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**Middle School  
Gifted and Talented  
Program  
Honors Classes**

Middle School is an exciting time for both you and your student.

In the Bay City Public Schools, each Middle School offers a section of core content classes within the Gifted and Talented Program.

Honors English

Honors Math

Honors Science

Honors Social Studies



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**HONORS CLASSES IN  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
2008-2009  
SEVENTH GRADE**



Handy Middle School



Western Middle School

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## *Seventh Grade Honors Class Offerings...*

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### English Language Arts

Honors Language Arts is designed to focus on 8th grade Michigan Content Expectations. Students will be reading, analyzing, and writing within a variety of genres as contained in the 8th grade course text, including but not limited to--

- Comparative/persuasive essay
- Technical/newspaper sources
- Historical/realistic/science fiction
- Biography
- Journal/memoir
- Poetry
- Research project
- Novels

Correct grammatical skills will be demonstrated through exercises, writing, and speaking. Vocabulary development and listening skills will be stressed throughout all phases of this course. This class emphasizes higher-level thinking skills and creative thought. Students function as self-directed learners, as cooperative group members, and in leadership roles.



### Mathematics

Students will learn mathematics that is based on 8th grade Michigan Content Expectations. The focus of the 8th grade Content Expectations is Algebra.

Topics covered include:

- Expressions
- Solving equations
- Quadratic relationships
- Direct variation
- Indirect variation
- Slope
- Exponents
- Radicals
- Transformational geometry
- Data
- Probability

Students will work individually, in pairs, or in groups to solve mathematical problems.

### Science

Honors Science will expose students to a diverse grouping of science topics this year. The format for teaching these topics is hands-on, mind-on projects and lab experiences.



The topics listed below are from the Michigan Content Expectations for 7th grade science.

- **Science Process** – inquiry process, analysis, communication, reflection and social implications
- **Physical Science** – energy and changes in matter
- **Life Science** – organization of living things and photosynthesis
- **Earth Science** – Solar Energy, Weather, Atmosphere, and Human Consequences

### Science (continued)

Honors students will be engaged in different activities to learn 7th grade science. The readings, projects and assignments will be chosen and graded according to the 7th grade Science and 8th grade English Language Arts State Content Expectations.

**All Honors students will be required to participate in the March science fair.**



### Social Studies

In 7th grade, students will study the people, culture, and geography of the Eastern Hemisphere. It begins with pre-history and continues through the Renaissance up to present day. Students will construct meaningful understandings of fundamental themes in history, geography, and economics regarding persisting regional problems and issues. The course is chronologically organized and regional in scope. It enables the students be view themselves as members of a global community who appreciate diversity in the world.

Students will be expected to make connections between the areas they are studying in the Eastern Hemisphere with current events that occur. Students will be expected to explain these connections either verbally or in written form.

**Students will be expected to apply their learning in and beyond the classroom through essay contests and competitions.**

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