

Rutland Middle School

Enrichment Course Requests

In middle school, students take Exploratories. All RMS students from Grade 6 to 8 will take the following exploratory classes: Foods, Technology Education (Woodwork and Metalwork), Music, and Art. The purpose of the Exploratory rotation is for adolescent students to have a chance to experience different courses over a period of time to develop skills, as well as to truly get an opportunity to find their passions.



Enrichment courses offer middle school students a choice. Every Wednesday, RMS students go to Enrichment: a two-hour block of time in which students attend a 10-week course that they wish to explore. There are four terms of Enrichment courses throughout the year. Some examples of these courses are Band (as explained below), Dance, Outdoor Education, Cooking, Robotics, Crafts, Basketball Camps, and more. **We are aiming for the first day of Enrichment classes to be Wednesday, September 16.** The start date is dependent on how quickly we can collect all of the course request forms.

Now is the time for students to request the Enrichment course that they would like to take for term 1 and 2. You will find an Enrichment course request sheet and description sheet attached. Please read both carefully and complete the course request sheet. Please have your child complete the course request sheet and return it to his/her Mentorship teacher during the first week of school. Please be sure that your child's course request sheet is handed in by **Friday, September 11.**

Please note that Enrichment course placements are not first-come, first-serve. We will do our best to place students in one of their requested Enrichment courses.

KEY DATES FOR THE ENRICHMENT REQUEST PROCESS:

Friday, August 28 – Grade 6 and 7 students receive Enrichment Course Requests sheets at WEB Orientation Day

Tuesday, September 8 – Grade 8 students receive Enrichment Course Request sheets from their Mentorship teachers. Any Grade 6 or 7 student who did not receive sheets during WEB Orientation may get a sheet from their Mentorship teacher as well.

Friday, September 11 – All course request sheets due to the students' Mentorship teachers.

Wednesday, September 16 – First day of Enrichment courses.

RMS Term 1 & 2 Enrichment Request Sheet

Name: _____ Grade: _____
First Name Last Name

Mentorship Teacher*: _____ Date: _____

**You will learn your Mentorship teacher's name on the first day of school. If you don't know your Mentorship teachers name yet, leave this line blank.*

STEP 1: I am in grade 7 or 8 and want to take Band YES _____ NO _____
Band Enrichment is a year-long commitment. Band students will also take one band-friendly course. Non-band students may take two band-friendly courses OR one non-friendly course.

STEP 2: Please make five (5) Enrichment requests from the courses listed below. Number your requests (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) in order of preference (1 = first choice, 2 = second choice, etc).

- **BAND STUDENTS:** Please make your five requests from the "Band-friendly" section only
- **NON-BAND STUDENTS:** You may request any five courses in either of the sections below

BAND-FRIENDLY COURSES

Non-band students may request these courses too! Non-band students may take two band-friendly courses OR one non-friendly course. Band students will take band and one band-friendly course.

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| ___ Badminton (6, 7, 8) - Gym | ___ MindUp (6, 7, 8) – Pt. 8 |
| ___ Ball Hockey (6, 7, 8) – Pt. 5 (Outside paved area) | ___ Nail & String Art (6, 7, 8) – Rm. 2 |
| ___ Basketball Performance (6, 7, 8) – Gym | ___ Media Arts (6, 7, 8) – Pt. 7 |
| ___ Chess (6, 7, 8) – Pt. 8 | ___ Reader's Choice (6, 7, 8) - Library |
| ___ Drama/Improv (6, 7, 8) – Stage | ___ Soccer (6, 7, 8) – Sports field |
| ___ Game Strategy (6, 7, 8) – Rm. 11 | ___ Yoga (6, 7, 8) - Auditorium |
| ___ Genius Hour (6, 7, 8) – Rm. 24 | ___ Girl's Group (7, 8 girls) – Rm. 13 |

NOT BAND-FRIENDLY COURSES

Only non-band students may request these courses. Band students only may request from the list of band-friendly courses above.

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| ___ Card Making (6, 7, 8) – (Pt. 6) | ___ Outdoor Recreation (6, 7, 8) – Rm. 25 & Outside |
| ___ Community Building – WEB students only – Cafeteria | ___ Performance Training (6, 7, 8) – Weight Room |
| ___ Crafts (8) – Pt. 3 (two term course) | ___ Robotics (6, 7, 8) – Metal Shop |
| ___ Dance Fitness (6, 7, 8) - Auditorium | ___ Run, Bike, Run (6, 7, 8) - Outside |
| ___ Healthy Eating Initiative – Rm. 1 | ___ Sewing Basics (6, 7) – Sewing Room |
| ___ Knitting (6, 7, 8) – Pt. 2 | ___ Social Justice (6, 7, 8) – Rm. 14 |
| ___ Outdoor Education (8) – Rm. 28 | ___ Yearbook (6, 7, 8) – Rm. 29 |

OPTIONAL:

___ I would like to take one of my choices in both term 1 and 2. If so, which one(s)? _____

___ **STRATEGIES:** During Enrichment, some of our students may be assigned a Strategies block to help strengthen their reading, writing, or math skills. Please make this selection only if you would like to be considered for a Strategies block.