

Miles Junior High

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Course Guide

2023-2024

**Introduction:** The Course Catalog has been developed to provide important information for students and their parents. It will assist you in making wise, informed decisions concerning programs and course choices throughout your junior high years.

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## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:

 $7^{th}$  graders have 9 periods a day, 8 of which are pre-determined and 1 period they choose an elective.

### **Classes ALL Students Take:**

### **Athletics**

- -Athletics will be first period.
- -If you choose to participate in UIL athletic events you will be expected to be at morning workouts/practices ranging from 6:30/6:45 am. The coach for each sport will provide a schedule and expectations once school or that sport begins.
- -Students not participating in athletic events will report by 7:50.

**Math** -STAAR test in May.

Reading -STAAR test in May

**English** 

Science

**Texas History** 

### \*General Employability Skills

**RISE:** This is a study hall that students will:

- -Be required to attend with certain teachers if failing any courses.
- -Will have opportunity to participate in academic UIL events.
- -Will be provided G/T/speech/dyslexia services and intervention as needed.
- -Be expected to use Rise to do Mindplay and AR reading.
- -May use this time to complete homework, ask for teacher support, make-up work, etcetera.

### **Elective Options** (choose one):

### **Developmental Band:**

-7th grade Band class will be a time to develop music skills to prepare for high school marching band. band students will perform with the band during select pep rallies and home games.

### STEM:

-STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The learning will vary from year to year and is 40% lab based.

### **Required Supplies:**

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates a HS course. JH students receive HS credit for this course; however, the grade will not count in their high school GPA.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

 $8^{th}$  graders have 9 periods a day, 8 of which are pre-determined. One period they will choose a CTE (career technical education) Principles course or Band option.

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Math -STAAR test in May.

Reading/English -STAAR test in May

Science -STAAR test in May

\*Spanish 1- counts for high school LOTE credit

**US History -**STAAR test in May

Health/Touch System Data Entry- Health is a one semester class required by TEA. Touch System Data Entry is a one semester class where students will gain typing and computer skills needed for success in high school and the production of business documents.

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### **Elective Option** (choose one):

# \*Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

-Students will participate in FFA and learn valuable public speaking and parliamentary procedure skills in addition to ag related knowledge.

# \*Principles of Hospitality and Tourism

-Students will participate in FCCLA and learn valuable public speaking and parliamentary procedure skills in addition to food, nutrition, and culinary related knowledge.

#### Band:

- -Band will be combined with 8th-12th graders.
- -Marching practices will begin before school starts and after school practices & game performances will be required.

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### JH Good to Knows:

- ➤ A 10 minute break is provided immediately following first period athletics. You may bring breakfast/snack to heat up or purchase breakfast in the cafeteria.
- > Two water dispensers are located in the JH so you are able to refill water bottles.
- > Students are provided a metal locker and cubby in the JH building to store their backpack, supplies, and athletic bag. It is your responsibility to keep up with items and keep your area clean.
- > Thirty minutes is provided for lunch. A microwave is provided for student use. Parents may send money, check, or load money on the myschoolbucks app.
- > Students are allowed to bring sports equipment to play with during break/lunch. The school is not responsible for personal items.
- > Snacks are sold in the library and cafeteria. You must bring cash to purchase library snacks. Cafeteria snacks may be purchased with meal account money, but will not be sold if your account is negative. Snacks will not be sold to students in ISS or lunch detention.
- ➤ If you need extra help, teachers are available during RISE and after school. Be sure you take the initiative and ask before it's too late! Parents and students can ask a teacher to draft them for extra help during Rise.
- > You should get a student portal account and check grades often.
- ➤ 6 week report cards are required to be signed and returned within a week. If you do not return you will have lunch detention. Progress reports must be signed/returned if failing, up to the teacher to require others.
- > Dress code is the responsibility of the student to know and follow. Please refer to the student handbook.
- ➤ Check the cell phone policy. Phones are to be turned off and placed in an enclosed zipper pocket in the backpack from first bell to last bell. Phone infractions result in the phone being taken up, and it must be bought back at the end of the day for \$15.
- ➤ Missing assignments or failure to return required documents will result in lunch detention. Check your assignments and grades often on student portal.
- Excessive tardies will result in lunch detention. Be aware and be on time to every class.
- ➤ Your attendance makes all the difference in your learning! Attendance is counted by the period in 7-12th grade. If you are absent you MUST provide a note upon return. If truant, Saturday school and/or summer school will be required.
- ➤ WELCOME TO MILES JUNIOR HIGH! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE! If you have a question or concern please visit with a classroom teacher/coach. If you need further assistance please call the school office at (325)468-2861.