

7th GRADE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SUCCESS & LEADERSHIP: 7TH (.5 credit) This course provides students with lifetime success and leadership skills. It is designed to lay the foundation for success in all other courses offered in junior high.

MUSIC

JR. BEG. BRASS: 7th, 8th, 9th (1.0 credit) *Summer band or its equivalent required.* An introduction to brass instruments-trumpet, trombone, tuba, French horn. The band rehearses and performs marches, classical and popular music. There are generally three performances per year.

JR. BEG. WOODWIND: 7th, 8th, 9th, (1.0 credit) *Summer band or its equivalent required.* An introduction to woodwind instruments-flute, clarinet, oboe, and saxophone. The band rehearses and performs marches, classical and popular music. There are generally three performances per year.

ORCHESTRA: 7th, 8th, 9th (1.0 credit) This is an ensemble of beginning string players directed toward attaining the basic skills in string music. Lower string instruments (cello and bass) are available for school rental along with a limited number of upper strings (violin and viola). No previous experience is necessary.

MUSICAL THEATER: 7th (.5 credit) Students will study the history, theory, performance and analysis of music including hands-on learning of musical instruments and concepts. Please note that this class is intended to teach very basic principles of music and is not

intended for musicians. If a student has had extensive musical background (i.e. piano lessons, violin lessons, etc.) it is strongly recommended that he/she participate in choir, orchestra or band.

JR. BEG. CHOIR-GIRLS OR BOYS: 7th (.5 credit) This course provides opportunities for students to sing in a choral ensemble. It includes the care and cultivation of a good tone, the ability to read music, sing parts, develop creativity and confidence, build technical skills, team spirit, and responsible rehearsal habits. Students will have opportunities to perform.

ELECTIVES

COMMUNIC/DEBATE: (.5 credit) Students will learn the fundamentals of debate. Communications skills taught will include verbal reasoning, public speaking and problem solving.

DRAMA 1: 7th, 8th (.5 credit) Intensive study of the dramatic arts. This class not only covers the history of drama, but the various forms of performance and technical theater.

KEYBOARDING: 7th, 8th (.5 credit) Basic keyboarding skills are taught to gain proficiency and increase typing speed on the computer. Strongly recommended for all 7th graders.

FRENCH 1: 7-9th (.5 credit) This is an introductory French language course. No pre-requisite required.

SPANISH 1: 7-9th (1.0 credit) The class will be an introductory language class and require daily home study of the Spanish

vocabulary. Speaking, listening, reading and writing skills are emphasized through studies of language and cultures from throughout the Hispanic world. No pre-requisite required.

SPANISH 2: 7-9th (1.0 credit) Incoming 7th graders who have been in the Spanish Immersion program should enroll in Spanish 2.

MUSICAL THEATER: 7th (.5 credit) This is the same course that fills the music requirement. It may not be repeated as an elective if chosen to fill the music requirement.

SATB CHOIR: 7-9th (.5 credit) Students receive experience in rehearsal and performance of suitable music for SATB (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) voices

7th CTE FACS (.5 credit) This class explores simple sewing projects, and home arts. It also focuses on humanitarian service and leadership. Materials fee \$10.00.