

River Trail Middle School

Connections Options

Please review carefully the following **Connections Options**. Indicate your choice in the box. Note that except for performing music classes, Connections classes are *randomly* assigned.

OPTION A – General Connections Program: For students who do **NOT** wish to be in Band, Chorus, or Orchestra. Students participate in **(1) nine-weeks** of Health, **(3) nine-weeks** of Physical Education and **(4) nine-weeks** of Connections classes such as Art, General Music, Computer/Keyboarding, Family Consumer Science, Drama.

OPTION B – Performing Music Connections Program: This option is for students who wish to take Band, Chorus or Orchestra daily for **(4) nine-weeks** (entire school year). They will also take **(1) nine-weeks** of Health, **(1) nine-weeks** of Physical Education and **(2) nine-weeks** of other Connections classes.

Note: *Beginning* band and orchestra are available in 6th grade only.

_____	OPTION A – GENERAL CONNECTIONS PROGRAM
_____	OPTION B – PERFORMING MUSIC CONNECTIONS PROGRAM
_____	Band _____ Instrument _____ Years of experience _____
_____	Chorus _____
_____	Orchestra _____ Instrument _____ Years of experience _____

World Language and Reading Options

Students have the option of taking a World Language in lieu of a Reading course if they meet the placement criteria. Please note that continued study in Chinese and German is not available at all high schools.

6th or 7th Grade Chinese, French, or Spanish placement; 8th Grade German placement

Open to students who have a score of 60th percentile or above on a nationally norm-referenced achievement test in reading administered during the previous or current school year (i.e., ITBS, CAT, Stanford 9, etc.)

8th Grade Chinese, French, or Spanish continued placement

Open to students who have successfully completed a full year of Chinese, French, or Spanish in 7th grade with a “C” average or above. Newly enrolling 8th grade students wishing to continue in Chinese, French, or Spanish must provide documentation of successful completion of a full year of the language at the 7th grade level.

Students who successfully complete the two year program in Chinese I, French I, or Spanish I in middle school may enroll in Chinese II, Spanish II, or French II as 9th graders. High school credit is given for the middle school world language course, and the grade becomes a part of the high school transcript. Eighth grade German students do not earn high school credit, but may be eligible for German II placement as 9th graders.

Reading

Students not enrolled in a World Language course will take a Reading course as part of their daily schedule.

World Language/Reading Selection

	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	3 rd Choice
Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
French	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
German (8 th grade)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Student Name

Grade

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date