

Pennsville Middle School  
Elective Course Offerings  
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## Online registration process

Directions for the online registration process:

- ◆ Go to [www.psdnet.org](http://www.psdnet.org)
- ◆ Click on powerschool icon
- ◆ Sign in as a student or guardian
- ◆ Go to the class registration icon at the top and click
- ◆ Click on *electives* (pick a full year elective or 4 electives and 2 alternates)
- ◆ Read the course descriptions in this book
- ◆ Watch tutorial on how to register for electives on [www.psdnet.org](http://www.psdnet.org): **Click here** for Middle School online registration instructions.

If you have any questions contact your school counselor

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***Music Electives***  
**6th, 7th and 8th grades**

**NOTE:** All of the music elective classes are full year courses.  
This is your only choice for electives.

**Concert Band :** This course is for the student who is interested in learning to play a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument.

**Orchestra:** This course is for the student who is interested in learning to play a string instrument.

**Choir:** This course is for the student who is interested in singing and learning good vocal technique.

**Concert Band/Choir:** This course is for the student who is interested in learning to play a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument and also sing with a group.

**Orchestra/Choir:** This course is for the student who is interested in learning to play a string instrument and also sing with a group.

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## 6th grade electives

### Math Electives

**Sports Statistics:** Students will explore the role of mathematics in sports statistics by using actual sports data to find trends and make decisions.

**Engineering 6:** Investigating the field of engineering offers the chance for hands-on, inquiry-based opportunities to challenge students to design and construct various projects.

**Survey to Decision-making:** Students will explore the design process of surveys. Students will then administer and analyze results to assist with informed decision-making.

**Visual Mathematics:** Students will explore mathematical ideas from fractals and finding patterns to cryptography - sending and breaking code.

### Language Arts Electives

**Creative Writing:** Do you enjoy writing your own stories? Students will learn the craft of short fiction primarily through their own writing, but also through the reading and discussion of published works.

**Poetry:** Poetry can be funny, lyrical and personal. It can play with language. Students will practice the craft of poetry through writing their own poems and reading published works.

**Book Club:** Do you enjoy reading and talking about books with your friends? Why not join our 6<sup>th</sup> grade book club elective.

**Journalism:** Students will learn interview techniques and how to write attention-grabbing leads, feature stories, and editorials in which they can state opinions on just about any subject. The students will produce a written publication as a final course product.

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## 6th grade electives

### Related Arts Electives

**The Arts in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century:** Students will have the opportunity to explore different aspects of Music, Art, Theater and Dance in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century through group work and technology.

**Music and Math:** Students will study the relationships in music concepts and math through group work and technology.

**Music and Words:** Students will relate music, lyrics, poetry and words through group work and technology.

**Music Around the World:** Students will look at the different techniques and sounds of music from around the globe through group work and technology.

### Art Electives

**General Art:** Students will explore different elements of art such as drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, etc.

**Drawing/Painting:** Students will learn to draw/paint from life, pictures, and their imaginations.

**Textile:** Students will learn how to weave, sew, tie dye, and paint on fabric.

**Sculpture:** Students will explore sculpture with various materials (paper, plaster, wire, clay, and fabric).

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## 7th grade electives

### Math Electives

**Sports Statistics:** Students will explore the role of mathematics in sports statistics by using actual sports data to find trends and make decisions.

**Engineering 7:** Investigating the field of engineering offers the chance for hands-on, inquiry-based opportunities to challenge students to design and construct various projects.

**Math Unplugged 7:** Students will explore, discover, and create projects to solve everyday math problems.

**Mathematics in Games:** What are my chances of winning that prize? This course will investigate the mathematics behind winning various games.

### Language Arts Electives

**Creative Writing:** Do you enjoy writing your own stories? Students will learn the craft of short fiction primarily through their own writing, and also through the reading and discussion of published works.

**Poetry:** Poetry can be funny, lyrical and personal. It can play with language. Students will practice the craft of poetry through writing their own poems and reading published works.

**Journalism:** Students will learn interview techniques and how to write attention-grabbing leads, feature stories, and editorials in which they can state opinions on just about any subject. The students will produce a written publication as a final course product.

**Book Club:** Do you enjoy reading and talking about books with your friends? Why not join our 7<sup>th</sup> grade book club elective.

**Media:** Are you interested in television broadcasting? Students will produce the WKTN television broadcast program as part of this course. **NOTE:** This elective is open to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade cycle. Seventh grade students who take the media elective will be assigned to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade lunch period.

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## 7th grade electives

### Related Arts Electives

**History of Rock and Roll:** Students will learn where rock and roll came from and where it is going. Students will explore the different periods of rock and roll.

**History of Jazz:** Students will study four major genres of jazz from blues to fusion. We will touch upon the major players of each genre of jazz.

**Podcasting:** Students will become familiar with the program Audacity and use it to podcast projects. This will be a project based class ranging from historical news reports to modern school news.

**Music Technology:** Students will use technology to make their own music and sampling projects. This class will be project-based and students will be required to present a project at the conclusion of the marking period.

### Art Electives

**General Art:** Students will explore different elements of art such as drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, etc.

**Drawing/Painting:** Students will learn to draw/paint from life, pictures, and your imagination.

**Textile:** Students will learn how to weave, sew, tie dye, and paint on fabric.

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## 8th grade electives

### World Language

**Spanish I:** This is a full year course and is for students who are interested in pursuing taking Spanish V before graduating from high school. **Prerequisite:** You need an average of 85% or better from 6th and 7th grade. **NOTE:** This is your only choice for electives.

### Math Electives

**Sports Statistics:** Students will explore the role of mathematics in sports statistics by using actual sports data to find trends and make decisions.

**Consumer Mathematics:** Students will learn the realities of math in everyday life by exploring household expenses, balancing a check book, paying bills, salaries and so much more.

**Math Unplugged 8:** Students will explore, discover, and create projects to solve everyday math problems.

**Stock Market Mathematics:** A great way for students to be exposed to the stock market, without the fear of losing real money! Students will engage in making good financial decisions a necessity for building a solid financial background.

**Mathematics in Weather:** Students will explore methods of representing weather changes: how temperature changes based on time and location. Students will be challenged to measure, represent, and analyze these changes using real-time weather data.

**Engineering 8:** Investigating the field of engineering offers the chance for hands-on, inquiry-based opportunities to challenge students to design and construct various projects.

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## 8th grade electives

### Language Arts Electives

**Journalism:** Students will learn interview techniques and how to write attention-grabbing leads, feature stories, and editorials in which they can state opinions on just about any subject. The students will produce a written publication as a final course product.

**Public Speaking:** Do you want to become a better public speaker? This interactive class might be for you. Students will learn strategies and techniques for improving their public speaking skills.

**World Mythology:** Mythical heroes, heroines, and creatures await you in this elective course. Students will learn more about myths and legends from around the world.

**Media:** Are you interested in television broadcasting? Students will produce the WKTN television broadcast program as part of this course.

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**Drawing/Painting:** Students will learn to draw/paint from life, pictures, and your imagination

**Printmaking:** Students will learn a variety of printmaking techniques such as silk-screening, linoleum cuts, monotypes, and Collagraph.

**Clay:** Students will explore hand-building techniques using clay.

## NOTES