

SOCIAL SCIENCE

COURSE CONTENT

UNITED STATES HISTORY

- Exploration, Settlement, Revolution
- Constitution/Political Processes/Civic Engagement
- Developing a New Nation
- Westward Expansion & Division
- Civil War/Reconstruction
- Industrialization

SKILLS

- Analyzing Text for Information
- Primary Source Documents
- Research Methods
- Oral/Written Reports
- Cooperative Learning
- Academic Discussion
- Engaging in Arguments using Evidence
- Digital Citizenship
- Geography Skills

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS AT GOMS

Book Club
Drama Club
Running Club
Broadcasting Club
Creative Writing Club
Art Club
Game Club
Math Contest Squad Club
Looming for Love Club
Chess Club
Archery Club
Ukelele Club
Cyber Security Club
Christian Club
GSA Club
Makerspace Club
D&D Club

MISSION STATEMENT
Our mission at Granite Oaks Middle School, a leader in collaborative and dynamic learning, is to inspire all students to develop their unique abilities with a well-balanced, quality educational experience through high academic standards and diverse extra curricular opportunities strengthened by engagement with our families and community.

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The 8th grade curriculum at Granite Oaks is based on the California Common Core State Standards (CCCSS). The CCCSS focus is on critical thinking and problem solving and supports reading, writing, speaking and listening skills infused throughout the curriculum.

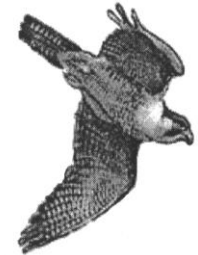
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8th Grade

Parent and Student Guide To Understanding the Eighth Grade Academic Program



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Rocklin Unified School District

2021-2022

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INTRODUCTION

Granite Oaks Middle School is a highly academic school. At Granite Oaks, each student is assigned to an academy; academies are teams of up to four teachers with 70 to 140 students. All academies have rigorous expectations in the core curricular areas of language arts, mathematics, social science and science. All students are expected to meet or exceed the same high learning standards. Each academy will teach the same course content which incorporates the state-mandated standards and district benchmarks in each subject area.

SCIENCE

COURSE CONTENT

- Structure and Properties of Matter
- Chemical Reactions
- Forces and Interactions
- Energy
- Waves and Electromagnetic Radiation
- Engineering Practices

SKILLS

- Asking Questions and Defining Problems
- Developing and Using Models
- Planning and Carrying Out Investigations
- Analyzing and Interpreting Data
- Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking
- Constructing Explanations
- Engaging in Arguments from Evidence
- Obtaining, Evaluating and Communicating Information

LANGUAGE ARTS

COURSE CONTENT

Writing

- Argumentative
- Informative/Expository
- Narrative/Hero's Journey
- Literary Analysis

Reading

- Literature
- Informational Text

Language

- Conventions
- Vocabulary

Speaking and Listening

- Presentations (including multimedia)
- Collaborative Discussions
- Performances

SKILLS

- Close Reading
- Note Taking/Annotating
- Time Management
- Test Taking Strategies
- Cooperative Learning
- Organization

ADVANCED ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Students in the advanced course engage in highly-differentiated curriculum in order to help prepare them for advanced classes in high school. In addition to analyzing text and writing academic essays, students participate in literature circles, socratic seminars, expert panel discussions, blog posts and 20time projects. Students are also exposed to higher level learning through an introduction to Shakespeare and literary criticism theory. Interested students are admitted into the program

through a recommendation from their 7th grade teacher in the spring. The expectation is that students are strong readers and writers going into this program.

MATHEMATICS COURSE CONTENT

- Algebra
- Area/Volume
- Geometry
- Problem Solving
- Probability/Stats
- Pattern/Functions
- Proportions, Ratio, Percent

TOOLS

(For Mathematics and Science)

- Scientific Calculator
- Graph Paper
- Metric Ruler

ACCELERATED MATHEMATICS (BY PLACEMENT)

Integrated I is the first mathematics course of the three-year sequence offered at Rocklin and Whitney High Schools. Students taking Integrated I in 8th grade will not receive high school credit, though the course grade will appear on their high school transcript.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL QUALIFYING STUDENTS
S.O.A.R.
California Junior Scholarship Federation (CJSF)
Student Senate (ASB)
Symphonic Band
Spelling Bee
Athletics
Dance Team
Academic Pep Rally
Math and Science Olympiad