

7th GRADE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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. Full year choir option available with Adv. Jr Chorus Mixed. ***Purchase of concert shirt required \$15.**

***ADV JR CHORUS MIXED 7th (.5 CREDIT)** Serious musicians only. Girls and Boys welcome. Builds on the skills learned in Jr Beg. Girls/Boys Chorus. Music will be more difficult-will sing in 3 and 4 part harmonies. Will attend Spring music festivals. ***Must have successfully completed Jr Chorus Girls or Boys during first semester to take this class. Purchase of concert attire required.**

ELECTIVES

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.

PEER TUTOR: 7-9th (.5 credit) A unique experience for students to learn about and train students with severe disabilities in classroom, social and vocational settings. Peer tutors will be taught general teaching skills. They will develop positive attitudes and relationships with students with disabilities. Learning is mostly a "hands-on" experience with some written

assignments. The class is fun and worth every student's efforts.

KEYBOARDING: 7th, 8th (.5 credit) Basic keyboarding skills are taught to gain proficiency and increase typing speed on the computer. All 6th students not typing at 30 wpm will be placed in keyboarding.

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.

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.

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.