



HUNTER JUNIOR HIGH

2024-2025 CLASS SELECTION MATERIAL

7TH GRADE EDITION

Time to Start Thinking of Your Future!

Class Selection Information

Class selection is an important step in your secondary education experience. Your 7th grade experiences will help you prepare for the work you will do in high school. These classes will help you learn skills for future success in the classroom, in the workplace, and for life in general. If you have not done so already, now is the time to start taking your education seriously and for making the most of it!

You will have 7 classes: English, Mathematics, Science, are full-year classes. You will have one semester class of the following: Utah Studies, Word Processing, Digital Literacy, Health, and Physical Education or Dance. You will need to choose a combination of semester elective classes and/or full-year elective classes to fill the remaining classes in your schedule.

Required Full Year Classes

English: The focus of 7th grade English is communication. Students learn how to be effective communicators in writing, speaking, and listening. They also focus on developing skills and expertise in reading and critical thinking. English as a Second Language (ESL) and English Language Development (ELD) focus on English acquisition. **Honors English** is a more rigorous class.

Mathematics: In Math 7, students extend their understanding from 6th grade to include operations with rational numbers, solving one and two-step equations, problem solving with ratios and proportions, two and three-dimensional geometry, random sampling, data distribution, and probability. **Honors Math 7** is a more rigorous class.

Science: Students will enhance their ability to think and conduct research like a scientist through the investigation of these topics: forces, rocks/fossils, structure of life and how life changes over time, reproduction, and inheritance. **Honors Science** will cover the same topics but will go into more depth and will be more challenging. Students at Hunter Jr. have the option to do a STEM Fair project through an after-school program.

Reading

Reading classes will be determined by test scores and recommendations from elementary teachers.

Reading Skills (semester class): This class is required for students who read 1-2 grade levels below their current grade level.

Reading Fundamentals (full-year class): This class is required for students who read 2 or more grade levels below their grade level.

Required Semester Classes

Utah Studies: Utah is a state diverse in landscape and people. This class helps students understand diversity by reviewing Utah's early history to present day. Students will learn about the connection between Utah's geography and its inhabitants, as well as the important contributions made by Native Americans, explorers, and pioneers. Students will also learn about the government, economy and culture of Utah, and the impact of current events in their lives. **Honors Utah Studies** is a more rigorous class that requires students to be self-starters and read at grade level.

Word Processing: A multi-purpose course designed to help students improve their skills. Skills such as refining their typing techniques, improving their reading grade level, improving their study habits, how to take multiple types of tests, write essays, improve their concentration, manage stress, improve their memory, and improve their note taking ability are all topics included in this course. **Class fee \$10**

Digital Literacy: This course is an introduction to computer literacy, an exposure to coding, and a foundational element of success in today's technology-driven world. This course is intended for students to become functional with common application software, to understand basic computing fundamentals, to learn introductory computer programming skills, and to develop ethics and appropriate behavior while using technology as a tool in the classroom and in life. **Class fee \$10**

Health: Health 1 is dedicated to teaching middle school students the skills they need to establish a healthy and safe lifestyle and enhance behaviors to resist unhealthy choices through adolescence. The course includes life skills, sex education, health foundation, mental emotional health, safety & disease, substance abuse, and prevention & nutrition. ***Prerequisite for Health II in high school.***

Required PE or Dance Semester (1/2 Year) Class (Choose from the following):

Physical Education: P.E. students participate in a variety of physical activities including, but not limited to, running and fitness activities, games, modified games, and full or partial sport activities. Students practice skills individually in small and large groups. This class focuses on accountability, sportsmanship and offers experiences that are increasingly complex in concept, context, and skill development. Activity and attendance are key to success for each student. **Class fee \$10**

Beginning Dance 1: This is a beginning level dance course which builds dance knowledge and skill in technique, improvisation, dance theory, and performance. Students are encouraged to participate in an evening dance concert. ***No prerequisite course is required.*** **Class fee \$15**

Beginning Dance 2: This is a beginning level dance course which continues to build on the dance knowledge and skills learned in Beginning Dance 1. Students will learn to identify and apply the dance elements of time and energy while deepening their technical proficiency. Students are encouraged to participate in an evening dance concert. ***The prerequisite for this course is Beginning Dance 1 or by audition.*** **Class fee \$15**

Social/Ballroom Dance: This class offers students an introduction to various dance genres that are historically danced with a partner/group (i.e., Swing, Waltz, Cha-Cha, etc.). We will study dance from many perspectives: social, ethnic, historical, as entertainment and as performance art. Students will participate, practice, and develop specific movement skills as a foundation for dance as a creative and performing art. This is a movement participation and performance class. Students are encouraged to participate in an evening dance concert. ***No prerequisite course is required.*** **Class fee \$15**

***Dance Placement Auditions for the 2024-2025 school year will be held in the afternoon on March 5-6 from 3:45 pm – 5:45 at Hunter Jr. Those wishing to be placed above Beginning Dance 1 should plan on participating.**

Full Year Elective Courses

Spanish 1: This is an introduction to both the Spanish language and to the many cultures of Spanish speaking countries. Students focus primarily on writing, reading, listening, and speaking activities that have been proven to help language learners learn a second language at an accelerated rate. **Spanish 1 will carry onto your high school transcript.**

Spanish for Native Speakers 1: This is a Spanish class taught exclusively in Spanish to those already comfortable in the Spanish language. Students will learn to speak and write clear, organized paragraphs, with connectors, in all time frames; compare & contrast, support an opinion and persuade; and use extensive vocabulary to communicate ideas on a wide range of topics. **Spanish for Native Speakers will carry onto your high school transcript.**

Beginning Band (trumpet/trombone/euphonium/tuba/French horn/flute/clarinet/saxophone/percussion): This class is for beginning brass, woodwinds, and percussion students. **Class fee \$25**

Concert Band: This class is for band students who have played for longer than one year. Students perform at concerts, assemblies, and festivals. **Class fee \$25**

Beginning Orchestra (violin/viola/cello/string bass): This class is for students who have little or no experience on the violin, viola, cello, or string bass and would like to learn these instruments. **Class fee \$25**

Concert Orchestra: This class is for orchestra students who have played for longer than one year. Students perform at concerts, assemblies, and festivals. **Class fee \$25**

Concert Choir: Concert Choir is for advanced and intermediate choir students and focuses on singing beautiful tones with and without accompaniment. Students perform at concerts, assemblies, and festivals. **Class Fee \$25**

Elective Semester Classes

Art 1: This course is a pre-requisite for all other art classes. It is designed to provide an overview of Visual Arts while studying a broad variety of art tools and materials such as drawing, painting, and printmaking. With an emphasis on studio production, this course is designed to develop higher-level thinking, art-related technology skills, art criticism, art history, and aesthetics. **Class fee \$20**

Mixed Chorus/Choir: Do you want to learn how to sing? This class is for beginning choir students and focuses on voice and breath techniques to produce a beautiful vocal tone. Students will sing at concerts and school assemblies. **Class fee \$15**

Piano: This course is designed to explore music through the piano. You will learn to read music and play basic songs. The class is geared for the beginning piano student. **Class fee \$15**

Beginning Theater: This is a beginning level class for students wanting to develop or improve their performance skills. Students will gain experience and self-confidence by speaking and acting in front of their classmates and receive feedback on their performance. Students will see improvement in their class presentations, speeches, and performances while gaining a better appreciation for theater as an art form. **Class fee \$10**

Creative Coding: This course is an introduction to programming for a diverse range of students who may never have considered programming. Students learn how to code by working in a real software development environment to design, program, and publish mobile apps and games. Learning to code by creating real products, students discover how to make amazing things and have an impact on their world. **Class fee \$15**

Family and Consumer Science (FACS) Model B: Childcare, Food and Nutrition, Interpersonal Relationships, and Free-Enterprise – This class provides students an opportunity to learn essential life skills. It allows the students to develop skills in childcare, food and nutrition, family relationships, personal responsibility, consumerism, free-enterprise, and job-related tasks. Be prepared to eat what you make! **Class fee: \$30**

Application or Audition Classes

Dance Company (full year class): This is an advanced level performance-based dance course that builds dance knowledge and skill. During the year, the students will choreograph, teach, and learn dances that will be performed in evening dance concerts. The students will also perform in various school assemblies throughout the year. **Participation in evening dance concerts is required.** **Placement by audition only.** **Workshop/Audition: March 5-6 from 3:45 pm – 5:45 pm at Hunter Jr.** **There may be additional fees for costumes and/or field trips. Class fee \$150**

Yearbook: This is a class where you will learn about photography, reporting, and journalism. You will help design the school's yearbook. **Placement by application only.**

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination): AVID is a college preparation course. Students will be required to take at least one honors class and maintain a 2.5 average in classes. Students will learn and develop skills in notetaking, writing, public speaking, and collaboration. Students will learn about preparing for college by investigating potential career opportunities and researching different colleges. Other potential opportunities include cultural and college field trips, classroom guest speakers, and community building. Students will have opportunities for academic support from adult tutors who come into class to help students with questions they have from other academic classes. If you are motivated to succeed, but need a little extra support, this class is for you. **Placement by application only. Class fee \$20**

Peer Leadership: Peer Leadership is an organization conducted by students and supervised by adults. In this class, students develop leadership skills by organizing and carrying out school activities and service projects. In addition to planning events that contribute to school spirit and community welfare, the peer leaders are the voice of the student body. They help share students' ideas, interests, and concerns with the school wide community. Any student that is interested in leadership, organizational behavior, project planning or becoming more involved in the school are welcome to apply. **Placement by application only. Class fee \$10**

AVID, Yearbook, Peer Leadership, and Dance Company Applications are available online at <http://hunterjrcounseling.weebly.com/7th-grade-course-selection-2024-2025.html> or scan the QR code:



School fees: The basic school fees for 7th grade are as follows:

- Basic fees (book rental, activity fee, technology, planner) \$40
- Yearbook (optional) \$20

Any additional fees charged for electives or workbooks will be collected once the classes begin. **All fees are subject to change.**

Payment for the 2024-2025 school year will be made at the time of online registration through the Parent Portal. Online registration will begin the first week of August 2024. Fee waiver forms will only be online. Parents will need to submit the fee waiver form with financial documentation in the form of a tax return, last two paycheck stubs, or proof of SSI or AFCD. Apply for *Free & Reduced* lunch online in August 2024 at: www.myschoolapps.com. **Proof of Immunization is required** in August.

Parents: If your child has an IEP, their current teacher will recommend the appropriate courses for 7th grade based on their test scores and their needs. District personnel will transfer their IEP from the elementary school to the junior high in May. All accommodations and goals in place will be continued. If you have questions or concerns about your child's IEP, please reach out to your current IPE file manager or you can email Jennifer Johnson, HJH's special education department chair, at jnjohnson@graniteschools.org.