

Course Descriptions 8th Grade

FULL YEAR ELECTIVES

CONCERT BAND 2nd year band.
Admission requires teacher approval

SYMPHONIC BAND 3rd year band.
An advanced instrumental ensemble.
Admission requires teacher approval.

BAND-BEGINNING An introduction to brass, woodwind and percussion instruments

CONCERT CHOIR Pre-requisite; Audition with Mrs. Covington. Concert choir is a select performance group of mixed singers who perform in concerts, recitals, festivals and other community activities.

MADRIGALS Pre-requisite: Audition with Mrs. Covington. 8th and 9th grade full year class. A vocal performance class to develop the singing voice.

ORCHESTRA-BEGINNING 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

ORCHESTRA-INTERMEDIATE Pre-requisite; Audition or beginning orchestra required. This performance course provides continued instruction for students who have mastered beginning skills. Lower string instruments are available for school rental.

ORCHESTRA-ADVANCED Pre-requisite; Audition or Concert Orchestra required. Students will be part of an ensemble of advanced string players directed toward enhancing skills and performing the finest music. Lower string instruments are available for school rental.

FRENCH 1 This is an introductory French language course. No pre-requisite required

FRENCH 2 Pre-requisite; French 1, with a C grade or better.

SPANISH 1 An introductory language class. No pre-requisite required.

SPANISH 2 Pre-requisite Spanish 1

SPANISH 3 (for Spanish Immersion students)

YEARBOOK Help design, plan, take pictures, do graphics, for yearbook.
***Application and approval from teacher required.**

SEMESTER ELECTIVES

ART FOUNDATIONS 1 Open to 8th and 9th grade students. Students will build up on the concepts learned in Art Exploration in the 7th grade through various two-dimensional media. Subjects will include figure drawing, still-life, scratch board, painting, etc. Project materials cost for the semester is \$10.00.

SATB CHOIR Non-Audition 8th and 9th grade students rehearse suitable music for SATB (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) voices. They perform in concerts, festivals, recitals, and other community activities. Students develop the singing voice, learning part-singing and advance in citizenship and in musical skills. A uniform is required.

DRAMA 1 Intensive study of the dramatic arts. This class not only covers the history of drama, but the various forms of performance and technical theater.

DRAMA 2 This course is an advanced study of theater history and performance with emphasis on Shakespearean acting, children's theater, resume and audition preparation, and performance in school productions.

DIGITAL LITERACY This class is designed for students who have a basic knowledge of computers. The course will cover introduction to computer programming, APP development, and presentation creation.

KEYBOARDING Basic keyboarding skills are taught to gain proficiency on the computer.

FACS A CLOTHING An instructional course that prepares students with basic skills in the principles of clothing construction, textiles, maintenance and care. \$5.00 fee.

FACS B FOODS Basic understanding of the principles of nutrition and healthy life styles. Instruction is given in the relationship

of nutrition to health and well-being; the selection, preparation, care of food; meal management to meet individual and family food needs. \$5.00 Lab fee.

DIGITAL DESIGN Students learn some of the fun and creative uses for computers as they learn to solve problems individually, in pairs and in groups. You will be amazed at all you can do with computers to tell stories, create new games and share your ideas with others.

INTRO. TECH. ED. 1 Introduction to technology is a introductory hands-on class that introduces students to skills used in the technical engineering world of aerospace, communications, construction, transportation, power and energy, and manufacturing. The curriculum is designed around hands on activities that increase the development of problem-solving skill.

TECH 2 Pre-requisite Tech Ed.1 Intermediate technology is a second level course that continues to build on the basic principles learned in Tech 1. This class will focus on advanced exploration of the skills used in the technical engineering world of aerospace, communications, construction, transportation, power and energy, and manufacturing. The curriculum will include the use of problem solving skills, and an introduction to the relationship between applied technology programs taught in the high schools.

7/8 PE BOYS OR GIRLS This class may be repeated as an elective. This course emphasizes team sports and individual physical fitness activities.

JR BEGINNING BALLROOM This coed dance class teaches various forms of American style social dancing. All of the social dances taught are designed to give students dance experience that they can share and enjoy on any social dance occasion.

PEER TUTOR-A unique experience for students to learn about and train students with severe disabilities in classroom, social and vocational settings. Peer tutors 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.