

## Etta Dale Junior High Course Descriptions

### 7th Grade

#### **Required:**

**7th Grade Reading**-Reading increases test scores, vocabulary, and overall knowledge. The goal of this course is to improve students' reading skills and instill a love of reading that will last a lifetime. The 7th grade reading coursework will include:

- Literature - short stories, poetry, nonfiction, and novels
- Writing - short answer questions, analysis of literature

**7th Grade Math**-Seventh Grade Math is required for all seventh graders. In our math class we will cover objectives involving numbers and operations, algebra and algebraic reasoning, geometry, and data/probability. In this class we will work hard to master state standards to be prepared for state testing at the end of the school year. Students will use the skills they learn in 7th grade mathematics to move forward to Pre-Algebra the next school year.

**7th Grade Eastern Geography**-In 7th grade geography, students will be studying the why of where - places, patterns of settlements, and global interactions. Students will study the concepts of economics and the impact of recent history on contemporary events. We will be discussing spatial patterns of human and physical characteristics of the world and its people, and explore how these patterns form, change over time, and relate to one another in the Eastern Hemisphere. The Eastern Hemisphere studies will include Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia, and Oceania.

**7th Grade Science**-This 7th grade science course will cover the key science concepts as outlined in the Oklahoma Academic Standards for Science. The course is separated into three major topics. These topics are Life Science, Physical Science, and Earth/Space Science. The main goal of this course is to develop an understanding of modern science and technology through experimentation and inquiry. Students will participate in labs and projects that will develop the following skills: writing, math, inquiry, time management, cooperation, and presentation skills.

**7th Grade Physical Education**-Students learn motor skills, personal and social development, and healthy enhancing activities. They also learn responsible health and safety behavior.

#### **Electives-**

**Agricultural Leadership**-This course is for students who will be in Agricultural Education or showing animals. This course is designed to educate students in the agricultural industry.

**Career Exploration**-This course is to help students learn about careers and explore the variety of careers available in society.

**Health**-This course provides an introduction to basic personal health and wellness. Emphasis is on current health issues such as nutrition, mental health, and fitness.

**Tweens**-Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) is an elective class for students enrolled in seventh grade. This semester course is designed to provide students with basic information and skills needed to function effectively within the family and within a changing, complex society. Emphasis is given to the development of competencies related to: family and individual health, nutrition and food selection, meal planning, food preparation and service, career skills, relationships, wardrobe planning and selection, garment care and construction, basic sewing skills, money management, and consumer education. Upon completion of this course, the student should have developed basic life skills that promote a positive influence on the quality of life

**Current Events A**-This class is available to 7th and 8th grade students to broaden their knowledge of Art. The students will create art, learn calligraphy, and expand their experience in artistic mediums.

**Current Events B**-This class is available to 7th and 8th grade students to broaden their knowledge of the events taking place locally and around the world.

**Computers I**-During this course, students will learn how to type by touch and use Microsoft Office. The class focuses on Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, and Microsoft Excel.

**Vocal/Chorus**-Chorus is an introduction to chorus techniques with emphasis on vocal skills, music reading, and performance. Chorus will be available for any student interested in choir in grades 6th through 8th. Students do not have to audition to be in this choir. There are 2 concerts (winter and spring). Some outside of school practice and performance required. Attendance at all rehearsals/concerts is mandatory.

**Band**-This class is for 7th and 8th grade students that have beginning experience in band. All performances are required (at least two per year). We have three types of Band courses including Beginning Band, Intermediate Band, and Advanced Band. The Band director will recommend it to advanced or intermediate students.

**Outdoor Education**-This course is designed to increase the knowledge and experience for students to understand archery and fishing as well as outdoor educational activities. This course is limited to 25 students per course and only 50 students total. The instructor will evaluate and determine which students will be accepted into this program.

**Athletics**- The program instills in the individual the desire to do his/her best at all times, to display good sportsmanship under any circumstance, to develop a mature attitude, and to develop a spirit of cooperation. The goal of the program is to be competitive in every sport, strive for excellence, stress academics, and enable each student to be the best athlete and team player possible.

- Girls/Boys Basketball
- Football
- Girls/Boys Soccer
- Girls/Boys Wrestling
- Girls/Boys Golf
- Girls/Boys Tennis

- Volleyball
- **Track and Field will be after school and is not an elective**

**Remediation-**

**WIN Reading-**This course stands for **What I Need**. This course is designed to help students with reading comprehension and skills to increase their knowledge of understanding in the subject of reading.

**WIN Math-** This course stands for **What I Need**. This course is designed to help students understand math concepts and missed concepts related to the subject of mathematics.