

## River Trail Middle School Connections Options

Please review carefully the explanation of the following **Connections Options**. Indicate your choice in the box.  
Note: except for the performing music classes, 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, Consumer Science, Drama.

**OPTION B – Performing Music Connections Program:** This option is for students who wish to take Band, Chorus of 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 two other Connections classes.

Note: **Beginning** band and orchestra – 6<sup>th</sup> grade only, **Intermediate** and **Advanced** – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade only. Chorus is open to all grade levels.

<input type="checkbox"/>	OPTION A – GENERAL CONNECTIONS PROGRAM		
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPTION B – PERFORMING MUSIC CONNECTIONS PROGRAM		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Band	<input type="text"/>	Instrument <input type="text"/> Years of experience
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chorus	<input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Orchestra	<input type="text"/>	Instrument <input type="text"/> Years of experience

*Please select one performing music option, as well as instrument and years of experience.*

### New Student World Language Placement

Students have the option of taking a world language in lieu of a reading course provided they meet the criteria.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Chinese, French, or Spanish placement

60<sup>th</sup> 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.)

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade French or Spanish continued placement

Successful completion of a full year of Spanish I or French I course in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, while maintaining a “C” average or above. Newly enrolled 8<sup>th</sup> grade students wishing to continue in French or Spanish must provide documentation of successful completion of a full year of the language at the 7<sup>th</sup> grade level.

*Students who successfully complete the two year program in Chinese I, Spanish I, or French I in middle school may enroll in Chinese II, Spanish II, or French II as 9<sup>th</sup> graders. High school credit is given for the middle school world language course, and the grade becomes a part of the high school transcript.*

#### Reading

Students not enrolled in a world language course will take reading during this academic time.

Selection (*6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> only)			
Reading	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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"/>

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Student Name

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Grade

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date