



# Southern Regional Middle School

## OCEAN COUNTY, NJ

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Dear Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Southern Regional Family Members,

In January of each year, we begin the process of planning for our incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade class, in your case, the Class of 2030. We strive each year to ensure that our incoming students' transition from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade be a smooth one. One of the most effective ways to do so is to periodically provide you with the information you need to navigate through the transition and feel welcomed into the Southern family.

While all course information is available in the SRMS Program of Studies your child will receive, a quick video tutorial with helpful information to assist you and your child in completing the elective course selection process will be posted on the SRMS website in a section titled "2024-25 Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade Course Selection Information."

You will find a timeline of the process below as well as an explanation of each of the components of the process. As you enjoy these last months as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade family, know we are working to create a place for you at SRMS. It won't be long before you are a Southern Regional Ram!

Sincerely,  
SRMS Administration and Faculty

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
By January 5	Program of Studies delivered to elementary schools and posted on SRMS homepage Course selection process <b>informational video</b> posted on SRMS homepage – go to <a href="https://www.srsd.net/MiddleSchool/">https://www.srsd.net/MiddleSchool/</a>
Week of January 8	Course Selection Sheet mailed home (students choose an elective)
January 24	Signed Course Selection Sheet due back to elementary schools
May (TBD)	SRMS Assistant Principals visit elementary schools Athletic information, plus Introduction and Welcome posted to SRMS homepage
August 20	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation for students and parents

### **Noteworthy:**

**Program of Studies-** This booklet provides a course description for each course offered to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It is beneficial to assist incoming students in understanding the required courses and discussing the elective options with parents/guardians.

**Encore-** The majority of our students experience these four quarter workshops, exploring each course for a ten-week marking period: Design Engineering, Applied Technology, Money Smart, and Spanish.

**Math Placement** - Students will be placed in one of three levels: General, Advanced, or Honors. All 7<sup>th</sup> grade math levels are designed to give students the opportunity to move into an Algebra course in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Placement will be determined through elementary teacher input using a recommendation rubric reflecting learning tendencies at each level, i.e. independent learning, homework completion, ability to show work in sequential order, etc. The math placement for a CST student will be aligned with the IEP.