



Eckstein Middle School
Eighth Grade Registration Form 2017-2018
Please Return to Eckstein Main Office ASAP. Due 2/15/17

Student Name _____ (print) Home Phone _____
(Last name) (First Name)

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Best contact phone _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____ 

If your student will **not** be attending Eckstein for the 2016-2017 school year, please submit in writing, or e-mail our Registrar, Sue Wong (stwong@seattleschools.org) with the reason and the new school they will attend.

THE FOLLOWING COURSES ARE EIGHTH GRADE REQUIREMENTS:

✓ Language Arts	✓ Math (<i>Placement in math class is determined by teacher recommendation</i>)
✓ Social Studies	✓ Full year Science
✓ Semester Physical Education*	

8th graders have the opportunity to take year-long and/or semester long elective classes. Scheduling depends upon the number of students and availability of staff. Factors sometimes change during the summer; the final classes may not be exactly as presented or guaranteed.

Course descriptions for electives are on the reverse side (except for Band, Orchestra, Choir & Vocal Jazz).

RANK THE ORDER OF YOUR CHOICES. Make sure you rank all 9 choices with #1 being your 1st choice. We will do our best to honor your requests but there are no guarantees. Students requesting art or computer science for only one semester will not be guaranteed a specific (fall or spring) course.

Art - Semester
 Art - Year long
 Computer Science & Tech. - Semester
 Computer Science & Tech. - Year long
 Guitar - Semester
 Leadership/Yearbook - Semester
 P.E. Additional semester as an elective
(One semester is required unless you have a P.E. waiver)
 Teacher Assistant
Is this for ONE or TWO Semesters (Check one)

Foreign Language - Year long (Mark the language you studied in 7th grade)
 French
 Japanese
 Spanish
 Music - Year long (Specific music placement is determined by teacher recommendation)
Rank your Preference
 Band
 Vocal Jazz
 Orchestra
 Choir

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) WAIVER REQUIREMENT – STUDENTS IN GRADES 7 & 8

I intend to take P.E. I intend to request a P.E. waiver 

Students in grades 1-8 are required to participate in an average of at least 100 instructional minutes per school week in P.E. classes, unless such participation is waived. SPS does not endorse P.E. waivers. P.E. waivers may be requested for the following reasons:

- A. Physical Disability Attach verification from student's doctor or health care professional
- B. Religious Belief Attach verification from student's religious leader.
- C. Directed Athletics Attach verification from Head coach / Instructor

P.E waiver forms are in the Main Office, Counseling Center in Room 214 and on the Eckstein website.

**If a PE waiver request form with verification is not submitted by December 1, 2017
you will be scheduled for a 2nd semester PE class.**

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR EIGHTH GRADE ELECTIVES 2017-2018

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World Languages – At Eckstein you can begin the exploration of new cultures and countries through three languages: Spanish, French and Japanese. Beginning in the 7th grade you will have two years to gain a novice to mid-level of fluency in a language and get one High School credit for World Language. Classes are fun-filled learning of the culture of these languages and how to use them.

Visual Art -

- Visual Arts (semester 1) Fall. This course will focus on 3-dimensional projects in both traditional and nontraditional mediums such as found in object sculpture, paper mache, and clay.
- Visual Arts (semester 2) Spring. The class will focus on drawing and painting taught classically. Students will experiment with more advanced materials such as charcoal, acrylic paint and pastel, while gaining a more in-depth knowledge of technique.
- Advanced Visual Arts (full year): Students will create 2- and 3-dimensional pieces that further develop the elements of art and principles of design. Students in this course will obtain foundation knowledge of a series of different artistic mediums. Students will be asked to complete a number of projects that follow detailed steps, familiarizing them with techniques that will be used in higher level art classes.

Semester Computer Science & Technology -

- Web Design (Semester 1): This course is an introduction to website and graphic design. Students will learn basic photoshop skills to build original content. Coursework will include planning effective web pages; building site structure using HTML and CSS code; enhancing content with formatting, graphics, images, and multimedia.
- CS Discoveries (Semester 2): Students will see how a thorough user-centered design process produces a better application, how their personal data is collected and used on the web, and they will work with circuit boards to see how computers collect input and return output in a variety of ways. Student groups will iterate on and refine a mobile app that integrates concepts they have learned throughout the course.

Semester Guitar - Students will learn on traditional nylon string classical guitars. The class is structured so that students of different levels can progress at their own pace. Every student will be expected to demonstrate their improvement in class recitals. Emphasis will be placed on note and rhythm reading with a graded series of songs. Students will not play by ear in this class.

Semester Leadership – Leadership is a one semester class open to responsible, service minded 7th and 8th grade students wishing to make a difference at Eckstein Middle School. Students will learn about important characteristics of leaders and how to develop those same characteristics in themselves. Students will be responsible for designing and executing projects and activities that benefit the student body at Eckstein. Examples of these activities could be lunchtime basketball tournaments, Spirit Weeks, assemblies, dances and other student activities. Many of these endeavors require a strong work ethic, the ability to work successfully as a group, and public speaking techniques. Students who are interested in developing their character and bringing new ideas to Eckstein are invited to join Leadership.

TA - Yearlong or Semester Teacher Assistant – TA's are carefully chosen based on maturity, behavior and citizenship. This position requires responsibility, organization and confidentiality. Students must maintain a 3.2 GPA and also maintain a 3.5 in citizenship.

Semester P.E. – Eckstein students enjoy an exciting and challenging PE program, where the activities range from personal conditioning to individual and team sports like soccer, rock climbing, rowing, and volleyball. The activities are constantly changing and there is something for everyone. CPR is also taught. Proper PE clothing (PE shirt and athletic shoes and pants/shorts) is required.