

# Welcome to the Joseph A. DePaolo Middle School

## Class Registration System for 2021-2022

Parents must complete **GRADE SEVEN** course selections from  
[March 16 at 9:00AM through March 24 at 3:00PM](#)

**The registration is complete by clicking "Submit" at the end. You will not receive a confirmation notice.**

**NOTE:** *If your child has an IEP there is no need to complete the online registration process, as your child's courses will be finalized during the spring meeting.*

Below are the course selections for Required Academic, Additional Academics, Required Unified Arts and Elective Unified Arts.

- Items with a green check are required courses and have been pre-selected for the student.
- Items with a red exclamation mark require a selection to be made.

### Grade 7 Required Academics

The Required Academic Classes (Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies) have all been pre-selected for each student.

If your child is recommended to take an Accelerated Math course in grade 7, you will be notified later this spring and the math selection will be updated by the school.

### Grade 7 Additional Academics – World Language

JAD offers French and Spanish. This is a two-year commitment and students will continue the same language in grade 8. [Click here for information about World Languages.](#)

Please note some students will be required to take a Literacy or Numeracy Connections course. This is recommended by the DePaolo Literacy and/or Numeracy Specialists and one of them will contact you directly. These classes will be in lieu of a World Language course.

### Grade 7 Required Unified Arts

All students are required to take Physical Education and Health. In addition, students will rotate through Art, Family and Consumer Science and Technology Education. All of these classes have been pre-selected for the student.

### Grade 7 Elective Unified Arts

One course must be selected in this section. Click on the pencil next to this category, make a selection and then click "okay".

- **Band** or **Orchestra** can be selected if the student participated in that course during grade 6. Note: Band course selections must be based on the instrument your child plays.
- **Chorus** is a music option open to all students and no prior experience is required.
- **Computers** is open to all students. Please note this class will consist of two trimesters of Computers and one trimester of General Music. Enrollment is limited.

Please note some students will be required to take a Literacy or Numeracy Strategies course. This is recommended by the DePaolo Literacy and/or Numeracy Specialist and one of them will notify you directly. These classes will be in lieu of one of the UA electives.

### Be sure to click "Submit" at the bottom of this screen

*If you have any questions about registration, please contact Ms. Steinnagel at 860-628-3260 x7.*

More detailed information about this process is available on the JAD page of the SPS website ([www.southingtonschools.org](http://www.southingtonschools.org)).

In a globalized society, multilingualism prepares students for future professions, enriches their connection with cultural heritage, and enhances their social experiences.



In Southington, grade 7 middle school students who take a World Language can choose between French and Spanish. Students study the language during grades 7 and 8. Upon successful completion of grade 8, students continue to the second year of study at Southington High School (i.e. French 2 or Spanish 2) or have the option of switching languages to one of the five offered at the high school (French, Italian, Latin, Mandarin and Spanish).

**There are many things to consider when choosing a language to study. Here are some facts about French and Spanish to consider:**

French is spoken in 33 different nations as the official or one of the official languages. Spanish is spoken in 25 different nations as the official or one of the official languages.

Our neighboring countries and trade partners – Mexico to the south and Canada to the north – speak French and Spanish.

French is the 3rd most important language for business after English and Chinese, according to Bloomberg rankings.

Currently, an estimated 450 million people worldwide speak Spanish, making it the 2<sup>nd</sup> most spoken language in the world.

France has the world's 7th largest economy. Connecticut exported over \$1 billion to each of its top four trade (France, Germany, Canada, & UK) partners in 2018, with over \$3.17 billion directed to France.

By 2050, an estimated 30% of the US population will be of Hispanic origin.

By 2050, the Natixis report indicated that French will be spoken by 750 million people in 2050.

Latin American countries are our most important trading partners so learning Spanish helps with communicating with them.

French is the language of diplomacy (along with English).  
The Peace Corps is always looking for French & Spanish speakers.

**Studying a World Language will not only increase appreciation of different cultures & build your intercultural competency skills, but will also expand future job opportunities & support English language learning.**