

Sand Creek Junior High School 2017-18 Curriculum



Business, Management,
Marketing & Technology



Arts and
Communications



Engineering,
Manufacturing &
Industrial Technology

Sand Creek Junior/Senior High School **Mission Statement:**

Sand Creek Jr./Sr. High School is committed to delivering an effective 21st century educational program that prepares its students to live happy, healthy, productive and successful lives.



Human Services



Natural Resources
and Agriscience



Health Sciences

English Language Arts

ELA 6

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In accordance with the National Common Curriculum, students will learn important reading strategies, literary devices and vocabulary. Spelling and vocabulary words will be used from novels as well as sixth grade high frequency words. Possible novels include: *Jason's Gold*, *The Cay*, and *Ella Enchanted*. Students will apply the literary stiles studied in literature and vocabulary to writing skills. Students will utilize mentor texts and craft lessons to develop their writing techniques and styles. In addition, grammar/conventions/spelling will be used as a practical application to their won works. Students' portfolios will demonstrate introduction, application, and assessment of a variety of writing genres.

ELA 7

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In accordance with the National Common Curriculum, students will learn important reading strategies, literary craft and vocabulary. Possible novels include *Ghost Canoe* and *Pictures of Hollis Woods*. Students will apply the literary styles studied in literature and vocabulary to writing skills. Students will utilize mentor texts and craft lessons to develop their writing techniques and styles. In addition, grammar/conventions/vocabulary/spelling will be used as a practical application to their won works. Students'

ELA 8

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

English Language Arts 8 provides opportunities in reading, writing, speaking, viewing, and listening based on the National Core Curriculum. **These opportunities help transition students from the middle school experience to high school.** English language arts utilizes the reading and writing workshop approaches. The literature (stories, drama, and poetry) and informational text (literary nonfiction) experiences will include reading strategies, comprehension skills, literary analysis, compare/contrast, vocabulary development, and genuine enjoyment for reading with multi-media and real-world connections. Students' own portfolios works demonstrate introduction, application, and assessment of writing (persuasive/creative), grammar, and conventions. Possible anchor texts: *The Outsiders*, *The Breadwinner*, *The Devil's Arithmetic*, *The Giver*. An evening Portfolio Night presentation is a requirement for ALL eighth grade students.

Social Studies

6th Grade Geography

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Students study the geography of world regions with the goal of understanding the interconnected economic, political, social, and environmental forces that affect our world. They will explore the cultural and natural features that characterize each region; trace the movement of people, ideas, and products within the regions; and the different governments and economies of each region. Special attention will be given to each region's role in the global economy and its relationship to the United States.

7th Grade Ancient World History

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In this course students will investigate human civilization from its very beginnings to around 1,500 CE. They will learn about the earliest humans and explore migration and settlement patterns, the origins of agriculture and its impact on cultures, and the development of powerful empires and trade networks that led to a diffusion of people, resources, and ideas. The course concludes with a comparative study of the major world religions.

US History & Geography 8

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course includes a history of the United States from colonialization to imperialism. Students will discover our rich democratic traditions and cultural heritage through their simulations of historical events. They will learn how the events of our nation's past have come to influence our present as well as our future.

Science

Earth Science 6

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Sixth grade students will cover Earth Science for the entire year. The following topics will be covered: weather and climate, surface geology, astronomy, and the Earth's materials and systems.

Life Science 7

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course covers the life science topics of *cells*, the *organization of living things*, *heredity*, *evolution*, and *ecosystems*. Throughout the year students will be required to complete various research projects and present their findings to the class orally.

Physical Science 8

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The first semester of this course covers the topics of *motion*, *forces and energy*. The second semester of this course covers the topics of *matter* and *changes in matter* (chemical interactions). Second semester, students will be required to complete a research project that utilizes the scientific method. **Please note:** Students in FFA are strongly encouraged to consult with the FFA Advisor on choosing appropriate agriculture-related topics for research.

Mathematics - A Teacher Recommendation will be completed.

Math 6

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Sixth grade student will prepare for Pre-Algebra using the Big Ideas Math Program. The following topics will be covered: graphing, operations with whole numbers, decimals, and rational numbers, variables, formulas, geometry, algebra concepts, probability, rate, and ratios.

Math 7

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will prepare students for Pre-Algebra and the state mandated mathematics curriculum. The following topics will be covered in this course: algebraic reasoning, integers and rational numbers, proportional relationships, graphing, percents, collecting and analyzing data, geometric figures, geometric measurements, probability, and solving multi-step equations and inequalities.

Pre-Algebra 7/8

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course can be taken to prepare students to meet the rigors of the college sequence. Emphasis will be placed on those skills necessary to achieve in Algebra. This course will cover the following topics: variables, expressions, integers, solving equations, solving inequalities, factors, fractions, exponents, rational numbers, ratios, proportions, probability, percents, linear functions, real numbers, right triangles, and data analysis.

Algebra I

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an extension of Pre-Algebra. The topics covered in this course include expressions, equations, inequalities, functions, graphing, systems of equations, radicals, factoring polynomials, rational equations, and quadratic functions.

Physical Education

Physical Education 6

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The sixth grade physical education classes will develop positive attitudes toward wholesome physical activity. Both team and individual sports/activities will be presented.

Physical Education 7

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The seventh and eighth grade physical education classes will develop positive attitudes toward wholesome physical activity. Both team and individual sports/activities will be presented.

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Spanish

Spanish I

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Students will start the course with basic vocabulary and conversational questions and responses. Study continues with vocabulary presented in thematic units and grammar focuses on the present and past tenses. Students will practice their conversational skills based on these units. Students will work on developing the four skills of language: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students will also learn about Hispanic and pre-Hispanic cultures.

Spanish II

PREREQUISITE: Spanish I

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Students continue study of vocabulary presented in thematic units and situations. Students will continue to develop their language skills around these themes and the grammar continues to focus on the present and past tenses. Students will further develop their skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students will learn about Hispanic and pre-Hispanic cultures.

Technology

Business Technology 7

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The class begins with an emphasis on keyboarding technique and students are instructed on the correct way to keyboard. This will be the foundation from which the rest of the course will build. Microsoft Office 2013 will be introduced. Using Microsoft Word to format reports, letters, and other business/school tasks, the student will also use the most current research tools. Publisher will be used for desktop publishing assignments. Students will work with spreadsheets, graphs and charts using Microsoft Excel. Student will learn how to make presentations in Microsoft PowerPoint and also organize and retrieve data using Microsoft Access.

Music

Band 6

PREREQUISITE: Participation in elementary band or permission of instructor

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This class is for the purpose of expanding the music fundamentals learned in the elementary band program. Performing in large groups, ensembles and solos will be an important part of this class. **Requirements:** Students will be required to participate in all performances and show steady improvement in individual performances.

Junior High Band 7

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This class is for the purpose of expanding the music fundamentals learned in the elementary band program. Performing in large groups, ensembles and solos will be an important part of this class. **Requirements:** Students will be required to participate in all performances and show steady improvement in individual performances.

Junior High Band 8

PREREQUISITE: Participation in 7th grade band or permission of instructor

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This class is for the purpose of expanding the music fundamentals learned in the elementary band program. Performing in large groups, ensembles and solos will be an important part of this class. **Requirements:** Students will be required to participate in all performances and show steady improvement in individual performances.

Art

Art 6

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Art 6 is an opportunity for the student to gain knowledge and participate in creative experiences. This class includes instruction in aesthetics, art heritage, art criticism and art production. Students will develop a lifelong understanding and appreciation of the Arts.

Other Electives

Learning Skills 6

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The primary emphasis of the Homeroom will be on study skills and personal growth. Instructional activities will provide an orientation to the academic skills necessary to achieve and be successful during the Middle School years. Emphasis will be placed on organization, time management, self-assessment, goal-setting, critical thinking, test preparation and proper use of a planner. Students will be required to choose a reading selection of their choice to read throughout each semester. The purpose of this requirement will be to grow the middle school student's love for reading and to create a feeling of fulfillment that comes with completing a reading piece for enjoyment.

Learning Skills 7

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Teen Leadership

Course Description

Teen Leadership was developed because we believe in you and your potential. To be leaders, you must have two basic elements: communication and confidence. Throughout this course you will learn the art of communication and how to build confidence. You will be challenged to develop principles that will be a foundation in your life.

With this course, students will learn by being involved. Coursework will provide challenges and circumstances to build one's self-confidence. Communication skills are strengthened through student interaction and class presentations. Teen Leadership is a creative course that provides students with the opportunity to think.

Explore Health & Science 8

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Students will experience middle school health and science topics through a skill-based instructional approach. The classroom is designed to enable students to apply their knowledge while acquiring new skills through cooperative learning.

Academic Center

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

Students in sixth through twelfth grade will develop an understanding of, and skills for, a successful academic career in school. To that end, course curriculum will focus on the following: reading comprehension, reading fluency, writing fluency, character education, public speaking, math and science skills with a focus on reading and interpreting data, encouraging citizenship, and teaching proper study skills.

Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy

**Title VI (Civil Rights Act of 1964)
Title IX (Educational Amendments of 1972)
Section 504 (Rehabilitation Act of 1973)**

It is the policy of the Sand Creek Community School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap, be excluded from participating in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity or in employment in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Inquired may be directed to:

Steve Laundra, Hearing Officer
Sand Creek Community Schools
Sand Creek High School
6518 Sand Creek Hwy.
Sand Creek, MI 49279

Or

Director
Office of Civil Rights
Department of Health, Education & Welfare
Washington, D.C. 20202

Complaint/Grievance Procedure

Section I:

If any person believes that the Sand Creek Community School District, school or institution, or any part of the school/institution organization has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; he/she may bring forward a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance, to the local Civil Rights Coordinator at the following address:

Steve Laundra, Hearing Officer
Sand Creek Community Schools
Sand Creek High School
6518 Sand Creek Hwy.
Sand Creek, MI 49279

Section II:

The person who believes he/she has a valid basis for grievance shall discuss the grievance informally and on a verbal basis with the local Civil Rights Coordinator, who shall in turn investigate the complaint and reply with an answer to the complaint. He/she may initiate formal procedures according to the following steps:

Step 1

A written statement of the grievance, signed by the complainant, shall be submitted to the local Civil Rights Coordinator within five (5) business days of receipt of answers to the formal complaint. The Coordinator shall further investigate the matter of grievance and reply to the complainant within five (5) days.

Step 2

If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the local Civil Rights Coordinator, he/she may submit a signed statement of appeal to the Superintendent of Schools, or administrator, within five (5) business days after receipt of the Coordinator's response. The superintendent or administrator shall meet with all parties involved, formulate a conclusion, and respond in writing to the complaint within ten (10) business days.

Step 3

If the complainant remains unsatisfied, he/she may appeal through a signed, written statement to the Board of Education within five (5) business days of his/her receipt of the superintendent's response in Step 2. In an attempt to resolve the grievance, the Board of Education shall meet with the concerned parties and their representative(s) within forty (40) days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within ten (10) days of this meeting.

Step 4

If at this point the grievance has not been satisfactorily settled, further appeal may be made to the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and/or Secretary of Agriculture.