

Elective Courses

6th Grade Physical Education

Semester or Year

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7th Grade Physical Education

Semester or Year

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8th Grade Physical Education/Health

Semester or Year

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6th Grade Dance

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6th Grade Band

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Beginning Band Students are trained in beginning performance skills on assigned instruments while developing music literacy and aural skills in music. They learn to play alone, with small groups, and as an ensemble with 2 performance opportunities. No experience is required. Be Part of the Band!

7th Grade Band

Semester or Year

Beginning and Intermediate Band students continue to add to their knowledge and skills learned in 6th grade band on their assigned instrument while developing their tone and music reading skills. In this course the students will play more challenging music from a variety of styles. Students learn rehearsal skills in a large group setting as well as participate in an individually paced music program to help them advance in their own instrument and abilities. There are also increased opportunities for performances. 1 year of experience is preferred. Beginners will be accepted at this level as well. Be part of the Band!

8th Grade Band

Semester or Year

Advanced and Intermediate Band students continue to add to their knowledge and skills learned in 6th and 7th grade band on their assigned instrument while developing their tone and music reading skills. In this class the students will learn pep band songs to perform for school functions. They will play more challenging music including music from movies and musicals as well as modern, pop and jazz styles. They will also create music compositions and have opportunities to learn conducting. This class will have increased opportunities for performances, field trips, and competitions. 1-3 years experience is preferred. Beginners will be accepted with Band Director approval. The 8th grade band class will prepare students for future success in HS band.

6th Grade Art

Semester or Year

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Creative Writing/Journalism**Grades 6-8****Semester**

Creative Writing/Journalism guides students through various styles of writing. Students will write research reports on current events and explore the various media of Journalism. Creative writing projects provide students the opportunity to explore the many genres of fictional writing. Students are encouraged to find their own style and writing preference through the variety of content. Projects in the course may vary from daily activities to weekly projects.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)**Grades 6-8****Semester**

This course takes students on a journey that incorporates life science, Earth and space science, and physical science concepts. Students begin by studying topics related to the nature of science and engineering, and they gain the skills necessary to succeed in investigations and engineering labs within the course. They learn how matter and energy interact and aid in creating the world around them. Students discover the unique properties of Earth that make it a sustainable planet for living organisms. Students will take an in-depth look at cells and their specialized structures, a variety of habitable ecosystems, and the abilities plants and animals have to adapt to various surroundings. Along with learning about life on Earth, students will study the atmosphere and weather that has made Earth habitable for humans. They investigate ways to be more environmentally conscious by exploring how populations are affected by various environmental factors. Students work toward discovering solutions to these problems. This course includes multiple-day projects and hands-on labs, which are driven by real-world phenomena and meaningful story lines.

Independent Living**Grades 6-8****Semester**

This course takes a look at how students will take care of themselves outside of the school environment. Each grade level has a different focus in what it gives to students. Cooking is offered to give students a basic understanding of how to make easy meals for themselves and their families as well as a look at some of the science behind cooking. Some focus is put on how

to properly create a resume and apply for jobs, while other areas such as personal finances are covered.

Career Explorations

Grades 7-8

Semester

This exploratory course consists of projects and activities that will provide students with opportunities to develop a vision for their future. Students will be exposed to possible future careers, and they will begin the process of identifying and preparing a personal plan of action. They begin with self-discovery and end with a 10-year plan. Activities will assist students in core skill development common to virtually all occupations.