

SNAKE RIVER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



2024-2025 REGISTRATION GUIDE

Dear Students,

We are so happy to welcome you to Snake River Junior High (SRJH). Your years at SRJH will be filled with great instruction, activities, and opportunities for success. We encourage you to get involved in the many programs, activities, and athletic opportunities that we offer.

At SRJH we have high expectations for our students and community. We work hard to provide a stimulating, safe, and respectful learning environment, and we expect you to work hard in return. We look forward to your participation in this process.

This manual is a source of information designed to help you pick your classes for next year. There is specific information for each class, as well as general information for all students. It is important that you work directly with your parents, teachers, and school counselor in planning and selecting courses that will benefit you not only for this year, but for future years as well.

We are looking forward to working with you next year. If you or your parents have any questions, please feel free to call our office and ask for our counselor or principal.

Sincerely,
Mr. R. Dunn

Snake River Junior High Office Staff



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Required Courses

7th Grade Required Courses

3 Trimesters	Math 7 or Pre-Algebra
3 Trimesters	Language Arts
3 Trimesters	Science
2 Trimesters	Social Studies
1 Trimester	Health
1 Trimester	Physical Education Class
3 Trimesters	Electives (5)

8th Grade Required Courses

3 Trimesters	Pre-Algebra
3 Trimesters	Language Arts
3 Trimesters	Science
2 Trimesters	Social Studies
1 Trimester	Physical Education Class
1 Trimester	College and Career
3 Trimesters	Electives (5)

Advanced Learning Program

High School Courses Availability for junior high students

(additional online classes offered through other platforms)

3 Trimesters	Algebra A, B, and C
2 Trimesters	English 1A and 1B
3 Trimesters	Physical Science A, B, and C
2 Trimesters	Spanish 1A and 1B
1 Trimester	Advanced Athletics (Spring)

SRHS Associate Pathway

8th Grade Year					College Credit Count	High School Credit Count
	Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3	Summer		
English	Honors English	English 1A	English 1B			2
Math	Algebra 1A	Algebra 1B	Algebra 1C			3
Science	Physical Science A	Physical Science B	Physical Science C			3
Business				Business Computer Apps		1
IDLA/ELEC				DC Intro to Gen Ed (GNED 101)	3	2
9th Grade Year						
	Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3	Summer		
English	English 2A	English 2B				2
Math	Geometry A	Geometry B	Geometry C			3
Science	Biology A	Biology B	Biology C			3
Speech				DC Communications 101 (Speech)	3	2
Health				DC Wellness Through Healthy Living	3	2
10th Grade Year						
	Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3	Summer		
English	English 3A	English 3B				2
Math	Algebra 2A	Algebra 2B	Algebra 2C	DC College Algebra	3	5
Science	DC Biology A	DC Biology B/DC Chemistry A	DC Chemistry B		8	4
Humanities				DC Foreign Language	3	2
PE				DC Lifetime Fitness	3	2
11th Grade Year						
	Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3	Summer		
English	DC English 101 A	DC English 101 B			3	2
Math	Precalculus A	Precalculus B	Precalculus C			3
Humanities	DC Literature A	DC Literature B			3	2
Social Studies	DC US History A	DC US History B	DC US History C		6	3
Financial Literacy				DC Personal Finance (FINA 102)	3	2
IDLA/ELEC				DC Elective	3	2
IDLA/ELEC				DC Elective	3	2
12th Grade Year						
	Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3			
English		DC English 102 A	DC English 102 B		3	2
Social Studies	DC PolySci A	DC PolySci B	DC Macroeconomics		6	3
Senior Project		Senior Project				1
Math/ELEC	AP Calculus A OR DC Math ELEC	AP Calculus B OR DC Math ELEC	AP Calculus C		3	3
IDLA/ELEC	DC Elective	DC Elective			3	2
				Total	62	65

Math Department



Mr. Jarom Luker
7th grade Math



Mr. Kip Motta
8th grade Math

7th Grade Math The Math 7 curriculum includes 7th Grade instruction in solving two-step variable equations, manipulating fractions, ratios, proportions, decimals, and percents. Graphing, standard and metric measurement, area and perimeter of shapes, solving word problems, and using and describing positives and negatives are also covered.

8th grade Pre-Algebra

The Math 8 class focuses on formulating and reasoning about expressions, equations, and functions. Modeling an association data, analyzing space and figures using distance, angle, similarity, congruence, and understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem are also covered.

9th grade Algebra

Prerequisite- PreAlgebra or teacher approval.

This high school course is tailored for students who aspire to engage in an advanced academic program. The Algebra class is an advanced math course which is designed to help students acquire algebraic understanding, and problem-solving strategies for both equations and problems, polynomials, factoring, fractions, ratios and proportions, percent problems, mixture problems, exponents, linear equations and systems, introduction to functions, and graphing.

Math Intervention

Math Intervention is a class or a **period of time devoted to helping students who have been unsuccessful in math by providing additional time and resources.** Oftentimes, a math intervention class is smaller in size offering more instruction and time in math.

Language Arts Department



Mr. Wayne Adams
English/Outdoor Idaho/Bushcraft



Mr. Tyler Parkinson
English/Careers



Mrs. Heather Miller
8th & 9th grade English

Language Arts 7 & 8

Language Arts emphasizes the skills of reading, writing, speaking, and grammar. Students read teacher-selected and self-chosen short stories, plays, poems, and 7th and 8th grade novels. Through these selections, students learn vocabulary, discuss and analyze elements of literature and demonstrate comprehension by answering assigned questions. The writing process is presented and practiced.

Honors Language Arts 8A

Students will read a variety of challenging genres. They are expected to spend many hours outside of class studying vocabulary, reading literature for class, and writing essays. We participate in numerous group discussions, presentations, and peer-reviews. Students must pass honors language arts first trimester with an 'A' or 'B' in order to continue on to the 9th grade course.

HS English 1A:

Course Eligibility: Completion of Honors Language Arts 8A with a grade of C or better.

This high school course is tailored for students who aspire to engage in an advanced academic program. It offers a high school curriculum catering to the needs and ambitions of motivated students seeking to excel in their studies.

Course Description

Students will write, read, and analyze a variety of texts in order to “connect with the written word as a pathway to self-exploration and a broader global perspective,” as stated in the Idaho Common Core State Standards.

The course will review literary nonfiction genres of autobiographies, biographies, memoirs, editorials, observations, informative texts, news reports, and speeches. The student will gain experience in reading, writing, listening, speaking, and viewing for personal use, as a citizen and consumer, in the workplace, for cultural enrichment, in the Fine Arts, and for lifelong learning. Students will respond to selections, analyze, compare and contrast, synthesize, evaluate, argue, use critical thinking skills, and learn process oriented writing.

HS English 1B:

Course Eligibility: Completion of English 1A with a grade of C or better.

This high school course is tailored for students who aspire to engage in an advanced academic program. It offers a high school curriculum catering to the needs and ambitions of motivated students seeking to excel in their studies.

Course Description:

Students will write, read, and analyze a variety of texts in order to “connect with the written word as a pathway to self-exploration and a broader global perspective,” as stated in the Idaho Common Core State Standards.

The course will review literary fiction genres of short stories, descriptive essays, poetry, novels, and narratives of varying sources. The students will gain experience in reading, writing, listening, speaking, and viewing for personal use, as a citizen and consumer, in the workplace, for cultural enrichment, in the Fine Arts, and for lifelong learning.

Students will respond to selections, analyze, infer, summarize, determine theme, show characterizations, develop meanings, analyze figurative language, identify sound devices, explore connotations, identify structure, identify point of view and style, compare and contrast in different mediums, utilize source material for creative writing.

Career and College Exploration

What career are you best suited for? In this course, students will explore career options in many different fields including business, health science, education, and information technology. Students will explore colleges, technical schools, military branches, and scholarship options.

Outdoor Idaho

Fee: \$20

A course designed to give students an understanding of outdoor activities in Idaho.. Students will learn basic etiquette and safety for motorcycles, atvs, and snowmobiles. They will gain some basic understanding of different areas or Idaho, dog training, bushcraft, and some evidence for the legendary Sasquatch.

Bushcraft Idaho

Fee: \$20

Could you survive alone in the wilderness? The students in this class will learn some knife, ax and hatchet, fire starting, and shelter skills. The class emphasizes that students will teach each other these skills.

Science Department



Mr. Matthew Niu
8th Grade Science



Ms. Lisa Young
7th grade Science

Life Science 7th grade course.

This class is intended to enhance the student's understanding and use of natural sciences. The instruction is primarily aimed at aiding the continued development of skills involved with observing, measuring, sampling, researching, experimenting, documenting, and presenting.

Earth/Physical Science 8th grade course.

This class emphasizes scientific investigation and laboratory experiments that integrate technology, math, summary writing and oral discussion. A mixture of assignments (some project-based) will be performed-some as an individual and others as part of a group

HS PHYSICAL SCIENCE A (Permission by counselor)

This high school course is tailored for students who aspire to engage in an advanced academic program. It offers a high school curriculum catering to the needs and ambitions of motivated students seeking to excel in their studies.

Prerequisite: Required of all 9th graders, open to 8th graders with a cumulative gpa of 3.5 or higher.

Emphasis on using the scientific method. The study of motion and forces including Newton's Laws will be studied. The second half of the trimester will be devoted to the study of the relationship between energy, work, and power. A brief study of electricity is also included. This is a laboratory class. **No lab fee**

HS PHYSICAL SCIENCE B (Permission by counselor)

This high school course is tailored for students who aspire to engage in an advanced academic program. It offers a high school curriculum catering to the needs and ambitions of motivated students seeking to excel in their studies.

Required for Grade: Required of all 9th graders, open to 8th graders with a cumulative gpa of 3.5 or higher.

The study of energy including energy resources, nuclear reactions, waves, the electromagnetic spectrum and how thermal energy affects matter will be studied. Students complete a group project on an energy resource. **No lab fee**

HS PHYSICAL SCIENCE C (Permission by counselor)

This high school course is tailored for students who aspire to engage in an advanced academic program. It offers a high school curriculum catering to the needs and ambitions of motivated students seeking to excel in their studies.

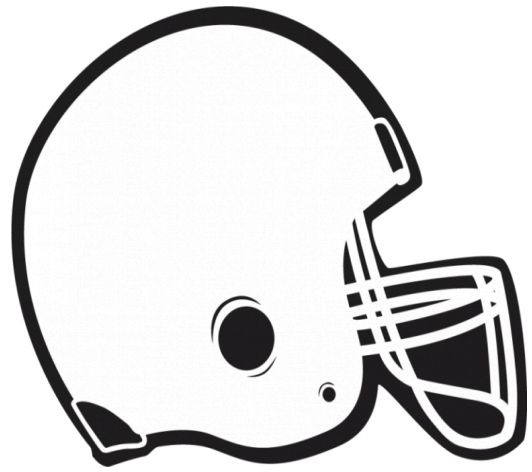
Required for Grade: Required of all 9th graders, open to 8th graders with a cumulative gpa of 3.5 or higher.

The study of the classification and properties of matter. Atomic structure, chemical bonds, chemical reactions, and conservation of energy and mass. Students complete an individual project relating chemistry to their lives. This is a laboratory class. **No lab fee**

Physical Education and Health Department



Mr. Michael Mow
P.E./Health



Mr. Jeff Dalley
P.E. / Intervention



Mr. Casey Ward
P.E.

Health This course is focused on assisting 7th Graders in developing and living a healthy and productive life. The goal of Health Education is to instill in each student the desire to practice sound principles of healthy living while being consistent with the Idaho Health Education Standards.

Physical Education This course is an orientation to physical education, and physical fitness. It is an introduction to basic skills and movement by participation and instruction in various activities. This includes motor skill development; health enhancing physical activity; and interactive behavior.

Sports in Cinema

This elective class will examine the developments of sports in America. Our study will focus on helping students gain a better understanding of the inner relationship that sports have in the United States as well as the world.

CrossFit

With constantly varied, high-intensity functional movements, CrossFit is a training philosophy that coaches people of all shapes and sizes to improve their physical well-being and cardiovascular fitness in a challenging yet accepting and encouraging environment.

Power Conditioning (8th grade only)

This course is designed to introduce the student to the correct techniques of weight lifting, as well as different exercises that target specific muscle groups. In this class, they will be able to identify different muscles and apply particular exercises to help improve their individual level of strength.

Walking and Jogging

The Walking and Jogging course will help students achieve a health-enhancing level of physical fitness. This course will “walk” you through improving your physical performance, and staying motivated. You will develop a variety of motor skills, and recognize the value of physical activity for health.

HS Advanced Athletics

Prerequisite: Must be on a high school athletic team or have an intention to try out for a high school team in 9th grade.

This high school course is tailored for students who aspire to engage in an advanced academic program.

Description: Development and training in athletic skills and weight training. It will be in the Spring during the 7th hour. Your coaches as well as Mr. Minto, Gardner, and Dalley will all be teaching this class. REMEMBER: if you play more than one sport, you give priority to the in-season sport.

HS Advanced Basketball

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Grade: 9-12

Prerequisite: Played on the boys or girls high school or 8th grade school team or with teacher approval for students wanting to try out for the upcoming season.

Description: This basketball class is a course that exposes students to man and zone offenses, man and zone defenses, individual basketball skills and teaches them the importance of physical well-being.

Social Studies Department



Mr. James Williams
8th Grade



Mr. Chris Huffman
7th grade

Social Studies

The integrated study of multiple fields of social science and the humanities, including history, culture, geography and political science.

History of Film

This course is designed to look at history through the use of movies, documentaries, and television. Selected films will be used to interpret history, reflect historical values, and determine the influence the media has had on history. Historical themes, film themes, and the impact of literature on film may be discussed. All films viewed during the course will have a PG13 rating or lower. The parent permission form will be distributed the first day of class.

Game of Life

This class is where reality and the game of life suspensefully meet! The class will be all about real-world financial situations that mirror the situations in the actual game of life. We will also play the board game in class.

Foreign Language

HS SPANISH 1A

This high school course is tailored for students who aspire to engage in an advanced academic program. It offers a high school curriculum catering to the needs and ambitions of motivated students seeking to excel in their studies.

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12, High School Course, open to 8th graders with a cumulative gpa of 3.5 or higher.

Prerequisite: none

The primary goal of beginning Spanish is to develop the ability to communicate in Spanish on limited topics. All of the communicative skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) will be emphasized. Emphasis is given to vocabulary development and mastering basic sound and grammatical structures that enable practical, conversational Spanish. The National standards for Foreign Language: communication, cultures, connections, comparisons, and communities will also be emphasized. Spanish will be the language of communication about half of the time in this class.

HS SPANISH 1B

This high school course is tailored for students who aspire to engage in an advanced academic program. It offers a high school curriculum catering to the needs and ambitions of motivated students seeking to excel in their studies.

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12, open to 8th graders with a cumulative gpa of 3.5 or higher.

Prerequisite: A grade of C or higher in Spanish 1A, or teacher recommendation. This course is a continuation of the goals listed for Spanish 1A

Music and Drama Department



Mr. Danny Leavitt
Choir & Rock Band



Miss Maggie Price
Orchestra



Mrs. KayLynn Hammond
Band



Mrs. Jana McBride
Drama

Band A

Instrument Required

Fee \$20

Prerequisite: Previous experience

First trimester of band class will focus on honing skills for excellence in band performance. Students will also get to play a variety of old and NEW music that covers a wide range of styles. *Concert participation is required. **Students are required to rent or bring their own instruments. Travel Fee may be required.**

Band B

Instrument Required

Fee \$20

Prerequisite: Previous experience

Second trimester of band class will continue to focus on improving the musical skills of each individual student. Students will also get to play a variety of old and NEW music, and the opportunity to play with the PEP BAND at the Varsity Basketball games (optional). *Concert participation is required. **Students are required to rent or bring their own instruments. Travel Fee may be required.**

Band C

Instrument Required

Fee \$20

Prerequisite: Previous experience

Third trimester of band class will allow the students to use their musical skills/abilities that they've been developing in an opportunity to play at a festival.

*Concert participation is required. **Students are required to rent or bring their own instruments. Travel Fee may be required.**

Percussion Ensemble A

Percussion Equipment Needed

Fee \$25

Prerequisite: Current Instrumentalist (Band or Orchestra)

The students will be introduced to both marching and concert percussion. The ensemble will learn different percussion rudiments to develop their percussion skills. Students will get to play a variety of instruments, and songs both older and NEW!! *Concert participation is required. **Travel Fee may be required.**

Percussion Ensemble B

Percussion Equipment Needed

Fee \$25

Prerequisite: Current Instrumentalist (Band or Orchestra)

The students will continue to advance their abilities on both marching and concert percussion instruments. The ensemble will expand their percussion rudiments to enhance their percussion skills. Students will get to play a variety of instruments, and songs both older and NEW!! *Concert participation is required. **Travel Fee may be required.**

Drama

Do you love acting and being on stage? Do you want to feel more comfortable auditioning for a play? This class will give you the experience you need, from acting to running lights, sound, designing sets, costumes and props.

Advanced Drama (Prerequisite Drama)

Have you taken Drama and want something more? In this class we will spend the trimester putting on a show and reviewing skills learned in Drama. We will create the set, costumes, props, lighting, and sound for a show to be put on at the end of the trimester.

Choir A

Fee \$10 (1x per year)

Learn to love your singing voice in a variety of songs including folk songs, festival songs, and Broadway songs. You will learn and/strengthen your music skills. **Travel Fee may be required.**

Choir B

Fee \$10 (1x per year)

Learn to love your singing voice in a variety of songs including folk songs, festival songs, and Broadway Songs. **Travel Fee may be required.**

Choir C

Fee \$10 (1x per year)

Learn to love your singing voice in a variety of songs including folk songs, festival songs, and Broadway songs. You will learn and/strengthen your music skills. **Travel Fee may be required.**

Orchestra 7A1 (Chello)

Instrument Required

Prerequisite: Previous experience or teacher approval. 7th grade orchestra fun will continue as we learn a variety of music to improve musicianship and playing skills. We will perform for the community and the school. Concert participation is required. **Travel Fee may be required.**

Orchestra 7A (Violin/Viola)

Instrument Required

Prerequisite: Previous experience or teacher approval. 7th grade orchestra fun will continue as we learn a variety of music to improve musicianship and playing skills. We will perform for the community and the school. Concert participation is required. **Travel Fee may be required.**

Orchestra 7B

Instrument Required

Prerequisite: Previous experience or teacher approval. 7th grade orchestra fun will continue as we learn a variety of music to improve musicianship and playing skills. We will perform for the community and the school. Concert participation is required. **Travel Fee may be required.**

Orchestra 7C

Instrument Required

Prerequisite: Previous experience

Violin, viola, cello, and string bass players are welcome! Students will use skills learned in trimesters 1-2 to create an advanced musical group that will perform in concert and at music festivals. Concert participation is required. **Travel Fee may be required.**

Orchestra 8A

Instrument Required

Prerequisite: Audition (see teacher for details or audition sheet)

An elite group for advanced orchestra players, who will play together and in small groups such as trios and quartets. Must have shifting, vibrato, sight reading and advanced bowing skills. **Travel Fee may be required.**

Orchestra 8B

Instrument Required

Prerequisite: Audition (see teacher for details or audition sheet)

An elite group for advanced orchestra players, who will play together. Must have shifting, vibrato, sight reading and advanced bowing skills. **Travel Fee may be required.**

Orchestra 8C

Instrument Required

Prerequisite: Previous experience

Violin, viola, cello, and string bass players are welcome! Students will use skills learned in trimesters 1-2 to create an advanced musical group that will perform in concert and at music festivals. Concert participation is required. **Travel Fee may be required.**

Beginning Guitar

Fee:\$6

If you want to learn to play the guitar, this is the class for you. Students will learn basic music skills and theory. Students will learn and perform songs on a guitar. **Travel Fee may be required.**

Beginning Rock Band (7th grade)

Prerequisite- Beginning Guitar or Teacher Approval.

The purpose of rock band class is ultimately to learn about being part of a live band. Students audition and focus on one aspect of the following; singing, guitar, bass, drums, keyboards or tech management. It's recommended that students take beginning guitar or other music classes prior to rock band class.

Travel Fee may be required.

Rock Band (8th grade)

Prerequisite- Guitar or Beginning Rock Band or Teacher Approval.

The purpose of rock band class is ultimately to learn about being part of a live band.

Students audition and focus on one aspect of the following; singing, guitar, bass, drums, keyboards or tech management. It's recommended that students take beginning guitar or other music classes prior to rock band class.

Travel Fee may be required.

Family and Consumer Science Department



Ms. Nicole Vasas

Young Living- Let's Cook! (7th grade)

Fee: \$30

Students will learn some of the basic skills they need in order to “Live on Their Own.” Emphasis will be placed on critical thinking and decision-making in relationship to practical life skills. Students will learn how to choose and prepare quick, nutritious snacks and meals; good grooming habits; babysitting skills; goals; and money management.

Advanced Young Living – Gourmet Cooking, “Chopped”, and Life Skills (8th grade)

Fee: \$30

Students enjoy this “hands-on” class where they learn to work cooperatively with other students in preparing more challenging meals; snacks, breakfast, lunch and dinner entrees, desserts, and holiday treats. Students learn how to follow recipes, to prepare and serve food in a safe environment, and to safely use and care for kitchen equipment. Information about nutrition and balanced diets will be presented. The “Chopped” competition allows students to creatively use the skills learned in class to compete with other students in the culminating final project

Introduction to Arts & Crafts

Fee: \$20

Introduction to a wide variety of activities involving making things with one's own hands. Basic design, drawing, painting, and sculpture techniques will be explored.

ESL and Technology



Mr. Scott Wood

Introduction to Technology

This is an introductory computer and technology course designed to generate interest and understanding of technology in our world today. Students will work with basic circuits, coding, drones, and more!

Introduction to 3D Design and Printing

Fee: \$5

A class for girls and boys to learn how to create designs, revise designs and 3D print them. Focus on the design method and making. Students will be able to make customized key chains, jewelry, and other projects designed by you!

Special Education Department



Mr. Kevin Curtis



Mrs. Jennifer Lambert



Mrs. Sara Porter Mrs. Marlene Hieb Mrs. Stephanie Pierce

Essential Language Arts
Essential Math
Essential Science
Study Skills

For students in the Special Education Program. Teacher recommendation only.