard courses listed below have been approved to receive high school credit:

Mathematics:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra 2

World Language:

- Spanish 1A/1B* = Spanish 1
- Spanish 2
- French 1A/1B* = French 1
- French 2

**Levels 1A and 1B must both be completed to receive high school credit.*

Eligibility Requirements:

Students meeting the requirements will receive high school credit for their course and the information will be automatically recorded on their high school transcript. The grade in the course will also be included in the calculation of the student's high school grade point average (GPA). Students are eligible to receive high school graduation credit for an approved course by meeting the following requirements:

1. Complete all four quarters of the yearlong course.

AND

2. Pass the course with an overall grade of D or higher.

Opt-Out Option:

Students/Parents have the option of declining high school graduation credit for the approved courses listed above. If students/parents determine that they would like to decline the high school credit, they must complete the “*PSD High School Credit for Middle School Courses Opt-Out Form*”. This form must be submitted to the high school Registrar at any point from the first day of the student's ninth grade year through the last day of the student's ninth grade year. Once the credit is declined, the grade record removal is permanent and non-reversible. Declining credit only means that the student will begin accumulating their credit once they enter ninth grade at the high school. Declining credit does not keep the student from progressing on their pathway.

For additional information regarding Graduation Requirements and PSD Policy please review the district policy at: <https://www.psdschools.org/sites/default/files/PSD/policies/IKF-2017.pdf>.

SEVENTH GRADE 2022 – 2023

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ENGLISH

LA710 English/Language Arts 7 Core Knowledge

Year Long

Prerequisite: None

This class addresses Core Knowledge topics, in combination with the four main Colorado Reading and Writing standards (Oral Expression and Listening, Writing and Composition, Reading for All Purposes, and Research and Reasoning). Students use the Six Traits of Writing to produce poetry, narrative, and various multi-paragraph compositions, and they apply basic grammar, mechanics, and spelling to all genres of writing. They learn to apply reading skills to understand *The Call of the Wild* (novel), *Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde* (novel), *Cyrano de Bergerac* (play), and *The Diary of a Young Girl* (autobiography), and are exposed to various levels of poetry, short stories, speeches, and essays. Students learn, use, and understand the meaning of Latin and Greek roots and their connections to other content areas. Students focus on learning critical thinking skills, and how and when to use the best reading and writing strategies for different purposes. Outside reading is a requirement for this course.

LA713 Honors English/Language Arts 7 Core Knowledge

Year Long

Prerequisite: None

Application Required on Page 12

This class addresses Core Knowledge topics in combination with the Colorado Academic Standards. Students use the Six Traits of Writing to analyze and create various multi-paragraph essays, as well as poetry and narratives. They apply more advanced grammar, usage, and mechanics to all genres of writing, and self-evaluate their writing according to teacher- and student-created goals. Students learn and apply the skills of analysis, synthesis, and evaluation when they read *The Call of the Wild*, *Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*, *Cyrano de Bergerac*, and *The Diary of a Young Girl*, as well as various levels of poetry, short stories, and Latin roots and phrases. Students focus on using critical thinking skills to determine the best reading and writing strategies for different purposes. Independent, outside reading and writing is a requirement for this course.

SEVENTH GRADE 2022 – 2023

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SCIENCE

SC728 Science 7 Core Knowledge

Year Long

Prerequisite: None

This 7th grade class is an integrated science sequence that utilizes a combination of instructional strategies and resources. Core Knowledge topics, in combination with state science standards addressed in this class include: nature of science, ecology, photosynthesis and respiration, cell structure and function, genetics, heredity, related body systems, geological time, and adaptation of species for survival.

SC729 Honors Science 7 Core Knowledge

Year Long

Prerequisite: None

Application Required on Page 12

7th grade Honors Science focuses on both Core Knowledge and Colorado Academic Standards. Skills including problem solving and data communication are integrated into the study of ecology, cells, genetics and human body systems. This honors level class moves at an accelerated pace thus allowing for a more in-depth exploration of the life science curriculum. Class activities and assignments are designed to challenge students at higher academic levels.

SOCIAL STUDIES

SS730 Social Studies 7 Core Knowledge

Year Long

Prerequisite: None

American and World History merge in the 7th grade Core Knowledge Sequence. 7th grade social studies presents the beginning of the 20th Century from global and American perspectives. Topics include: America Becoming a World Power, World War I, The Russian Revolution, America from the Twenties to the New Deal, World War II, and all related geography. 7th grade social studies emphasizes skills such as reading and analyzing texts and maps, applying critical thinking strategies, using evidence to support claims, and map making skills. The Core Knowledge content will be delivered in a manner which thoroughly addresses Colorado Academic Standards in history, geography, civics, and economics.

SS733 Honors Social Studies 7 Core Knowledge

Year Long

Prerequisite: None

Application Required on Page 12

Honors Social Studies students are expected to become active participants in their own learning. Students accepted into this class will pursue a more challenging course of inquiry and discussion to build 21st century critical thinking skills. Students will be required to read more, write more, and commit themselves to the overall effort necessary for in-depth topics in the Core Knowledge 7th grade sequence: Spanish American War, WWI, US & European Geography, 1920's, 1930's and WWII. The content will be delivered in a manner which thoroughly addresses Colorado Academic Standards in history, geography, civics, and economics.

SEVENTH GRADE 2022 – 2023

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

MATH

MA740 Math 7

Year Long

Prerequisite: Math 6 and teacher recommendation based on data and observations

Math 7 is based on the 7th Grade Common Core State Standards, as embedded within the Colorado Academic Standards. These standards define what students should understand and be able to do. The 7th grade standards focus on six critical areas: (1) understanding and applying proportional relationships; (2) operating with rational numbers; (3) working with expressions and linear equations; (4) solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions; (5) working with two-and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and (6) drawing inferences about populations based on samples. Upon successful completion, students will progress to Math 8.

MA745 Math 7/8

Year Long

Prerequisite: Math 6 and teacher recommendation based on data and observations

Math 7/8 is based on the 7th Grade Common Core State Standards and approximately half of the 8th Grade Common Core State Standards, as embedded within the Colorado Academic Standards. These standards define what students should understand and be able to do. The 7th grade standards focus on six critical areas: (1) understanding and applying proportional relationships; (2) operating with rational numbers; (3) working with expressions and linear equations; (4) solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions; (5) working with two-and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and (6) drawing inferences about populations based on samples. The 8th grade standards included in this course focus on five critical areas: (1) using rational numbers to approximate irrational numbers; (2) working with integer exponents and scientific notation; (3) connecting proportional relationships and linear equations; (4) solving linear equations; and (5) extending work with shapes to congruence, similarity, and volume of cylinders, cones, and spheres. Upon successful completion, students will progress to Math 8 or Algebra 1 (with supporting data and teacher recommendation).

MA840 Math 8

Year Long

Prerequisite: Math 7/8 and teacher recommendation based on data and observations

Math 8 is based on the 8th Grade Common Core State Standards, as embedded within the Colorado Academic Standards. These standards define what students should understand and be able to do. The 8th grade standards focus on five critical areas: (1) formulating and reasoning about expressions and equations; (2) solving linear equations and systems of linear equations; (3) understanding the concept of a function and using functions to describe quantitative relationships; (4) understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem; and (5) analyzing two-and three-dimensional space and figures using distance, angle, similarity, and congruence. Upon successful completion, students will progress to Algebra 1.

6230 Algebra 1*

Year Long

Prerequisite: Math 7/8 or Math 8 and teacher recommendation based on data and observations

The middle school Algebra 1 course is based on the high school Algebra Common Core State Standards and approximately half of the 8th Grade Common Core State Standards, as embedded within the Colorado Academic Standards. These standards define what students should understand and be able to do and focus on: (1) writing, graphing, and solving linear, exponential, quadratic, square root, and rational equations and functions; (2) writing and solving systems of equations; (3) understanding and applying the laws of exponents; (4) solving problems involving polynomial equations by factoring; (5) understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem; and (6) constructing and analyzing data displays. Upon successful completion, students will progress to Geometry.

SEVENTH GRADE 2022 – 2023

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

WORLD LANGUAGE

4708 French 1A

Year Long

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 7th

French 1A provides students with an introduction to the French language and culture, with an emphasis on communication in the target language. Students are introduced to vocabulary and structures during the first part of a two-part course. Activities include dialogues, storytelling, novice readings, listening selections, and written communication. The study of a world language prepares students to compete in a global community!

4709 French 1B*

Year Long

Prerequisite: French 1A

Grades: 7th & 8th

In French 1B, the second part of a two-part course, students continue the study of the French language and culture. Upon successful completion of this course, students will receive high school credit for level 1 French. With an emphasis on communication in the target language, activities for this course include dialogues, storytelling, novice readings, listening selections, and written communication. The study of a world language prepares students to compete in a global community!

4728 Spanish 1A

Year Long

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 7th

Spanish 1A provides students with an introduction to the Spanish language and cultures, with an emphasis on communication in the target language. Students are introduced to vocabulary and structures during the first part of a two-part course. Activities include dialogues, storytelling, novice readings, listening selections, and written communication. The study of a world language prepares students to compete in a global community!

4729 Spanish 1B*

Year Long

Prerequisite: Spanish 1A

Grades: 7th & 8th

In Spanish 1B, the second part of a two-part course, students continue the study of the Spanish language and culture. Upon successful completion of this course, students will receive high school credit for level 1 Spanish. With an emphasis on communication in the target language, activities for this course include dialogues, storytelling, novice readings, listening selections, and written communication. The study of a world language prepares students to compete in a global community!

Please contact Mary Beth Fischer teacher, at (970) 488-5466 or mfischer@psdschools.org if you have specific World Language placement questions.

*Students in these courses will receive high school credit unless they don't meet the requirements or opt-out. See page 5 for additional information. For more information regarding Graduation Requirements and PSD Policy, please review the district policy at: <https://www.psdschools.org/sites/default/files/PSD/policies/IKF-2017.pdf>

SEVENTH GRADE 2022 – 2023

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

MUSIC

2590 Concert Band (Intermediate and Honors Winds)

Year Long

Prerequisite: Instructor Approval

The 7th grade Core Knowledge requirements of both elements of music and music history will be taught through performance in band. Students will be placed into an ability-based band (Beginning Band, Intermediate Band, Honors Winds, or Symphonic Band). Students new to Kinard should contact Mr. Perez at mperez@psdschools.org to set up an audition.

2600 Concert Orchestra

Year Long

Prerequisite: Instructor Approval

The 7th grade Core Knowledge requirements of both elements of music and music history will be taught through performance in orchestra. Concert Orchestra is for students with at least one year of orchestra instruction. Students new to Kinard should contact Mrs. Griffey at lgriffey@psdschools.org to set up an audition.

2650 Intermediate Choir (Choir 7 Core Knowledge)

Year Long

Prerequisite: Instructor Approval/Choir 6 Core Knowledge

The 7th grade Core Knowledge requirements of both elements of music and music history will be taught through performance in choir. Students new to Kinard should contact Mr. Wheeler at swheeler@psdschools.org to set up an audition.

2510 Music Explorations 7 Core Knowledge

Year Long

Prerequisite: Instructor Approval

This course offers exploration of different musical styles and development of skills that are basic to musical understanding and appreciation. Music Explorations is founded in the Core Knowledge music sequence and will develop an understanding of a core of musical content, broadly organized as a history of music from early to modern times, with attention to specific periods, composers, and genres. Music Explorations provides instruction in various instrumental techniques; however, performances are limited to class demonstrations of learning.

SEVENTH GRADE 2022 – 2023

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

3588 7th Grade Comprehensive Health & Physical Education

Year Long

Prerequisite: None

Students will deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Colorado State Health and Physical Education standards which include: (1) movement competency and understanding, (2) physical and personal wellness, (3) social and emotional wellness and (4) prevention and risk management. Physical Education will focus on assessments and strategies for personal fitness, performance, inclusivity, and safety by looking at fitness assessments, strategic movement, and responsible choices. Comprehensive Health will concentrate on taking control of one's health needs. The focus will be on the following concepts: fitness, nutrition, eating disorders, body image, disease and illnesses, building healthy relationships, becoming life-long learners, and stress management.

ART

1090 Visual Arts 7 Core Knowledge

Semester

Prerequisite: None

The seventh grade Visual Arts class builds on knowledge of the fundamentals of art: elements of art (line, shape, space, form, color, value, and texture) and principles of design (balance, rhythm, unity, emphasis, movement, pattern, and contrast). The course touches on drawing, painting, sculpture, and ceramics. Students will relate the visual arts to cultural and historical events through the Core Knowledge Sequence. Students develop an appreciation and confidence through successful art experiences of their own.

TECHNOLOGY

2102 7th Grade Technology (Tech Integration)

Semester

Prerequisite: None

This course will focus on the 21st century skills necessary for students to be successful in middle school and beyond. Specifically, students will review productivity software and “cloud” based applications. In addition, they will learn how to solve problems using the design cycle, digital photography, 3D modeling, basic programming, data analysis, how computers impact their users, physical computing, networks, and the internet. Students will learn to use their skills and knowledge to deliver the highest quality work using technology tools.

7th GRADE HONORS APPLICATION

Attach to the course request form (pg. 14) and turn into Student Services by **February 18, 2022**

To be accepted into an honors class, you must meet the following criteria:

1. Submit this completed application.
2. Advanced or Proficient CMAS/MAPS scores in language arts, math, and science.
3. Advanced or Proficient class grades in all content standards and work habits for your current English, Science, and Social Studies courses.

Required Components:

- ____ Learning Reflection (completed in class)
- ____ Statement of interest filled out below
- ____ Parent signature

Statement of Interest:

I would like to apply for one or more honors classes.

- **If you only choose one, it will be your first choice.**
- **ONLY rank the classes you are interested in.**

- My top honors class choice is: _____
- My second honors class choice is: _____
- My third honors class choice is: _____

Optional Statement:

If your first semester grade(s) or work habits did not demonstrate proficiency, what other factors would you like us to consider when evaluating your application?

- Response should be no more than one page, double spaced, size 12 font.
- Attach a printed copy to this page.

Student and Parent Signatures:

STUDENT: If I am accepted into an honors class, I agree to complete all my assignments on time and at a level of high quality, to actively participate in class discussions, and to show initiative in all aspects of this class.

(Student signature) Date: _____

PARENT: If my child is accepted into an honors class, I agree to show my support of their learning and their study skills.

(Parent signature) Date: _____

(blank)



Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School

7th Grade Course Request Form

2022 - 2023

www.kin.psdschools.org

Student Name: _____ & Student ID Number: _____

CHECK to the left of each class you are choosing for your 7th grade year.

* Indicates an application is needed for admission to that class by acceptance criteria.

REQUIRED CLASSES		REQUIRED CLASSES	
Course #	Course Title	Course #	Course Title
<u>LANGUAGE ARTS</u>		<u>WORLD LANGUAGE</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> LA710	English 7 CK	<input type="checkbox"/> 4708	French Level 1A
<input type="checkbox"/> LA713	*Honors English 7 CK	<input type="checkbox"/> 4709	French Level 1B**
	*Application Required (pg 12)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4728	Spanish Level 1A
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4729	Spanish Level 1B**
		**Level 1A <u>must</u> be completed prior to the Level 1B course selection.	
<u>SCIENCE</u>		For next year, select the music course you have <u>currently</u> .	
<input type="checkbox"/> SC728	Science 7 CK	The process to change tracks requires a conversation with your current teacher.	
<input type="checkbox"/> SC729	*Honors Science 7 CK	<u>MUSIC</u>	
	*Application Required (pg 12)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2650	Intermediate Choir
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2590	Concert Band
<u>SOCIAL STUDIES</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> 2600	Concert Orchestra
<input type="checkbox"/> SS730	Social Studies 8 CK	*Music Explorations Requires Teacher Input	
<input type="checkbox"/> SS733	*Honors Social Studies 8 CK	For Review ONLY: Students are automatically enrolled	
	*Application Required (pg 12)	<u>PHYSICAL EDUCATION – Year Long</u>	
For Review ONLY: Students will be <u>placed</u> in a math class based on placement criteria on page 3.		3588 PE 7	
<u>MATHEMATICS</u>		<u>TECHNOLOGY - Semester</u>	
	Math 7	2102 Technology Integration	
	Math 7/8	<u>ART - Semester</u>	
	Math 8	1090 Visual Art 7	
	Algebra 1		

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

**All completed forms are due in the Student Services Office
Application due on or before Friday, February 18, 2022**