

**ELECTIVE CHOICES
2015-16**

Name _____ Grade _____
Student ID _____

Please read and follow these directions carefully.

1. Your first and last name, grade, and ID should be **printed neatly** at the top of the page.
2. Remember you can take a course one time per year.
3. Review the course descriptions for electives being offered next year.
4. List your top 2 choices for each quarter.
5. Turn in completed form to your advisor no later than **Monday, June 1.**

Late and/or incomplete forms will be given last consideration for choices. Students who do not turn in this form will be randomly assigned electives for next year.

Eighth grade students will get priority for their first choice. We make every effort to give you your first choices, but it is not guaranteed.

Quarter 1

Preferences	Course #	Course Title
1st Choice		
2nd Choice		

Quarter 2

Preferences	Course #	Course Title
1st Choice		
2nd Choice		

Quarter 3

Preferences	Course #	Course Title
1st Choice		
2nd Choice		

Quarter 4

Preferences	Course #	Course Title
1st Choice		
2nd Choice		

8th Grade Art

Course #7078 – quarter 1

It's time to bring your artistic skills to the next level. Some learn a variety of artistic techniques and experiment with many mediums including drawing, graphic design, painting, printmaking, and clay.

Lego Engineering

Course #5026 – quarter 1

Students in this class will use Legos to learn about engineering design. Students will use Legos to engineer a variety of structures to meet a variety of goals and functions. Projects will range from small one day building challenges to one week or multiple week challenges like bridges and machines.

Graphic Design

Course #1915D – quarters 1 & 3

In graphic design we will explore the elements of art. Activities will be different for each quarter class session and will involve drawing, painting, work in three dimensions as well as critiquing our own work and the work of others. Bring your motivated and creative spirit for a great exploratory art class! This is NOT a computer graphic design class.

Heroes

Course # 1915F – quarters 1 & 3

Do you need a cape and a sword to be a hero? Can only heroes participate in life-changing, save-the-world type of quests? Or does a hero just stand up for what they believe in using just their words to fight? In this elective we will look at what makes a hero. We'll look at Greek myths, perhaps travel to Hogwarts and Gotham City, and compare and contrast written work with film interpretations. From these stories and others, we will gather evidence on what these heroes have in common and apply it to modern day people and stories. Students will work on their own or with a partner to complete a final project about the hero of their choice.

Forensics

Course # 2210 – quarters 1 & 3

This class will be exploring the different ways crime scenes are investigated and evidence is collected. Students will be learning how to fingerprint, examine dental records, and solve online interactive crime scenes.

Health 7/8

Course #0777 – quarter 1 & 3

7th & 8th graders only!

In this class we will learn about general health. We will explore different units such as exercise, healthy eating, mental health, puberty and sexual reproduction, sleep and growth development.

File Folder Games

Course #1915E – quarters 1 & 3

In this class we will provide service to younger students by creating games to share with E1 classrooms. Playing our games will be so much fun they won't even realize they are practicing their reading skills! We will meet with our younger students once a week.

Health 6

Course #0776 – quarters 1-4

Mandatory for all 6th graders!

Students will obtain the knowledge and skills necessary to make healthy and informed decisions regarding their personal health and wellness.

Physical Education

Course #0870Q – quarters 1-4

Activities include: Scramble, Pin Guard, Prison Ball, Pachinko, Capture the Ball, Pits and Alleys, Floor Hockey, Sponge Hockey, Volleyball, Badminton, President's Challenge physical fitness test. The objectives of the course are aligned with the Minneapolis Public Schools Physical Education Standards. These standards are motor skills, movement knowledge, health-related fitness, personal and social behavior, and personal well-being.

7th Grade Art

Course #7077 - quarter 2

In 7th grade art you will work on many different types of projects including drawing, painting, clay and graphic design. You will be introduced to different styles of art and different approaches to creating art.

Oceanography

Course #5025 – quarter 2

This class will examine the amazing ecosystems of the ocean that make up most of the Earth's surface. We will look at the environmental factors that affect the ocean systems as well as the living things that live in the ocean. There will be a mix of reading as well as hands on experiments like dissecting a squid, testing pH and salinity, and using microscopes to examine the many life forms in the N200 saltwater aquarium.

Typing- Maevis Beacon

Course #9310 - quarter 2

Do you know how to type? Have you ever struggled to write your papers for school? Come learn how to type using all of your fingers and eventually build up towards being able to type without even looking. We will be using a curriculum but also playing many games that help build typing stamina and practice as well.

Great Films

Course #1915I – quarter 2

This class will examine many aspects of film study – film scholarship, the nature of movies themselves, significant changes in the movie industry, film technology, American culture, globalization, and the connection with literary texts. We will learn how to view actively rather than passively. Students will be expected to participate in discussion and writing activities that revolve around film. It is NOT just a class to watch films, but to study films.

Public Speaking

Course 1915E – quarter 2 & 4

The phrase “public speaking” can inspire fear in even the most courageous person. However, speaking clearly and comfortably in public is a valuable and often essential skill to possess. In this class we will learn about, research, and give informative, persuasive, and narrative speeches. Students will learn how to give constructive feedback to one another. Students will also review famous motivational and political speeches. Current events and issues related to the course may also be discussed.

Make It Real

Course #2210A – quarters 2 & 4

This class will focus on modifying, improving and editing class created photos and videos. Students will be working together to create, edit and publish their own movies, slideshows and still shots. This class will also explore digital photography, studying some of the basics required for excellent photographs.

Pop-Up Cards

Course #1915G – quarters 2 & 4

Are you creative? Do you like to write? If so, this is the class for you. We will design and construct seasonal and general greeting cards. Students will develop writing skills for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes and audiences.

6th Grade Art

Course #7076 – quarter 3

6th grade art will focus on a number of basic art skills including drawing, painting, sculpting with clay, and mixed media art techniques.

Going Green

Course #5045 – quarter 3

Students in this class will experiment with, research, and explore things we can do to make our lives, neighborhood, and planet more “green”. This class will include hands on projects, reading about issues, and experimenting with solutions. We will look at some local and global environmental problems and try some solutions here at Seward.

Environmental Science**Course #5047 – quarter 4**

Come explore the environment in our own back yard of Minnesota.

In this class we will be learning about our biome. This course will include a research project.

Art Appreciation**Course #7079 – quarter 4****Open to grades 6-8**

In art appreciation you will learn about highly influential artists who made a big impact on the world of art. You will have a chance to create artwork in each artist's style and be given the opportunity to use a variety of materials and techniques.

8th Grade Transition and Service**Course # 1915A – quarter 4****8th graders only!**

Students participating in this elective may work on the 8th grade DVD, completion ceremony ideas, invitations, program, and class gift as well as do service projects throughout the school.

Muscles and Bones**Course #0700 – quarter 4**

This class explores a subject we all have experience with – our own muscles, bones, tendons, and ligaments. How does the human body use these systems to move in so many ways? This is a lab based, hands on class that teaches the concepts of anatomy, leverage, strength, flexibility and balance. We will also examine how to keep our musculo-skeletal system healthy and what happens when something breaks.