

Benzie Central Middle School

8th GRADE COURSES

English	Areas of concentration will be: Fiction and non-fiction literature, drama, poetry, myths, and oral traditions. Added emphasis will be two novels. Vocabulary will be stressed in all areas.
Honors English	This class concentrates on classic literature through novel study and the ability to demonstrate knowledge of material through written language. Prerequisites include: Having taken Honors English 7 AND written teacher recommendation.
Math 8	This course is designed to prepare students for Algebra I in 9 th grade. It covers the Common Core State Standards for 8 th grade math. Topics include, but are not limited to: linear equations and inequalities, systems of equations, functions, statistics and geometry. 4/5/2012
Algebra I	This class is designed for the accelerated math student, who achieved a B+ or better in Honors Math 7. This class is worth one high school credit towards graduation and will also begin a high school GPA. The course is divided into 5 units consisting of linear, quadratic, polynomial, and exponential functions, as well as mathematical modeling. Prerequisites include: Having taken Honors Math 7 AND teacher recommendation. 4/5/12
Science	An integrated curriculum consisting of the study of matter, energy, chemistry, motion and forces, while making connections to the physical world. Students will demonstrate their knowledge through labs, observations, projects, and writing. This class is worth one high school credit towards graduation and will also begin a high school GPA 4/5/12
U.S. History I	Eighth grade U.S. History I is a full year course. The student through reading, lecture, projects, and activities will explore the history of the United States. The elements of study include geography, government, history, and economics from the American Revolution to 1900.
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.
Enrichment	A sequence of four, nine-week, courses of study to enhance career exposure in the areas of: Spanish, Natural Resources & Agriscience, Career exploration and Health education.

*** Prerequisites for classes**

Elective (Choose One):

The following classes are a yearlong, you MAY NOT change at any time during the year.

Band

Choir

Art

Physical Education