



## RMS Connections Courses & Descriptions

### **Academic Support Courses:**

#### ***ELL/ML Reading Enrichment***

Allows students to reinforce Language Arts skills through additional assistance in specific areas of need, such as reading and writing, through comprehension.

#### ***Math Enrichment***

This course will preview, review, and support essential math skills and concepts geared toward improving student's overall mastery of mathematics in direct correlation with their regular math classroom instruction.

### **CTAE (Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education):**

#### ***Audio Visual Technology and Film***

This course provides students with the opportunity to learn the basics of video and film techniques through hands-on learning.

#### ***Business Education***

This course is designed to provide an overview of business and technology skills required for today's business environment. Students will learn essentials for working in a business environment, managing a business, and owning a business.

#### ***Computer Sciences***

Students are introduced to computers, software, and algorithmic processes as a way of thinking which is relevant and applicable to a wide range of contexts. They learn by collaborating with their peers. Students also develop habits of problem-solving.

#### ***Journalism***

Journalism is exclusively available to 8th graders, offering students real-world experiences through article writing for our school newspaper, the "Titan Times," interviewing local leaders and people of influence, photographing student life for our yearbook, and more. This course aligns with Gwinnett County Public Schools AKS, fostering practical skills in writing, photography, design, and critical thinking.

#### ***Marketing***

This course will ensure that students learn how marketing is imperative to our economy. Students will gain knowledge about basic marketing concepts, and they will develop skills that allow them to use marketing information through project-based instruction.

#### ***Technical Engineering***

Students will work through an engineering design process that reinforces the areas of math, science, social studies, and language arts through practical applications and hands-on activities. This course is also designed to promote student leaders, as they understand how engineering & technology impact them, the world around them, and careers available to them in the field.



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### **Fine Arts:**

#### ***Band***

The purpose of band class is to introduce and to cultivate musical literacy and improve the technical musical skill of each student through rehearsals, utilizing a wide range of musical styles for performances.

#### ***Chorus***

The primary purpose of the RMS Chorus Program is to provide students with the opportunity to sing and perform advanced repertoire in various genres. Our mission is to provide a superior choral music education in which students gain not only musical skills and a life-long appreciation of music, but also develop individual skills and strategies that will help them to be successful in all academic areas and throughout their lives.

#### ***General Music***

General Music explores the history and importance of music around the world and basics of music theory and composition.

#### ***Guitar***

Students will learn the fundamentals of music and the basic skills necessary to play a wide variety of music styles including simple and full-strum chords, strumming patterns, playing/singing simple melodies, parts of the guitar, and ensemble skills. No experience is necessary to join this class and an instrument will be provided to use during the school day.

#### ***Media Arts***

Students in each grade level will explore a different type of digital art from animation, graphic design, to 3D modeling.

#### ***Music Tech***

This course explores music creation using modern tools and techniques. Students work on the latest Apple computers and software used in the music industry. This project-based class will introduce students to the basics to get them started expressing their musical talents.

#### ***Orchestra***

Students in the orchestra classes will work on techniques for their chosen string instrument (violin, viola, cello, or bass) and develop the skills to perform in a small and large ensemble group.

#### ***Piano***

Piano Performance is a course offered exclusively to eighth grade students. In this course, students will learn the parts of the instrument, how to read the musical staff, and basic piano performance techniques.

#### ***Visual Arts***

Students focus on further developing art skills, vocabulary, creativity, as well as the history.



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### **Foreign Language:**

#### ***Beginners Spanish & Spanish I***

Engages students on the progressive development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.

#### ***Spanish for Native Speakers***

This engaging and dynamic course is designed specifically for 7th and 8th graders already familiar with Spanish through their family or community background. By the end of the course, students will have a greater appreciation for the Spanish language and the vibrant cultures it represents as well as a stronger connection to their heritage.

### **Health & Physical Education Courses:**

#### ***Health***

Students will learn about physical, mental, emotional, and social health. It builds students' knowledge, skills, and positive attitudes about being healthy in these areas.

#### ***Physical Education***

This course provides students with the opportunity to learn a variety of sports and sport-related movements as well as health and fitness concepts. Health topics relate to nutrition, fitness, health, and wellness.