

**River View
Middle School**

**P.I.E. Enrichment Course Guide
2017-18
Grade 7**



More about PIE Time:

- Practice, Intervention and Enrichment opportunities for students
 - 7th grade students participate in PIE
- 4 days a week for 35 minutes (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)
 - Qualifying students will receive practice in math
- Qualifying students will receive intervention in math or reading
 - Enrichment rotations are an extension of the curriculum

All 7th grade River View Middle School students will participate together in PIE time for 35 minutes daily to support academic growth.

All students will choose six enrichment courses. Please note that students who qualify for practice or intervention will be scheduled into that course during PIE time instead of an enrichment rotation. One Wednesday during PIE Time students will participate in community building activities with their homeroom class.

Choosing an Enrichment class

Please register for all the enrichment course that you would be interested in taking. Students will have three enrichment course per semester. Each semester contains three courses that are 6 weeks each in length. Course descriptions are included in the next pages and are subject to possible change due to potential changes in staff.

Students who are scheduled to participate in Jazz Band or Orchestra for PIE Time will not need to complete a PIE registration form as we will get your name from the band or orchestra teachers.

All students will request six enrichment options. **Should a student qualify for math or reading intervention or practice support during PIE time, the intervention or practice will take scheduling priority over the enrichment courses.** Please note that offering could change for various reasons.

Course Descriptions for Grades 7 Enrichment

7003 Goal Getters

Goal-Getters will focus on team and individual ways you can incorporate "goals" into physical education. During the 6 week period, students will engage in games and activities to help promote increases in overall physical health. Students will participate in *goal activities* which include but are not limited to; soccer, hockey, basketball, team handball, speedball, archery, bowling.

7004 Saving Our Planet: Energy and Resource Conservation

Living a "green" lifestyle is becoming increasingly popular. We only have one wonderful planet, and it is our duty to protect it. In this science enrichment course, we will learn more about where our energy comes from. We will explore different ways that we use energy that we may not even realize and gain valuable knowledge about ways to save that we can bring home to share. Come ready to learn about solar roadways, how to keep our planet healthy, and to make a difference in our community.

7005 Engineering and Design Concepts

Students will safely investigate different design software using teamwork and engineering skills. Potential activities include digital architectural design/modeling using Chief Architect and 2D graphic design/drawing/vinyl cutting using Adobe Illustrator.

7006 Crafts and Culture of Native Americans

Create a bracelet, keychain, or other leather project using traditional beadwork techniques of Native Americans. You will create your own colorful design or be inspired by a traditional pattern or symbol from Native American culture. The role of the American Buffalo and the decline of the Plains Indians will also be discussed.

7007 Chance, Luck or Skill?

Come and explore the wide world that is games. We will spend time exploring why some games are easier to win than others, why some people appear to be luckier than others, and what truly makes a fair game. We will be working in groups to play and investigate how different games are designed and played. We will investigate Monopoly, Candy Land, Chutes and Ladders, and various card and dice games. We will end the session by creating and designing an original game.

7008 Resource

Resource is an opportunity for students to get their homework and studying done during the school day.

7009 Playing With Poetry

We will play around with poetry and song lyrics to explore the deeper meaning behind the words. In addition to analyzing poems and listening to music, students will write poetry, experimenting for fun with different kinds of poetry, especially focusing on rhyme scheme and syllable count. Students will even have a chance to bring in their own song lyrics to analyze.

7010 Heroes, Monsters and Gods... Oh My! (Mythology)

Students will be exposed to mythology as it was created by many different cultures throughout the world and time. The myths, legends, and lore of Egyptian and Greek cultures will be explored.

7011 Investigating Invertebrates

Animals without backbones are all around us. They play a role in many areas of our lives from the foods we eat and the homes we live in to the spread of diseases and the destruction of native species that live near us. In this class, we will learn about these organisms inside and out, and we will find out more about the effects they have on our lives and the environment around us as we investigate invertebrates.

7012 Art

This art class will involve fun activities related to different art topics. Activities include games in creating an abstract drawing, pattern printing, abstract painting, paper weaving and foil relief. This class is designed for a hands-on experience working with a variety of art concepts.