# École Morden Middle School

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Dear Parents,

Students entering Grade 8 have the opportunity to select their Arts course as well as their Exploratory courses. Next year there will be 6-7 Exploratory courses available to the students depending on interest. Students will participate in 3 Exploratory Options, each lasting one term. Exploratory courses for next year are currently scheduled to include Industrial Arts, Home Economics, Creative Technology, Coding, Robotics, Career Development, and Art.

For the 2018-19 school year, students will also select one of Music/Choir, Band, Drama, or Graphic Design. Please fill out the selection form below and return it to your homeroom Teacher by April 23rd. This will allow us adequate time to plan for next year with the number of students in mind.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 204-822-6225.

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My child, _____ , will be taking;
                            Print Child's  Full Name

Check Arts Option

☐     Music / Choir

☐     Band (See note on back)

☐     Drama

☐     Graphic Design

Please Number your Preferences from 1-7 with 1 as your first choice and 7 as your last choice.

| _____ Industrial Arts | _____ Coding | _____ Career Development |
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| _____ Home Economics | _____ Creative Technology | _____ Art |
| _____ Robotics | | |

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Parent Signature

**Note Re: Band**

Students who choose band will need to make arrangements **BEFORE NEXT FALL** to acquire an instrument for the year. This may involve renting from the school or a music store, or purchasing one. Information about renting / purchasing will be provided at an information night later this spring. The school does have a *limited* number of smaller instruments to lend to families who are unable to provide one for their student. Students who are interested in Choir but wish to take Band are welcome to audition for Jazz Choir.

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## Course Descriptions

**Industrial Arts** – Continuation of Grade 7 introductory exploration with learning in basic carpentry and small project construction.

**Home Economics** - Continuation of Grade 7 introductory exploration with learning in food handling and preparation and small sewing projects.

**Creative Technology** - Continuation of Grade 7 introductory exploration with learning in digital pictures, videos, and other media.

**Coding** - Continuation of Grade 7 introductory exploration with learning in basic programing and video game design.

**Art** - Continuation of Grade 7 introductory exploration with learning in a variety of areas including pottery, paint, sketch, and others.

**Career Development** – An exploration of personal skills, interests, and values as they pertain to possible career choices in the future.

**Robotics** - Continuation of Grade 7 introductory exploration with learning through problem solving in robot construction and programming.