



Seventh Grade Benchmarks

Middle School Habits of Mind

- Engagement: Participates fully and collaboratively in school, community, and academic life.
- Integrity: Exhibits ethical behavior and honesty, providing service for the common good.
- Responsibility: Takes care of self, others, and the school as a learner, friend, advocate, and citizen.
- Reflection: Thinks constructively and critically, contemplating the learning and actions of self and others.
- Resilience: Demonstrates persistence while working through challenges.
- Flexibility: Questions the world from varying perspectives, adapting prior knowledge to generate new solutions.

Seventh Grade Science

- Develops reasonable hypotheses, asks relevant questions.
- Devises a step-by-step procedure to solve problems and make decisions.
- Works safely and collaboratively to develop solutions to scientific problems.
- Accurately collects, records, analyzes, evaluates and presents data.
- Uses data to support conclusions.
- Demonstrates understanding of content and key concepts in current units of study.
- Demonstrates an understanding of the use and care of standard laboratory equipment.

Seventh Grade Mathematics

- Shares and writes mathematical reasoning and processes
- Attends to precision, reviews strategies, steps, and calculations for accuracy
- Makes connections between projects and real-life scenarios to mathematical concepts
- Evaluates proportional relationships and applies them to solve problems involving rates, ratios, percent, scale, and equivalency
- Demonstrates the ability to apply understandings of mathematical operations to rational numbers
- Solves problems using numerical and algebraic expressions, equations, and inequalities
- Analyzes problems by identifying relationships, distinguishing relevant from irrelevant information, sequencing and prioritizing information, and observing patterns
- Solves multi-step equations and inequalities that involve integers, fractions, and decimals
- Draws, constructs, and describes geometrical figures and their relationships
- Solves problems involving angle measure, area, surface area, and volume
- Collects, organizes, and represents data sets to identify relationships draw inferences about populations

Seventh Grade Humanities

Reading:

- Reads and prepares for class discussion
- Determines the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in texts and vocabulary study
- Understands and identifies the literary devices presented this term.
- Demonstrates the ability to select important information from a text
- Annotates text with guidance
- Demonstrates comprehension by summarizing, analyzing, and forming opinions based on textual evidence
- Demonstrates comprehension by asking and answering literal, interpretive, and evaluative questions

Writing:

- Follows the conventions of standard English grammar, punctuation, and spelling
- Employs prewriting, editing and revising to complete work
- Writes narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events
- Writes stories that show clear storyline and descriptive details
- Writes informative pieces to explain a topic
- Writes arguments to support a position and explore a counterclaim
- Creates poetry incorporates classic poetic techniques
- Writes in complete sentences that vary in length, structure and vocabulary
- Writes a well-organized multi-paragraph essay that has a clear introduction, supporting details, and conclusion
- Develops a thesis statement that guides the topic
- Uses domain specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

Speaking and Listening:

- Follows agreed upon rules for discussion
- Makes statements and asks questions that show relevant thinking
- Engages in class discussions effectively and regularly
- Demonstrates effective presentation skills

Social Studies:

- Independently organizes information in note form
- Identifies fact, opinion, and bias
- Conducts research projects drawing on multiple sources
- Provides bibliographic information for sources
- Engages in interactive projects in a manner that shows preparation and responsibility
- Completes thorough and thoughtful entries in the Interactive Notebook
- Demonstrates understanding of content and key concepts in current units

Seventh Grade Physical Education

- Combine manipulative, locomotor, and nonlocomotor skills into movement patterns.

- Analyzes movement patterns and correct errors.
- Assess one's own muscle strength, muscle endurance, aerobic capacity, flexibility, and body composition.
- Assess periodically the attainment of, or progress toward, personal physical fitness goals and make necessary adjustments to a personal physical fitness program.
- Sportsmanship (Winning/Losing)
- Participates productively in Sports Games
- Participates productively in Fitness Activities
- Describe the role of physical activity and nutrition in achieving physical fitness.
- Overall Attitude

Seventh Grade Music

Instrument Competency

- Demonstrates beginning to intermediate technique on applied instrument

Ensemble

- Performs as part of an ensemble and works with other members of the group

Aural Skills and Analysis

- Demonstrates an analytical ear and is able to identify instrumentation, style, and the main musical ideas of a work

Music Theory

- Demonstrates an understanding of basic music fundamentals and terminology, including an understanding of music notation

Rhythmic Competency

- Maintains a steady beat while singing and/or playing an instrument

The Student:

- Maintains focus during lessons and uses class time productively
- Shows respect for the instruments and equipment
- Participates fully and shares musical ideas

Seventh Grade Visual Art

- Explores creative solutions to an assignment
- Uses constructive feedback and critique to deeply engage in the artistic process
- Sustains increasing effort throughout a process
- Analyzes, interprets, and selects own artistic work for presentation
- Demonstrates an understanding and reflection of their own artwork
- Incorporates principles of design in artwork
- Synthesizes and relate knowledge and personal experiences to create art
- Shows awareness and perception of culture and how it reflects in works of art
- Uses unconventional materials to create original art

Seventh Grade Spanish

- Accurately responds and asks basic conversational questions

- Expresses feelings, agreement, disagreement and opinions in the target language
- Makes affirmative and negative statements on familiar topics
- Recalls and begins to use previously taught vocabulary
- Expresses possession using singular possessive adjectives
- Begins to use reflexive verbs
- Uses adjectives to describe people, animals and places in detail
- Uses the correct conjugations for -AR, -ER, -IR regular verbs in the present tense
- Uses the correct conjugations for some irregular verbs, including “Ser” and “Estar” (Verb “To Be”), “Tener” (Verb “To Have”) and “Ir” (Verb “To Go”) in the present tense
- Begins to use the correct conjugations for the present progressive tense
- Understands written language on a variety of topics
- Presents basic information in the target language