



Garden City Middle Schools

Enrollment Guide

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Mission of Kansas Comprehensive School Counseling Programs

“The mission of Kansas School Counseling Programs is to prepare all students to be contributing and productive citizens while supporting the academic mission of the school. School counseling programs are integral to the mission of schools and designed to support and enhance student learning and achievement and facilitate the academic, career, and personal/social development of all Kansas students. School counselors collaborate with other educators, parents/guardians, and the communities to ensure all students are prepared with the knowledge and competencies to be successful in their future.”(Kansas Comprehensive School Counseling Program, 2009)

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ART

Art 7th and 8th Grade

Students will experience a wide variety of mediums including drawing, painting, watercolor, plaster, clay, oil pastels, and brief experience with environmental art and photography. Students will gain in-depth knowledge of the “elements and principles of design” and apply knowledge to two-dimensional and three-dimensional projects. Students will learn gray-scale values, color theory, and be introduced to various historical art movements, artists and cultures. Students will be responsible for obtaining their own art supplies from a list provided by the instructor.

Creative Art 8th Grade

Main focus is on drawing and painting. In keeping with this attention on two dimensional work students typically work with several media (such as pen and ink, pencil, chalk, watercolor, tempera oils, acrylics and so on), but some courses may focus only one medium. Prerequisite: 7th Grade Art.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Computer Applications 7th and 8th Grade

Students will have the opportunity to learn and practice keyboarding techniques and learn terminology and concepts that will help them to develop keyboarding skills with the goal keying 32 NWPM (net words per minute). Keyboarding will be emphasized as students experience a variety of activities in software applications, word processing, computer graphics, presentation tools, spreadsheets, and Internet/Multimedia.

CURRENT EVENTS

7th and 8th Grade

Current Events is a one-semester course structured to give students an understanding of world, national, and local issues in politics, society, the economy, and a variety of other areas. Topics covered will vary, due to the changing nature of current events. The course will emphasize research skills and related practical skills to ensure continued awareness and knowledge of current issues in the modern world.

DESKTOP PUBLISHING

8th Grade

Desktop Publishing courses integrate the knowledge and skills learning in word processing with the concepts, procedures and application of desktop publishing. Students learn to format, create and proofread brochures, programs, newsletters, computer graphics, presentations and manuscripts. Prerequisite: 7th Grade Computer Applications

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

7th and 8th Grade

Employability Skills Courses help students match their interests and aptitudes to career options, with a focus on using employment information effectively, acquiring and improving job seeking and interview skills, composing job applications and resumes, and learning the skills needed to remain in and advance with in the workplace. Course content may also include consumer education and personal money management topics.

FORENSICS

8th Grade

Forensics offers participation in specific areas of public speaking, acting and oral interpretation. Examples include; duet acting, dramatic or humorous interpretation, oral interpretation of poetry and prose, persuasive speech and informative speech.

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CORP

Junior Leadership Corp (JLC) 7th and 8th Grade

Junior Leadership Corp is a sequence of middle school courses and a supplemental after-school program as well as a community service component. This program is designed to prepare young people for secondary and post secondary pathways. Through intensive leadership development and selfless service, students gain the confidence, team work and critical thinking skills necessary for future success. The JLC program also promotes healthy and balanced lifestyle choices, active goal setting, more effective relationships and meaningful community involvement. This program is designed to help shape and mold the leaders of tomorrow!

LANGUAGE ARTS

Language Arts 7th Grade

In 7th grade Language Arts, students will understand the types and characteristics of different literary works and will become familiar with the academic vocabulary used to write about and discuss literature. They will build on communication skills by reading, writing, listening and speaking. Students will learn strategies to apply to different types of writing including: narrative, expository, descriptive, persuasive and technical.

Language Arts 8th Grade

Students will experience the challenge of literature written at or a little above their reading level, as well as the study of communication skills with an emphasis on writing using the six traits. They will experience success in mastering specific objectives to prepare students for high school level curriculum. Techniques and materials used may include the following: short stories, magazines, newspapers, video and film clips, audio stories, writing, computers, internet sites, e-reader technology, writing, self-selected independent reading books, and study skills. This class will also study literature analysis, poetry, and advertising techniques. Students will be expected to independently read and write daily in this class.

MATH

Math 7

This class develops mathematical concepts beyond basic skills. Students investigate statistics, ratios, rational numbers, and algebraic equations through hands-on, minds-on explorations. Problem solving is the focus.

Math 7 Honors Plus

All of Seventh Grade Core Curriculum Standards covered plus first half of Eighth Grade Major Core Standards Covered

Algebra/Geometry B 8th Grade

The purpose of this class is to transition from arithmetic to algebra. Throughout this course, you will work with various representations of real numbers, including integers, fractions, decimals, and percents. Emphasis will be placed on solving equations and graphing.

Algebra I-Advanced 8th Grade

This course is designed to prepare students for the 8th grade Kansas Math Assessment using the High School Algebra 1 curriculum. It prepares students to take Algebra II at the High School as a freshman. This course includes algebraic functions and their applications; use and application of statistics; use and application of algebraic formulas; and real world application of algebra.

MUSIC

Band 7th Grade

Membership in the 7th grade Band is open to students who have achieved an intermediate level of proficiency on their instrument. The purpose of the 7th grade Band is to study intermediate instrumental techniques. The band will perform at approximately four concerts a year. Prerequisite: Successful completion of Band 6

Band 8th Grade

Membership in 8th grade band is open to students who have achieved an intermediate level of proficiency on their instrument and have completed 7th grade band. The purpose of the band is to study advanced intermediate instrumental techniques. Balanced instrumentation is maintained, with membership determined by the approval of the director. The band will perform at approximately four concerts a year.

Jazz Band 8th Grade

The jazz band is an auditioned group of 8th graders. The purpose of the jazz band is to study and perform various jazz styles including swing, blues, pop, and rock. Jazz ensemble instrumentation will be adhered to as much as possible. In addition to regular concerts, the jazz band goes on recruiting tours with the music department. Prerequisite: Approval of the instructor.

Mixed Chorus 7th Grade

This choir is a *non-select choir which is made up of 7th grade male and female voices. The choir members will have their voices “tested” and will then be placed in sections that will enable them to sing comfortably while developing their voices. They will learn songs in 2, 3, and 4 parts in a variety of styles. It is the 7th grade mixed chorus that will tour the intermediate centers in January. This will take place during the school day.

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HG Singers/KH Singers 8th Grade

This choir is a *select choir of 8th graders. Selection traditionally takes place in the spring of the previous year. As with the other choirs, this group will have voices tested and will be placed in their proper section. At this age, the voices are developing and changing constantly, so the choir teacher can aid in that development by listening often and being aware of changes that need to be made in exercise and song selection.

Orchestra 7th Grade

Orchestra class is open to 7th grade students who have had 1-2 years instruction on violin, viola, cello or bass. Students must be at an intermediate level of proficiency. Membership must be approved by the teacher. The emphasis is on reading music, musicianship and string fundamentals. 7th graders perform at the fall Concert, Christmas concert, music contest, and a spring concert.

Orchestra 8th Grade

Orchestra class is open to 8th grade students who have had 2-3 years instruction on the violin, viola, cello or bass. Students must be at an intermediate level of proficiency. Membership must be approved by the teacher. The emphasis of 8th grade orchestra is on reading music, musicianship and string fundamentals. Students perform at a fall concert, Christmas concert, music contest and a spring concert. 8th graders also have the opportunity to participate in the Western Kansas Orchestra Festival in November and the music department Elementary Recruiting tour in April.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education 7th and 8th Grade

This semester long course is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to engage in physically active and healthy activities throughout their lifetime. The course is made up of two different areas of focus: 1) Health related aspects of fitness and 2) Lifetime activities. Students will be required to dress out.

PUBLICATIONS PRODUCTION

Publication Production 8th Grade

The Publications Production class provides students the opportunity to develop and create a school-wide newsletter for print and electronic copy. In teams, students will explore different writings (editorial writing, news writing, and featured writing) for the publication of a monthly edition. They will create, research, and schedule to ensure that their publication is credible, relevant, grammatically correct, and printed in a timely manner. Students will also have the opportunity to take pictures of school events and activities with a school issued camera. During second semester, they will be able to cooperate on the school yearbook.

READ 180

Read 180 7th and 8th Grade

Read 180 is an intensive reading intervention program designed to meet the needs of students whose reading achievement is below the proficient level. The program directly addresses individual needs through adaptive and instruction software, high-interest literature, and direct instruction in reading and writing skills.

SCIENCE

Science 7th Grade

The 7th grade science curriculum covers a variety of topics dealing with life sciences. Among these are the study of cells, plants, human body, ecosystems, populations and communities.

Science 8th Grade

This is a general science course. You will be exploring three different areas of science: physical science, earth science and space science.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Kansas History/Geography 7th Grade

Ever wonder about the history of the place where you live? This course will focus on the history of Kansas from its native past to the present day. A review of geography themes will be covered as well as a general overview of world geography.

US History (1800-1900) 8th Grade

This course will cover the foundational aspects of our nation's history leading up to the outbreak of America's bloodiest war, the Civil War. The course will look at the repercussions of the Civil War events on our nation and our entry into the Industrial Age. The strengthening themes of the class will be government, economics, interpreting historical documents and evaluating historical events.

SPANISH

Spanish A 7th and 8th Grade

This class is a basic conversational Spanish class. Students learn everyday vocabulary with which to communicate and write. Pronunciation, spelling and some reading in Spanish are emphasized. Grammar and vocabulary will be taught. Some of the vocabulary will include: alphabet, numbers, colors, days of the week, and months of the year, food, verbs, activities, body parts and telling time. Exploration of Spanish speaking cultures will also be emphasized.

Spanish B 8th Grade

This class is a continuation of the study of conversational Spanish. The emphasis is on improved pronunciation, increased speaking, spelling skills, reading and writing in Spanish, and more vocabulary. The vocabulary will include: family, numbers, clothing, transportation, occupations, activities, house, and sports. Prerequisite: The completion and passing with a C or better 7th grade Spanish A.

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Special Education Services

Students who have an active Individual Education Plan (IEP) will receive the necessary services through our Special Education program.

English Language Learner (ELL)

Placement in ELL sheltered English classes is determined by scores on the KELPA (Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment) and/or the IPT test, as well as performance on State Assessments and other indicators.

ELL Communications Level 1

This course is designed for those students who are classified as NEP (non-English proficient) or lower-level LEP (limited English proficient). The purpose of this course is to aid students in acquiring the listening, speaking, and writing skills needed to be successful with both academic and social English. Vocabulary, pronunciation, and writing skills are emphasized at each student's language proficiency level.

ELL Reading Level 1

This course consists of both independent reading practice and small group instruction so that students can develop reading skills and vocabulary needed to read and understand a variety of text. Depending on a student's level, the focus will be on learning to read in English or developing techniques and strategies for improving reading comprehension.

ELL Social Studies Level 1

This course is designed to provide sheltered instruction to build students' background knowledge, develop key concepts, and increase vocabulary in all areas of the social studies curriculum so that they can eventually be successful in a mainstream classroom setting.

ELL Science Level 1

This course is designed to provide sheltered instruction to build students' background knowledge, develop key concepts, and increase vocabulary in all areas of the science curriculum so that they can eventually be successful in a mainstream classroom setting.

ELL Math Level 1

This course is designed to provide sheltered instruction to build students' math concepts, skills, and vocabulary. Depending on a student's level, the focus will be on building basic math skills and concepts or on approaching the mainstream curriculum.

ELL Class within a Class

As the student's English proficiency increases, the student's transition to a more inclusive environment where an ELL teacher or an ELL paraprofessional provides services in the classroom. At the middle and high school levels, students transition from the resource classroom into CWC (class-within-a-class) educational settings. In a CWC class, both a content teacher and an ELL teacher are present. The ELL teacher insures that instruction, assignments, and assessments are modified as needed to support the students in the classroom.

Technology Lab

Technology Lab 7th and 8th Grade

This course is a computer based program designed to allow students to investigate areas of science, math, and technology in a module based classroom. Students are expected to complete eight different modules in a semester. Students work with a lab partner in an assigned module for seven sessions that include hands on activities and experiments as well as knowledge surveys and performance assessments

WEIGHT TRAINING

Weight Training 7th and 8th Grade

This course is designed to develop a weightlifting and training program to fit the student's needs. Flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, strength, muscular endurance, and body composition are fitness components that will be stressed. This course is also designed to fit the student's needs-athlete or non-athlete.

ZOMBIE GEOGRAPHY

Zombie Geography 7th and 8th Grade

The zombie apocalypse narrative will be used to teach geography aligned to National Geography standards. Project based learning will be used to encourage active engagement, problem solving and critical thinking skills.