



# DEFIANCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian and Students,

The counseling department will soon be visiting classes to discuss the 2020-2021 scheduling options. Before we meet with the students to complete their requests, we want to encourage parents to discuss the student's scheduling options at home. This way, our students are prepared to make the best choices for themselves when meeting with their school counselor.

The schedules at Defiance Middle School are constructed of 9 periods a day with each student taking the required four core classes in Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. Students then have periods designated for sections of Discovery, Lunch and Preparing All Students for Success.

Every student has two periods in their schedule of which they can choose elective courses. At Defiance Middle School we have various options for year long and/or semester long courses. To see the list of available elective courses please visit the Defiance Middle School Guidance Department webpage. The webpage can be found on the Defiance Middle School Home Page. Once you have navigated to the Guidance Department webpage, click on the Scheduling Tab and you will see the Defiance Middle School Electives list. The electives list provides a description of each course and is organized by grade levels. Electives are subject to change as they are scheduled according to class size and availability. Students have the option to add or drop elective courses up to the fifth day of a new semester.

For qualifying eighth grade students, there is an option to take French, Spanish and/or Algebra for high school credit. Qualifications may vary based on each individual student, however a qualifying student for a foreign language must have passed english language arts with at least a 90% average the year before. Likewise, for a student to take Algebra they must have passed PreAlgebra. Classes for high school credit will include graded, semester exams and final grades will appear on the student's high school transcript. An extra book fee of \$16.00 will also be included for any student electing to take Spanish. The option for dropping these courses may also vary depending upon the student's situation. For further details or questions regarding qualifications for these courses, please see or contact your school counselor.

If you need any further information, please visit or contact your school counselor with any questions regarding student schedules. We can be reached in the office, by email or by phone during school hours from 7:40 a.m. - 2:55 p.m. Our contact information is also available on the Defiance Middle School Guidance Department webpage.

Sincerely,  
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