



**OVERVIEW OF CLASSICAL SCHOOL
7th & 8th GRADE PROGRAM**

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Students will continue with the Core Knowledge and Spanish studies.

English (Meets daily)

Mathematics (Meets daily)

Science (Meets daily)

World and American History and Geography (Meets daily)

Spanish (Meets daily)

Spanish continues to be taught daily, but in 7th and 8th grade, instruction is expanded to 46 minutes a day from 30. As with our elementary program, instruction continues to be delivered in Spanish. The students will continue their work on conversational skills, comprehension skills, grammar, and written skills.

Fine Arts (Meets 2-3 times a week)

Logic (Meets 2-3 times a week)

Music (Meets 2-3 times a week)

All students in seventh and eighth grade take some form of music. All music classes will continue with the Core Knowledge music sequence. Students are expected to take part in concerts during the school year, and concerts are graded as assessments. Students receive letter grades in all music classes.

Band: There are two bands at Classical – one for seventh and one for eighth graders. Students in band meet as a full band twice a week and every other Friday. Each band performs two concerts per year. Other band activities include: WSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival, guest conductors, and clinicians.

Choir: The chorus program is one of the three "Performing Arts" areas (band and orchestra being the other two). Chorus meets every other day and presents one or two public performances a year. The choral curriculum:

- Develops vocal skills and breath support
- Develops sight reading skills
- Develops group esteem through performance skills
- Develops improvisational skills

Orchestra: The orchestra program includes both seventh and eighth grade orchestras; during some years the group may be combined based on the number of students. String students meet twice a week and every other Friday. The orchestra gives two concerts a year, as well as participating in the Appleton All-City String Festival. Students may participate in the WSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival. Students will continue to develop their individual skills on their instruments such as, posture and position, tone and intonation, bowing styles, and vibrato.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (Meets 2-3 times a week)

Classes are held on alternate days Monday through Thursday and every other Friday. Physical Education classes for grades 7 and 8 will be held in the Einstein gymnasium when schedules at both schools can accommodate the location. If for some year it would not work out, classes would be held in the Forum, but we will continue to do our best each year to schedule 7th and 8th grade P.E. classes at Einstein to give our students locker room experience.

Possible Activities:

Floor Hockey
Softball
Badminton
Soccer
Basketball
Pickle-Ball
Track & Field

Tumbling
Volleyball
Cooperative Games
Touch/Flag Football
Weight Room
Fitness & Conditioning
Dance

Locks and Lockers: Locks and lockers are the property of Einstein Middle School. Students are assigned a small locker and a lock at the beginning of the year. Students will pay to replace lost locks. Students should not give combinations to anyone and locks are required to be on lockers at all times.

Apparel: The proper apparel should be secured before school opens so that your child is prepared for physical education activities on the first day of school. Please print the student's full name on all apparel (including shoes) in ink or permanent magic marker.

Required Uniforms: The following suggested items are required as appropriate dress for physical education classes. For the health and safety of all students, these clothes must be taken home regularly for washing.

- * Sport shorts (no cut off jeans, zippers, pockets) – prefer dark color
- * T-shirt (with sleeves)
- * Gym shoes and socks
- * Sweatshirt and sweatpants, or warm up suits are acceptable (no zippers, no pockets)

Medical Excuses: Physical education in the schools is required for all boys and girls. If your doctor advises against your child participating in physical education, a written excuse must be presented to the teacher. If your doctor suggests only limited activity, this too must be written and presented to the teacher. Students with long-term excuses must report to the office to be reassigned to study hall. A parent excuse is acceptable for a one-day medical problem.

OVERVIEW OF OTHER PROGRAM AREAS

LIBRARY

The library is open for student use during resource. Classroom teachers may schedule other library opportunities as well.

RESOURCE TIME

All students have resource time. The students may use this time for extra help if the teacher is available during that time or the student may do homework. Chromebooks are available to 7th and 8th grade students during resource time. During resource time, students in band, orchestra, and chorus are scheduled for practice or other activities on a periodic basis during concert times, etc.

CO-CURRICULAR and OTHER ACTIVITIES

Each year our school offers a variety of extra activities in which the students can participate. Activities that are limited to the 7th and 8th grade students may include: Ski Club; four-day weekend to Concordia Language Villages; a middle school dance, 8th Grade Farewell, Science Fair, and school athletics. Students will receive information about these events through school announcements, handouts, and the *Classical Columns*.

LUNCH

Students in grades 7 and 8 receive larger portions for their lunches. They may also purchase a la carte food items in the lunch line such as granola bars, ice cream cups, and baked chips. A number of students purchase a la carte items for afternoon snacks to eat before sports or other after-school activities. Students also are permitted to use the school microwaves during lunch.

LOCKERS

Most of the students are used to using lockers in sixth grade, but in 7th grade they will begin to use locks on their lockers and will be storing all of their books and materials in their lockers instead of in desks. Learning to use a combination lock quickly is often a source of stress at the start of the school year, so you might want to encourage your student to practice over the summer with various rotating combination locks when possible.

BEHAVIORAL PLAN

Students in grades 7 and 8 continue with the school-wide card system, but the detention times are doubled in Middle School. Students serve detention during resource period for 10, 20, or 30 minutes depending on the card infraction.

SOCIAL NIGHTS/DANCES/PEP ASSEMBLIES

Classical School's 7th-8th Grade Student Council will assist in planning service and social events for the school each year. Current athletes in grades 7 and 8 may attend pep assemblies at Einstein to support our joint sports teams, the Eagles. Students are accompanied by school personnel.

7th/8th Grade AASD School Athletics

Next school year your 7th or 8th grade student will have the opportunity to participate in Einstein/Classical WIAA after school sports. The following is some important information for you and your child.

Physical Examination: If he or she chooses to participate, it is necessary for your physician to complete and sign either the *WIAA Athletic History and Physical Examination Form*, or an *Alternate Year Form*, and for your child to submit the appropriate form to the Classical School office before the first day of practice. There are no exceptions to this rule. These forms are available in the Classical School office.

List of Athletic Events:

Mid-August through mid-October	8th Grade Girls' Volleyball* 7th/8th Grade Girls' Softball 7th/8th Grade Boys'/Girls' Cross Country
Mid-October through December	7th/8th Grade Boys' Basketball*
January through February	7th/8th Grade Girls' Basketball*
Late-January through mid-March	7th/8th Grade Wrestling
Late-March through mid-May	7th Grade Girls' Volleyball* 7th/8th Grade Boys'/Girls' Track

Middle school football is now offered through the Appleton Youth Football Association. Please see their website for more information: <http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/default.aspx?portalid=21265>.

*These sports have two teams per grade level – a Black team and a Gold team. Depending upon how many students try out for each sport, coaches may need to make cuts prior to the first game of the season.

After School Supervision: Because Einstein Middle School is dismissed at 3:20pm each day, and Classical is dismissed at 3:00pm, if your child participates on any of the above athletic teams, it is mandatory that he or she report to a designated 7th/8th grade room at Classical no later than 3:05pm to work on homework. A Classical School para-professional will take attendance and supervise the students during this time. The para-professional will also be responsible for walking the athletes over to Einstein at 3:20 for practices/games. You are responsible for arranging to pick up your student from Einstein at the end of the practice/game.

Eligibility: Eligibility for interscholastic sports will be determined through academic standing and behavioral expectations. Coaches will provide specific guidelines and expectations to all student athletes at the onset of each sport season.

Fees: All student athletes must pay a \$40.00 sports participation fee for each interscholastic sport. A participation fee for the fourth sport in any one school year will not be assessed. (AASD Policy)

Nonschool Participation: Rules indicate athletes may not participate in nonschool competition, during the school season, in the same sport. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams, during the school season; however, they may not participate in any nonschool games, including scrimmages, tournaments, against other teams. This restriction applies to normal nonschool games, as well as "gimmicks", such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick), fun runs, etc.

DRAFT 7th/8th GRADE SCHEDULE

Grades 7 & 8 Schedule	
Breakfast Bell	7:35
Entry Bell	7:45
In-Class Bell	7:50
HR	7:50-7:57
Period 1	8:00-8:46
Period 2	8:49-9:35
Period 3	9:38-10:24
Period 4	10:27-11:13
Period 5	11:16-12:02
Lunch	12:05-12:33
Period 7	12:36-1:22
Period 8	1:25-2:11
Period 9 (Resource)	2:14-3:00

Please note that the 7th/8th grade school calendar can differ slightly from the Kindergarten-6th grade calendar.

OTHER QUESTIONS

If you have any further questions about the 7th and 8th grade program at Classical, please contact our Enrollment Support Specialist who will be happy to help you!

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