



American School of Doha 2026-2027 Grade 7 Course Selection

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STUDENT LAST NAME: _____ STUDENT FIRST NAME: _____

Welcome to the American School of Doha Middle School. All grade 7 students will be taking a total of **8 (eight) Credits** of classes: 6 mandatory and 2 elective credits.

Grade 7 Schedule		
Course		Credit
Language Arts		1
Social Studies		1
Math		1
Science		1
Physical Education (PE)		1
Exploratory Rotation (Students select 4 of 6 options. Each counts for 0.25 credit hours):		1
• Health and Wellbeing (required)		
• Art		
• Computer		
• Drama		
• Maker Interest Classes		
• Creator's Den		
Electives (students select 2 credit hours):		2
• Most electives count for 0.5 credit hours (i.e., 4 electives = 2 credit hours total)		
• Music and World Language electives count for 1 credit hour each		
	Total Credits	8

Grade 7 Exploration Rotations

Part of the middle school ethos is to introduce students to new experiences while empowering them to follow their passions and develop their interests. Grade 7 exploratory blocks are **mandatory**. Each block runs for nine weeks (1 quarter), then students rotate into their next exploratory block. All students take Health and Wellbeing and are asked to select three of the four remaining exploratory classes.

 ✓ **Health and Wellbeing (Required):** In this class, students will explore wellbeing through a range of contexts. The emphasis will be on developing essential skills and knowledge to make positive and effective change within each student's life. Units will include:

- Who am I?



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- Keeping safe around Alcohol and Nicotine
- Self-Management and Digital Citizenship
- Navigating Difficult Situations

Health and Wellbeing is a quarter-long class where students explore the meaning of success, goal setting, and learn more about themselves, their influences, and their decision-making. Topics that are discussed and explored include skills for success, identifying personality traits, interests, and intelligence, decision making, communication, and collaboration.

Grade 7 Exploration Rotations (continued):

Please rank the following exploratory courses from 1 to 4 (1 = most preferred):

_____ **Drama 7 Exploration:** *In this quarter-long course, students will focus on characterization, playwriting, and playwrights' contributions to theater. Improvisation, vocal technique, and beginning scene work are used to introduce students to acting and character development. Through ensemble work, rehearsing, workshop, and feedback sessions, students can develop the skills every performer needs, as well as use these skills outside of the theater.*

_____ **Art 7 Exploration:** *This exploratory class is designed to build upon knowledge of previous art classes and introduce students to multiple mediums, artists, and art movements through a variety of art projects. Some mediums explored may include clay, watercolor paints, oil pastel, colored pencil, graphite, printmaking, as well as using iPads for digital art creation. Students will be introduced to and practice various painting, drawing, and clay-building techniques. Students will also utilize their research skills and become familiar with art-specific vocabulary to describe the work of others and reflect on their own artwork.*

_____ **Tech Pathway 7:** *In Tech Pathway 7, students explore how technology is designed, built, and used to solve problems. The course introduces key concepts in artificial intelligence, Evobots — tiny, programmable robots that teach coding and STEM concepts through hands-on activities — and immersive digital and physical design. Students apply their creativity and problem-solving skills by designing an escape room challenge using Breakout EDU boxes and digital tools, blending puzzles, locks, and interactive experiences. This course emphasizes collaboration, innovation, and critical thinking, helping students connect technology skills to real-world applications while exploring multiple pathways in the digital world.*

_____ **Maker 7 Exploration:** *This is an Exploratory course that uses the Design Thinking framework and the tools of the Dragon Lab to equip students on their journey toward becoming skilled, independent, empathetic, and action-oriented Makers. Through class and individual projects, students build a personalized set of Maker skills and add to those learned in their 6th Grade Maker class. Skills range from learning how to use hand and power tools to using a laser cutter/engraver and 3D printers. Through*



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hands-on activities, students develop innovative and creative thought as well as communication, collaboration, and critical thinking skills.

_____ Creators Den 7: *Creators Den is a more advanced level of Makers that invites students to dive into hands-on creativity by tackling exciting projects that combine technical skills and artistic design. Students will either construct a functional arcade machine, learning soldering and electronics to assemble and play retro games, or craft their own custom skateboard, mastering woodworking and design techniques to create a rideable work of art. This course emphasizes problem-solving, precision, and creativity, providing students with the tools and confidence to turn their ideas into tangible, functional creations they can proudly use.*

Elective Choices

On the following pages, please select courses to total 2 credit hours. Music and World Languages are year-long courses, each worth 1 credit. Other electives are semester-long courses and are 0.5 credits each.

Course selections can be any of the following:

- 1 Music (year long) + 1 World Language = 2 credits
- 1 World Language + 2 Semester-Long Electives (0.5 credit each) = 2 credits
- 1 Music (year long)+ 2 Semester-Long Electives (0.5 credit each) = 2 credits
- 4 Semester-Long Electives (0.5 credit each) = 2 credits
- 1 World Language + 1 Year-Long Elective (1 credit each) = 2 credits
- 1 Music + 1 Year-Long Elective (1 credit each) = 2 credits

Section I: Music (Year-long Course; 1 credit)

- All students are able to sign up for ONE music class (Vocals OR Instrumental)

	Vocal Music	1
	Instrumental Music	1
	No, I do not want to take Vocal Music or Band	0
Total Music Credits:		



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****If you have checked 'No' above, please move on to Section II.**

- **If you are taking Instrumental Music**, please indicate which instrument you would like to take. Where possible, ASD will provide an instrument for an annual fee of QR 600. However, it is recommended that students purchase their own instrument. **Please note that percussion requires permission.** Please contact Mr. Jim Kulpa jkulpa@asd.edu.qa directly.

☒	Please check one		
☐	Percussion (by approval)	☐	Woodwinds (Clarinet)
☐	Trumpet	☐	Low Brass (Trombone)
☐	Flute	☐	

Instrument: _____ Years of Experience: _____

☒	Please check one		
☐	TAKE SCHOOL INSTRUMENT	☐	OWN MY OWN INSTRUMENT

Section II: World Language Course Selection (Year-long Course; 1 credit)

World Language Placement: Students wishing to take a world language in 7th grade should have prior experience taking that world language in their previous school.

In order to place students into the appropriate world language course that matches their developmental and academic level, we will administer a **language readiness test** to help provide additional data on their current level of academic achievement. Even after placements have been made, it is the goal of the MS to monitor and adjust placements as needed, in consultation with students, teachers, and parents.

- Please check only **ONE** of the following languages.
- Indicate any prior levels of experience in the language.
- Students are not allowed to take a World Language course if it is their native language, with the exception of Modern Standard Arabic.



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- o Modern Standard Arabic is for native Arabic-speaking students. All Qatari students are required to take MSA as part of their school schedule.
- o Arabic is a “second-language” course and is *not* available to students who can already speak and understand verbal directions in Arabic.

✓	SELECTION FOR GRADE 7 Please check one	
	FRENCH	SPANISH
	Experience Level: ☐ 1 year ☐ 2 years ☐ 3 years or more	Experience Level: ☐ 0 years ☐ 1 year ☐ 2 years ☐ 3 years or more
	ARABIC	Modern Standard Arabic (MSA)
	(For students new to Arabic)	(At least one parent should speak Arabic)
	Experience Level: ☐ 1 year ☐ 2 years ☐ 3 years or more	Experience Level: ☐ 1 year ☐ 2 years ☐ 3 years or more
	No, I do not want to take a World Language elective class	

Section III: Electives (Semester-long courses; 0.5 credit each)

- Please rank your preferences from 1 to 24 (1 = first choice, 24 = last choice).
- Descriptions of elective courses are located in the MS Program of Studies (included in the email)

Rank	Name of Elective	Credit
	Coding: VEX Robotics	0.5
	Coding: 3D Game Development	0.5
	Coding: Minecraft.edu	0.5
	Coding: VR Development	0.5
	2D Art & Design	0.5
	Ceramics	0.5



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	Creative Writing	0.5
	Printmaking	0.5
	Digital Design	0.5
	Do It Yourself (D.I.Y)	0.5
	Dragon Lab Market	0.5
	Dragon Lab Design	0.5
	Film Making	0.5
	Forensics	0.5
	Introduction to AI	0.5
	iPad Illustration	0.5
	Leadership Service (Application Only)	0.5
	Model United Nations	0.5
	Modern History of the Middle East	0.5
	Outdoor Education	0.5
	Photography	0.5
	Project Pioneers: Building for the Future	0.5
	Social Media Influencer	0.5
	Wearable Technology	0.5

Note: If not ranked, selection will be made for you.

Section IV: Other Electives (Year-long courses; 1 credit each)

- All students can sign up for the courses below.
- If you would like to take both, please check both courses.

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	Yearbook	1
	Leadership Service	1
	No, I do not want to take Yearbook or Leadership Service	0
Total Elective Credits:		



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Please return this form to the MS Office Manager, Mrs. Diana Saputra dsaputra@asd.edu.qa, at your earliest convenience to ensure your child's schedule is ready for the Orientation Day.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____