

## The following is a list of program offerings at Mountain Sky Middle School:

Students will have seven periods in their schedules filled with the following:

### Required Courses – (one period each)

*Language Arts or READ 180 or Advanced L/A	full year
Math Courses 7, 8, Alg. 1-2 (one period)	full year
Social Studies (one period)	full year
Science or Seminar Science (one period)	full year
*Note: Language Arts and READ 180 are 2 periods long. Advanced Language Arts is only one period.	

### House Exploratory Courses– (one period each)

#### Entrepreneurialism Program

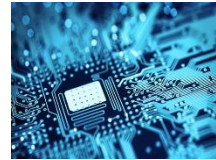
Communications	1 semester – 7 <sup>th</sup> grade
Personal Finance/Economics	1 semester – 7 <sup>th</sup> grade
Entrepreneurialism I	1 semester – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade
Entrepreneurialism II	1 semester – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade
*Art – Media Production Studio	1 semester – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade



*Classes are subject to change pending staffing, student enrollment, number of students qualifying, or availability due to budget changes.*

#### STEAM Program

Computer Science Applications	1 semester – 7 <sup>th</sup> grade
Computer Science Programming	1 semester – 7 <sup>th</sup> grade
Robotics	1 semester – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade
Engineering	1 semester – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade
*Art – Production and Design Lab	1 semester – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade



### Electives– (one period each)

Band	full year
Jazz Band	full year
Orchestra	full year
Chorus	full year
P. E.	1 semester
Piano	1 semester



\*Art Lab or Studio may be taken by 7<sup>th</sup> grade only if student has 3 electives (see Advanced Language Arts)

## CRITERIA FOR A SEVENTH GRADE STUDENT PLACEMENT

### Language Arts

#### **Course Title: Seminar Language Arts**

1. Qualifies as verbally gifted (97% on Cognitive Abilities Test – CogAT)  
OR
2. Labeled as Exceeding on the Reading portion of the AzMERIT test. *(Pending class size, scores falling within 5 points of the exceeding range may be considered)*  
OR
3. Students coming from other districts/states receiving a qualifying score on one of the approved tests for gifted placement may be enrolled in the class

### Mathematics

#### **Course Title: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math**

1. Has mastered 7<sup>th</sup> grade district assessment and qualifies as quantitatively gifted (97% on Cognitive Abilities Test – CogAT).  
OR
2. Has shown mastery on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade district assessment (if available) and teacher’s recommendation.  
OR
3. Is labeled as “Exceeding” on the Math portion of the AzMERIT test, and has a prior teacher’s recommendation.

### Science

#### **Course Title: Seminar General Science**

1. Qualifies as non-verbally gifted (97% on Cognitive Abilities Test – CogAT)  
OR
2. Comes highly recommended from previous science instructors and shows a strong aptitude for science reflected in their previous grades.  
OR
3. Students coming from other districts/states receiving a qualifying score on one of the approved tests for gifted placement may be enrolled in the class.

**NOTE:** Teacher recommendations are not a guarantee for advanced placement. Students will first be placed based on above criteria, then any interested students will be placed on a waiting list. At that time, teacher recommendation may be a factor considered.