

HAINES MIDDLE SCHOOL



COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL
DISTRICT 303

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January 9, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians of Next Year's 8th Graders:

It's already time to register again for your elective classes. Along with my letter are two important documents, which are color coded.

They are:

1. **D303 Middle School Explore Course Descriptions (white)** – describes the elective choices offered at each grade level and a brief description about each course.
2. **Exploratory Course Selection Form (blue)** – Indicate your child's choices. **Please be sure to sign and return this sheet to the Student Support Office by Tuesday, January 20, 2015.**

Note: Once you make your course selection, we will not be able to change your child's schedule. Teacher staffing is determined by course requests.

Please take the time to discuss these Explore choices with your child. Many offerings are available this year. **Indicate your Exploratory Course selection choice(s) on the blue sheet and return it to the Haines Student Support Office by January 20, 2015.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's counselor, Ms. Fedyski, by email at Christina.Fedyski@d303.org or phone (331-228-6654).

Sincerely,

Pamela Jensen
Principal

Name of Student _____
(Please print first *and* last name)

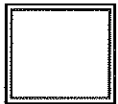
Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

All Selections Are Final. Teacher staffing is determined by course requests.

Due to the number of elective offerings, not all courses are offered each period in our schedule. This means **you may not receive all of the electives you have chosen**. This is why we are asking you to prioritize your elective course requests.

Check one of the four large boxes to designate your child's choice of Non-Core Classes

Grade 8 Performance Music and Exploratory Course Option



Mark the box with an X if you are choosing this option of exploratory courses as well as a full year of band / choir / orchestra. Students will be assigned four of the following offerings: Exploring Entrepreneurship; Business Communication; Fashion and Design; Culinary Arts and Hospitality; Service Learning; Industry Technologies; Digital Media; Art; Music; PLTW: Flight and Space; PLTW: Energy and the Environment; PLTW: Green Architecture; PLTW: Magic of Electrons.

If you did not participate in band or orchestra in elementary school you will need to contact the director before signing up. Band: erik.swenson@d303.org Orchestra: sandra.sebolt-pogge@d303.org

(You may choose up to two of these. They will split the days.)

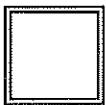
_____ Band – instrument you play _____
 _____ Choir
 _____ Orchestra – instrument you play _____

Mark your top 5 choices with the letter "A" and mark 5 secondary choices with the letter "B" Explore.

_____ Exploring Entrepreneurship	_____ Business Communication	_____ Fashion and Design
_____ Culinary Arts & Hospitality	_____ Service Learning	_____ Digital Media
_____ PLTW: Energy and the Environment	_____ PLTW: Green Architecture	_____ Art
_____ PLTW: Magic of Electrons	_____ PLTW: Flight and Space	_____ Music
_____ Industrial Technologies		

▼ Or you may choose this option ▼

Grade 8 Performance Music and Foreign Language*/Applied Study Skills Option



Mark the box with an X if you are choosing this option of a full year of band / choir / orchestra as well as a full year of Foreign Language or you may take Applied Study Skills in lieu of the foreign language.

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(You may choose up to two of these. They will split the days.)

_____ Band – instrument you play _____
 _____ Choir
 _____ Orchestra – instrument you play _____

(Choose 1 only)

_____ French **OR** _____ Applied Study Skills
 _____ Spanish

_____ German _____ IF you chose Foreign Language, please check this box acknowledging you have read the Foreign Language progression chart attached to the back of this sheet.

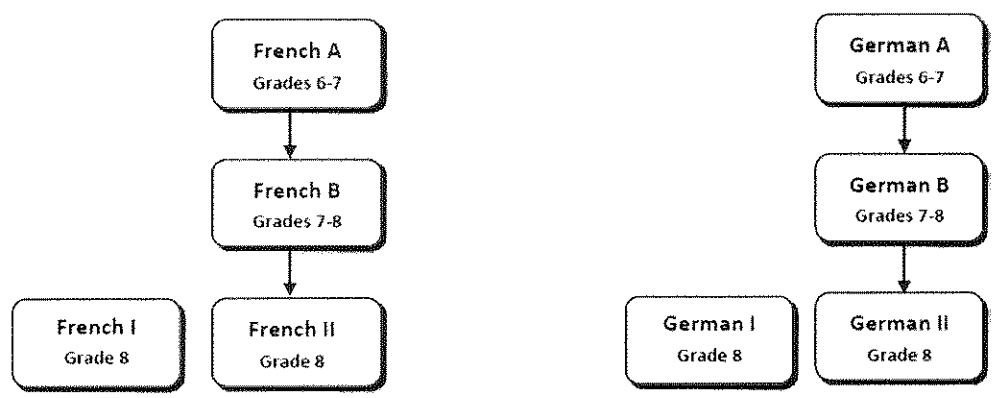
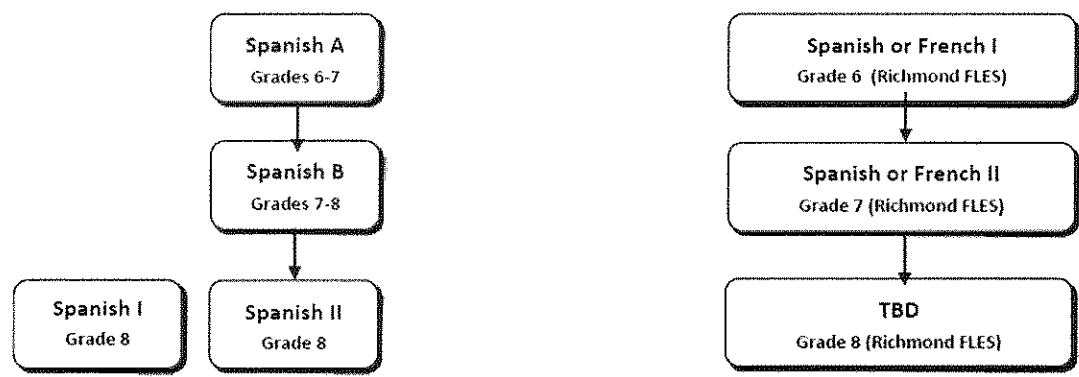
If your child requires additional academic learning support, he/she may be scheduled during one of the above options.

***If your child will be taking a Foreign Language, we anticipate there will be an additional fee.**

This completed & signed form is due to Haines Student Services Office by Tuesday, January 20, 2015

2015/2016 Middle School Foreign Language Course Descriptions

Students will develop skills in written and oral communication. They will study the aspects of the target culture, such as art, music, and daily life, and learn to compare their native culture with the culture of the target language. The target language will be used throughout the course, and students will be encouraged to use the target language to communicate with their teacher and peers. Students will progress through Foreign Language according to the chart below.



Name of Student _____
(Please print first *and* last name)

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

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▼ **Or you may choose this option** ▼

Grade 8 Foreign Language*/Applied Study Skills and Exploratory Course Option

Mark the box with an X if you are choosing this option of exploratory courses as well as a full year of Foreign Language or Applied Study Skills (in lieu of foreign language course). Students will be assigned four of the following offerings: Exploring Entrepreneurship; Business Communication; Fashion and Design; Culinary Arts and Hospitality; Service Learning; Industry Technologies; Digital Media; Art; Music; PLTW: Flight and Space; PLTW: Energy and the Environment; PLTW: Green Architecture; PLTW: Magic of Electrons.

(Choose 1 only)

_____ French **OR** _____ Applied Study Skills

_____ Spanish

_____ German _____ IF you chose Foreign Language, please check this box acknowledging you have read the Foreign Language progression chart attached to the back of this sheet.

Mark your top 5 choices with the letter "A" and mark 5 secondary choices with the letter "B" Explore.

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| _____ Exploring Entrepreneurship | _____ Business Communication | _____ Fashion and Design |
| _____ Culinary Arts & Hospitality | _____ Service Learning | _____ Digital Media |
| _____ PLTW: Energy and the Environment | _____ PLTW: Green Architecture | _____ Art |
| _____ PLTW: Magic of Electrons | _____ PLTW: Flight and Space | _____ Music |
| _____ Industrial Technologies | | |

Grade 8 Exploratory Course Option (No Band/Choir/Orchestra and no Foreign Language/Applied Study Skills)

Mark this box with an X if you are choosing this option of exploratory courses only. Students will be assigned eight (8) exploratory course offerings. Courses are 9 weeks each. Please mark 10 choices

Mark your top 10 choices with the letter "A".

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| _____ Exploring Entrepreneurship | _____ Business Communication | _____ Fashion and Design |
| _____ Culinary Arts & Hospitality | _____ Service Learning | _____ Digital Media |
| _____ PLTW: Energy and the Environment | _____ PLTW: Green Architecture | _____ Art |
| _____ PLTW: Magic of Electrons | _____ PLTW: Flight and Space | _____ Music |
| _____ Industrial Technologies | | |

If your child requires additional academic learning support, he/she may be scheduled during one of the above options. This is a reminder that we will do our best to accommodate your course requests, but **you may not receive all of the electives you have chosen**.

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