

# Benzie Central Middle School

## 7<sup>th</sup> GRADES COURSES

English 7	The focus of this class is on writing effectively for different audiences using 6 traits writing. Students will also focus upon different genres of literature, novel study, oral and auditory communication skills and informational text and technical writing. Students will also develop an understanding of grammar and parts of speech.
Honors English 7	The concepts of English 7 are already useful and understood for these students. Students will focus upon historical fiction, Shakespeare, and effective writing for different genres and purposes. Students are expected to read difficult text, as well as write and revise independently. Prerequisites for this class include teacher recommendation.
Math 7	Math 7 - This course follows the Common Core State Standards for 7th grade which focus on the 8 math practices (taught K-12) and topics which include Number Systems, Expressions & Equations, Ratios & Proportional Relationships, Geometry, & Statistics & Probability.
Honors Math 7	Honors Math 7 - This is an accelerated class to prepare students for High School Algebra I in the 8th grade. Content will include all of the 7th grade math expectations along with much of the 8th grade math expectations. This class is very fast-paced, so students must have a strong understanding of 6th grade math concepts, maintained a B+ or better average, performed well on tests, be an independent learner, & have a written recommendation by their teacher. Excellent attendance & work ethic is a must.
Science 7	An integrated curriculum consisting of the study of Biology, Ecology, and Earth Science. Students will demonstrate their knowledge through labs, observations, projects, and writing.
Social Studies 7	The student will study ancient civilizations through close reading, lecture, note taking, and activities. Elements of the course include geography, government, history, and economics.
Advisory	This class supports academic success and is intended to provide consistent adult guidance at school. All middle school students will be assigned an Advisor and will meet with them each day. Advisory builds relationships between teachers and students to promote academic success.

### Electives (choose two)

**The following classes are year long, you MAY NOT change at any time during the year**

Band	Must have been in sixth grade band. Daily participation in class and practice sheets are used for grading as well as participation in the seasonal evening concerts.
Choir	This class involves daily singing and practice and participation in seasonal evening concerts.
Physical Education	A co-ed class where health and hygiene are emphasized by earning grades for dressing out and participating in daily exercises and sports activities to increase physical fitness.
Basic Theater	This Basic Theater Art class teaches music appreciation, drama, and theater activities through individual and group activities.
Art	This introductory Art class brings together many different hands on projects in a variety of mediums to enhance the student's visual art experience.