

**6th Graders Scheduling for 7th Grade
IMPORTANT DATES
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Week of February 4th:	Academic Advising video sent out to students in Advisory
February 4th 6:30pm:	Parent Orientation - High School Auditorium
Tuesday February 18th:	Schedule Google Form due
February 19th- 21st:	Students enter schedule requests w/ MS counselor
April 8th 4:30-6:00:	Activities Fair and Walk Through (Middle School Cafeteria)
After August 14th:	Schedules available
August 22nd:	First Day of School 7th Grade



español
EXPLORATORY SPANISH

¡Hola!

Are you interested in Spanish and intrigued by world cultures?

Get a jump start on your world language journey with
Exploratory Spanish!

Dear Parents and Students,

This semester course will introduce students to the Spanish language and Hispanic culture. The primary goal is for students to communicate at a basic level. Students will be expected to use their developing Spanish skills at every available opportunity. This course will stress speaking, but it will also include listening, writing, and reading. Students will also learn about popular music, cultural events, art, and geography. The best way to succeed in this class is through active class participation and timely completion of assignments.

This course is not a prerequisite for students planning to take Spanish 1, but any early language exposure is beneficial. Please feel free to contact us with questions about this course.

It is surely going to be a fun and exciting semester in Exploratory Spanish. Join us and be a part of it!

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Hello Nordonia Families!

My name is Mary Schrembeck, Director of Bands at Nordonia Middle School! I know scheduling for next year can be a confusing and stressful time. I hope this literature helps answer some questions so that you can make the best choice for your child and give them the best future possible in their education!

The most unique part about Band is that ANYONE can join and be successful! During my 36 years of teaching young musicians, I have found that there are no set guidelines as to who does well. Band/Jazz is a place where all children start at a level playing field- academics and athleticism DO NOT dictate the end result. The most amazing part about being in band is that extensive research has proven that playing a musical instrument actually strengthens the brain and helps students achieve higher test grades in their academic classes!

The opportunities for students in the band program are endless. The 8th Grade band marches with the high school band at one home football game to get a taste of the next level in the musical journey. We've had students participate in ASBDA Honor Band, Akron Youth Philharmonic, Ohio State Honor Band and Cleveland Youth Wind Ensemble. Our MS and HS bands receive consistent Superior ratings at OMEA Competition on both the District and State level and challenge our young musicians to be the best they can be. Our jazz ensemble was one of two groups from the state to play in Columbus at the OMEA convention in 2014 and we were the Feature Middle School Band at the Ohio Band Directors Conference in 2018!

I meet several parents each year that tell me they wish they had taken band in school and want to make the right decision for their child. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your concerns, please don't hesitate to email or phone me anytime. This is a big decision that can be a little overwhelming and intimidating. Thank you and good luck with your choice!



Middle School Band on the Jumbo-Tron at the Cleveland Monsters Game!

FAQ

*Can my child join band if they were not in band at LE? **YES- but we highly recommend private study during the summer-please call me! 330-908-6657***

*Will there be an opportunity to try a different instrument in the middle school? **YES- the MS band uses many different instruments not found at LE such as Bassoon, Oboe, Tuba, Tenor/Bari Saxophones, French Horn and Bass clarinet and Percussion.***

*Are there rehearsals after schools- **Seldom, if ever!***

*Will band make them miss another class? **NO***

*Does my child receive a grade in band on his/her report card? **YES***

Will my child have a secure place to leave their instrument?

Yes- there is instrument storage inside the band room.

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BENEFITS OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Be sure to schedule Band or Choir in Middle School and reap the benefits!

STATISTICS

1. Students who participate in music programs score 107 more points on SATs
2. 66% of medical majors were music students
3. 70% of college admissions officers say achievement in music is a major factor in their decision making
4. Music students hold higher GPAs in HS

Why Join Band or Choir?

1. Make friends and memories
2. Improve your grades
3. Have Fun!



How Music Affects our Brains

- Improves communication skills
- Uses both sides of the brain
- Boosts your immune system
- Increases physical stamina
- Increases your memory



January, 2025
Dear Parent/Student,

My name is Ms. Pellington and I am the Choir Director for Nordonia Middle School. This is my seventh year at Nordonia and I am excited about the future of the choir program!

For example, last year, the middle school a cappella group Knight Rhythm performed the national anthem at a Cleveland Cavaliers game! In addition, the 7th and 8th grade choirs hosted a "Back In Time" dinner theater concert at Lee Eaton and performed many of history's greatest ensemble and solo songs!

The Middle School Choir Program also has lots of events that we are proud of! Last year, we put on a full-scale musical production of the hit musical *Frozen*. Next year, both the Knight Rhythm AND 8th grade choir members will be going to Cedar Point to sing for a panel of judges and will get an opportunity to spend the day at Cedar Point!

We are very excited about all of these events! We are just missing one important ingredient.....

YOU!!

We want to take an opportunity to invite you to join the 7th grade choir next year! If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them for you. We are always looking for people who enjoy music of all styles.

One question I get a lot is, "What if I'm in sports? Can we do other activities and choir at the same time?" The answer is **YES!!!**

Choir is a class during the day. Many of our choir members are involved in football, wrestling, swimming, basketball, dance, track, etc. So, it is possible to be in choir while being involved in all of these other activities.

If you have other questions, simply email me at the address at the bottom of this letter and I will reply!

If you are looking for an exciting program to be involved in, choir may be the place for you! Please let me help you find your spot to shine at Nordonia Middle School.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kathleen Pellington

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REASONS TO JOIN!!!

"Choir is a great place to fit in for EVERYBODY. I have felt more accepted by my choir friends than anyone else! We are big FAMILY!"

"What other class do you get to sing loudly in?"

"It's a great way to meet new friends and improve as a performer."

"It's an awesome class with LITTLE HOMEWORK!"

"Be a part of something that is successful & fun!"

"If you are looking for friends, fun and feeling proud of yourself, then join choir next year!"

"Improve your voice and learn how to sing better."

"It is good preparation if you hope to be in Symphonic Choir and/or Synergy in high school."

"We make GREAT music together as a team."



2/3/2025

Dear 6th grade parents,

Vaccine requirements for 7th graders

The state of Ohio requires all students entering the 7th grade to have the meningococcal vaccine (also known as MCV4, Menevo or Menactra) in addition to one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis).

Meningococcal meningitis

Meningococcal meningitis is a rare but serious disease that develops rapidly and can claim a life in as little as one day. Of those who survive, approximately one in five are left with serious medical problems like amputation, deafness, and brain damage. Teens are at increased risk of meningococcal meningitis. This increased risk may be due to activities like sharing utensils and kissing.

Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap)

Tetanus causes painful tightening of the muscles, usually all over your body; diphtheria causes a thick covering in the back of the throat and can also lead to breathing problems, paralysis, heart failure, and even death; pertussis causes coughing spells and can lead to pneumonia, seizures, brain damage, and death, particularly in infants.

Vaccination is the best way to protect someone from getting the disease.

You may obtain these vaccines from your child's health care provider or other community resource. Vaccines are also available at your local health department. See attached flyer for health department open hours.

Students who do not provide documentation of these immunizations to the school this fall are subject to exclusion. If there are medical/religious or philosophical reasons your child cannot receive immunizations, please contact the school clinic for an Immunization Exemption Form.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Sadar RN".

Julie Sadar, BSN, RN

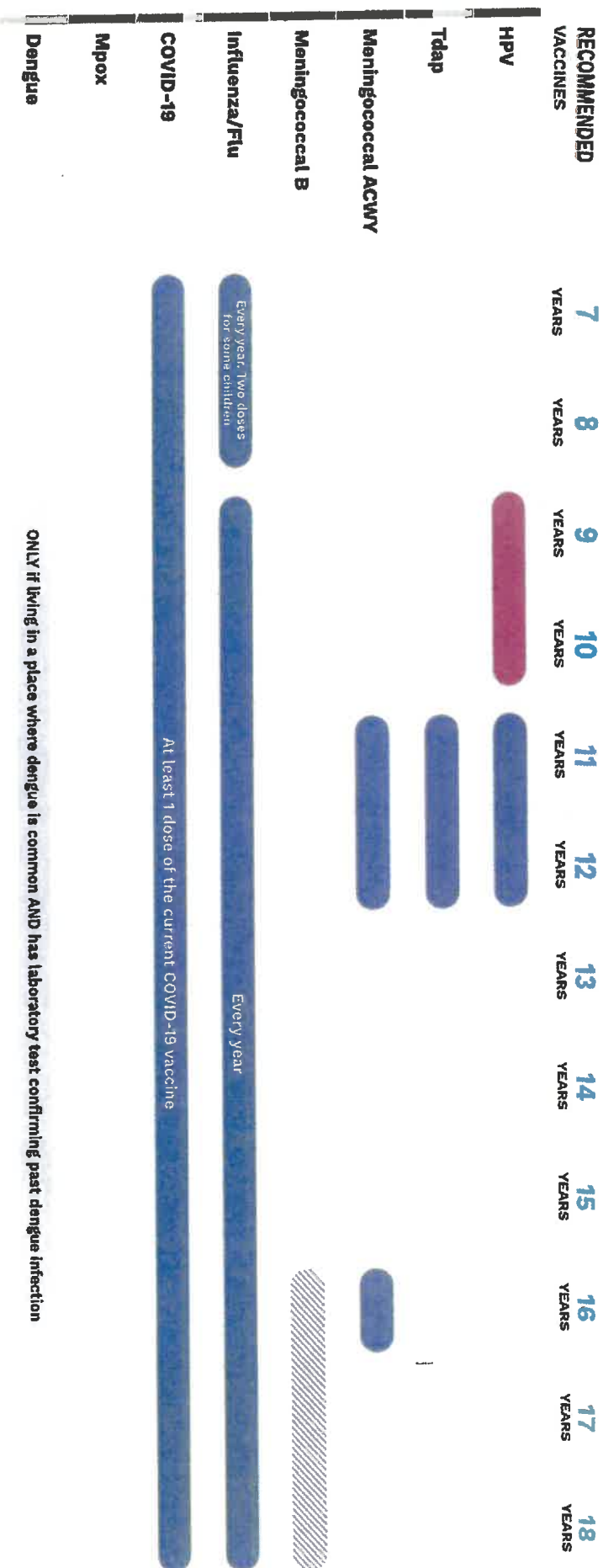
District RN Supervisor for Nardon Hills City Schools District
Akron Children's Hospital, School Health Services

Attached CDC "2025 Recommended Immunizations for Children from 7 Through 18 Years Old"


Older children and teens need vaccines too!


2025 Recommended Immunizations for Children 7–18 Years Old


Want to learn more?
Scan this QR code to find out which vaccines your child might need. Or visit www2.cdc.gov/vaccines/childquiz/



KEY

 ALL children in age group should get the vaccine

 ALL children in age group can get the vaccine

 SOME children in age group should get the vaccine

 Parents/caregivers should talk to their health care provider to decide if this vaccine is right for their child

Talk to your child's health care provider for more guidance if:

1. Your child has any medical condition that puts them at higher risk for infection or is pregnant.
2. Your child is traveling outside the United States. Visit wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel for more information.
3. Your child misses any vaccine recommended for their age or for babies and young children.



U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call toll-free: 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636)

Or visit: www2.cdc.gov/vaccines/childquiz/



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What diseases do these vaccines protect against?

7-18 YEARS OLD

VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASE	DISEASE COMPLICATIONS	NUMBER OF VACCINE DOSES
HPV (Human papillomavirus) Contagious viral infection spread by close skin-to-skin touching, including during sex	Genital warts and many types of cancers later in life, including cancers of the cervix, vagina, penis, anus, and throat	2 or 3 doses
Tetanus (lockjaw)* Infection caused by bacterial spores found in soil and dust everywhere; spores enter the body through wounds or broken skin	Seizures, broken bones, difficulty breathing, death	1 dose at age 11-12 years Additional doses if missed childhood doses 1 dose for dirty wounds
Diphtheria* Contagious bacterial infection of the nose, throat, and sometimes lungs; spread through air and direct contact	Swelling of the heart muscle, heart failure, coma, paralysis, death	1 dose at age 11-12 years Additional doses if missed childhood doses
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)* Contagious bacterial infection of the lungs and airway; spread through air and direct contact	Infection of the lungs (pneumonia), death; especially dangerous for babies	1 dose at age 11-12 years Additional doses if missed childhood doses 1 dose every pregnancy
Meningococcal** Contagious bacterial infection of the lining of the brain and spinal cord or the bloodstream; spread through air and direct contact	Loss of arm or leg, deafness, seizures, death	2 doses. Additional doses may be needed depending on medical condition or vaccine used.
Influenza (Flu) Contagious viral infection of the nose, throat, and sometimes lungs; spread through air and direct contact	Infection of the lungs (pneumonia), sinus and ear infections, worsening of underlying heart or lung conditions, death	1 dose each year 2 doses in some children aged 6months through 8 years
COVID-19 Contagious viral infection of the nose, throat, or lungs; may feel like a cold or flu. Spread through air and direct contact	Infection of the lungs (pneumonia); blood clots; liver, heart or kidney damage; long COVID; death	1 or more doses of the current COVID-19 vaccine depending on health status. For more information: www.cdc.gov/covidschedule
Mpox Contagious viral infection spread through close, often skin-to-skin contact, including sex; causes a painful rash, fever, headache, tiredness, cough, runny nose, sore throat, swollen lymph nodes	Infected sores, brain swelling, infection of the lungs (pneumonia), eye infection, blindness, death	2 doses
Dengue Viral infection spread by bite from infected mosquito; causes fever, headache, pain behind the eyes, rash, joint pain, body ache, nausea, loss of appetite, feeling tired, abdominal pain	Severe bleeding, seizures, shock, damage to the liver, heart, and lungs, death	3 doses

*Tdap protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis

**Healthy adolescents: Meningococcal ACWY vaccine (2 doses); Meningococcal B vaccine (2 doses if needed).