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ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS:

AZ51034 / AZ51046 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH 6

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This is an accelerated course, and students will participate in a rigorous curriculum. Enrollment limited to students meeting entrance criteria.

AZ51035 / AZ51047 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH 7

Language Arts (7th Grade) courses build upon students' prior knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, word usage, and the mechanics of writing, and include the four aspects of language use: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Beyond emphasizing different uses for language, these courses may also include using language (particularly written text) to construct meaning and connections. Specific content depends upon Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards for 7th Grade.

AZ51035 ADVANCED LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH 7

Language Arts (7th Grade) courses build upon students' prior knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, word usage, and the mechanics of writing, and include the four aspects of language use: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Beyond emphasizing different uses for language, these courses may also include using language (particularly written text) to construct meaning and connections. Specific content depends upon Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards for 7th Grade.

This curriculum is aligned with the Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards for Language Arts and is designed to help students move towards eighth grade promotion requirements as evidenced by meeting or exceeding the standards on the State Standardized test. It includes writing, reading, listening and speaking skills, with the emphasis on writing.

This is an accelerated course, and students will participate in a rigorous curriculum. Enrollment limited to students meeting entrance criteria.

AZ51036 / AZ51048 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH 8

Language Arts (8th Grade) courses build upon students' prior knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, word usage, and the mechanics of writing, and include the four aspects of language use: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Typically, these courses use various genres of literature to improve reading skills, and they link writing exercises for different purposes to those reading selections. Specific content depends upon Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards for 8th Grade.

AZ51036 ADVANCED LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH 8

Language Arts (8th Grade) courses build upon students' prior knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, word usage, and the mechanics of writing, and include the four aspects of language use: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Typically, these courses use various genres of literature to improve reading skills, and they link writing exercises for different purposes to those reading selections. Specific content depends upon Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards for 8th Grade.

Students will engage in projects and activities designed to produce mastery of Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards for both English and Social Studies.

Written work will be done in conjunction with the study of grammar and all other requirements under the state English standards.

This is an accelerated course, and students will participate in a rigorous curriculum. Enrollment limited to students meeting entrance criteria.

AZ51037 LANGUAGE ARTS SKILLS (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)

The Language Arts Skills course is an intervention course to build upon students' prior knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, word usage, and the mechanics of writing, and include the four aspects of language use: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. These courses may emphasize the use of language for different effects, in different contexts, and for different purposes. Specific content depends upon Arizona's College and Career Readiness Standards.

Students who will be scheduled into a language arts skills class may have received any failing grades in their present year's Language Arts class, are recommended to take the class by their teacher, or do not meet the standards on a state standardized test.

AZ51068 READING SKILLS (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)

The Reading Skills course is an intervention course to build upon students' prior knowledge of reading fluency, reading comprehension, citing textual evidence through discussion and writing, and writing to text. These courses may emphasize the use of language for different effects, in different contexts, and for different purposes. Specific content depends upon Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards.

Students who will be scheduled into a reading skills class may have received any failing grades in their present year's Language Arts class, are recommended to take the class by their teacher, or do not Meet the Standards on a state standardized test.

AZ51039 WRITING SKILLS (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)

The Writing Skills course is an intervention course to build upon students' prior knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, word usage, and the mechanics of writing, and include the four aspects of language use: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. These courses may emphasize the use of language for different effects, in different contexts, and for different purposes.

Students who will be scheduled into a writing skills class may have received any failing grades in their present year's Language Arts class, are recommended to take the class by their teacher, or do not Meet the Standards on a state standardized test.

AZ51103 COMPOSITION (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)

This course is a required elective to compliment Language Arts classes and support the rigorous expectations of composition and writing to text required by Arizona's College and Career Readiness Standards. The course builds upon students' prior knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, word usage, and the mechanics of writing, and includes the four aspects of language use: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. These courses may emphasize the use of language for different effects, in different contexts, and for different purposes.

Composition courses focus on students' writing skills and develop their ability to compose different types of papers for a range of purposes and audiences. These courses enable students to explore and practice descriptive, narrative, persuasive, or expository styles as they write paragraphs, essays, letters, applications, formal documented papers, or technical reports. Although composition courses may present some opportunities for creative writing, their focus usually remains on nonfiction, scholarly, or formal writing.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

AZ54436 SOCIAL STUDIES 6

Social Studies (6th Grade) courses provide a greater understanding of social studies disciplines: including history, geography, civics and government, and economics. These courses often focus on the history, culture, and government of various specific world societies. Typically, students develop skills used in the social studies disciplines. Specific content depends upon Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards for 6th Grade.

AZ54437 SOCIAL STUDIES 7

Social Studies (7th Grade) courses provide continued development of understanding and skills in the social studies disciplines: history, geography, civics and government, and economics. Specific content depends upon Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards for 7th Grade.

AZ54437 ADVANCED SOCIAL STUDIES 7

Social Studies (grade 7) courses provide continued development of understanding and skills in the social studies disciplines: history, geography, civics and government, and economics. Specific content depends upon Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards for grade 7.

This is an accelerated course, and students will participate in a rigorous curriculum. Enrollment limited to students meeting entrance criteria. Advanced Social Studies and Advanced Language Arts must be taken together due to reading and writing requirements

AZ54438 SOCIAL STUDIES 8

Social Studies (8th Grade) courses provide continued development of understanding and skills in the social studies disciplines: history, geography, civics and government, and economics. Typically, these courses focus on single disciplines at a time (e.g., state-specific history and government, U.S. history, world history, or civics) to develop discipline-related skills. Specific content depends upon Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards for 8th Grade.

AZ54439 ADVANCED SOCIAL STUDIES 8

Social Studies (grade 8) courses provide continued development of understanding and skills in the social studies disciplines: history, geography, civics and government, and economics. Typically, these courses focus on single disciplines at a time (e.g., state-specific history and government, U.S. history, world history, or civics) to develop discipline-related skills. Specific content depends upon Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards for grade 8.

This is an accelerated course, and students will participate in a rigorous curriculum. Enrollment limited to students meeting entrance criteria. Advanced Social Studies and Advanced Language Arts must be taken together due to reading and writing requirements.

MATH:

AZ52036 MATH I (MATH 6)

Mathematics (I) course typically emphasize skills in numerical operations (including basic operations and their proper order); measurement; patterns; simple functions; geometry; and concepts of data analysis, including statistics and probability. Specific content depends upon Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards for Math I.

AZ52036 / AZ52037 MATH II -ADVANCED 6th Grade

This course differs from Math I in that it contains content from Math II. This will provide a progression that ensures coherence across the grade levels leaving no allowance for students to skip a grade or standards.

AZ52037 MATH II (MATH 7)

Mathematics (II) course typically emphasize proficiency in skills involving numbers and operations; measurement; patterns; functions; algebraic formulas; geometry; and concepts of data analysis, including statistics and probability. Specific content depends upon Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards for Math II.

AZ52037 / AZ52051 MATH III -ADVANCED 7th Grade

This course differs from Math II in that it contains content from Math III. This will provide a progression that ensures coherence across the grade levels leaving no allowance for students to skip a grade or standards.

AZ52051 MATH III (MATH 8 Pre-Algebra)

Pre-Algebra courses increase students' foundational math skills and prepare them for Algebra I by covering a variety of topics, such as properties of rational numbers (i.e., number theory), ratio, proportion, estimation, exponents and radicals, the rectangular coordinate system, sets and logic, formulas, and solving first-degree equations and inequalities.

AZ52069 ALGEBRA I (HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED PLACEMENT PREP)

Algebra I courses include the study of properties and operations of the real number system; evaluating rational algebraic expressions; solving and graphing first degree equations and inequalities; translating word problems into equations; operations with and factoring of polynomials; and solving simple quadratic equations.

Students taking Algebra I need an A or B in the class and on the final exam in order to receive high school credit and take Geometry their freshman year.

This is an accelerated course, and students will participate in a rigorous curriculum. Enrollment limited to students meeting entrance criteria.

AZ52996 MATH SKILLS (6th, 7th, 8th grades)

Math Skills courses reinforce and expand students' foundational math skills, such as arithmetic operations using rational numbers; area, perimeter, and volume of geometric figures; congruence and similarity; angle

relationships; the Pythagorean theorem; the rectangular coordinate system; sets and logic; ratio and proportion; estimation; formulas; and solving and graphing simple equations and inequalities.

Students who will be scheduled into a math skills class may have received any failing grades in their present year's math class, are recommended to take the class by their teacher, or do not Meet the Standards on a state standardized test.

SCIENCE:

AZ53236 SCIENCE 6

Science (6th grade) courses typically include subject matter from several strands of science, including earth/space sciences, physical sciences, and life or environmental sciences, and may organize material around thematic units. Specific content depends upon Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards for 6th grade.

Students in this course will study the following: the history and nature of science, including the inquiry process and scientific method; science in personal and social perspective, including changes in the environment and technology; life science; physical science; and earth and space science.

AZ53237 SCIENCE 7 (Life Science/Earth Science)

Science (7th grade) courses build on previous years of scientific inquiry and typically include subject matter from several strands of science, including earth sciences, physical sciences, and life or environmental sciences, and may organize material around thematic units. Specific content depends upon Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards for 7th grade.

This course will teach students about the scientific method, the nature and history of science, the inquiry process, and science in personal and social perspectives. It will provide study of the internal and external structures of the earth, the moon and deep space. It will also include ecosystems, predator/prey relationships, and environmental factors.

AZ53238 SCIENCE 8 (Physical Science/Life Science)

Science (8th grade) courses typically include subject matter from several strands of science, including earth sciences, physical sciences, and life or environmental sciences, and may organize material around thematic units. Specific content depends upon Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards for 8th grade.

This course is concerned with the study of physical sciences including: the periodic table, the physical and chemical properties of matter, and motion and force in the physical world. This course will teach students about the scientific method, the nature and history of science, and science in personal and social perspectives. It will also introduce cellular reproduction, animal adaptations, and heredity.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

AZ58036 BOYS'/GIRLS' PE 6TH GRADE

Physical Education (6th grade) courses typically involve the acquisition of knowledge and skills that provide the foundation for sport, a physically active lifestyle, and social development through physical activity. Activities typically include those that increase strength, endurance, and flexibility; reinforce safe technique; teach the rules and conventions of games and sports; and explore the relationship between physical activity and health. Health topics (such as the effects of drugs and alcohol, sexual education, and healthy lifestyles) may also be included.

Specific content depends upon state standards for 6th grade. A Physical Education uniform is required. **The cost is \$15.00 and it may be purchased through the school office.**

AZ58037 BOYS'/GIRLS' PE 7TH GRADE

Physical Education (7th grade) courses typically involve the acquisition of knowledge and skills that provide the foundation for sport, a physically active lifestyle, and social development through physical activity. Activities typically include those that increase strength, endurance, and flexibility; reinforce safe technique; teach the rules and conventions of games and sports; and explore the relationship between physical activity and health. Health topics (such as the effects of drugs and alcohol, sexual education, and healthy lifestyles) may also be included. Specific content depends upon state standards for 7th grade. A Physical Education uniform is required. **The cost is \$15.00 and it may be purchased through the school office.**

AZ58038 BOYS'/GIRLS' PE 8TH GRADE

Physical Education (8th grade) courses typically involve the acquisition of knowledge and skills that provide the foundation for sport, a physically active lifestyle, and social development through physical activity. Activities typically include those that increase strength, endurance, and flexibility; reinforce safe technique; teach the rules and conventions of games and sports; and explore the relationship between physical activity and health. Health topics (such as the effects of drugs and alcohol, sexual education, and healthy lifestyles) may also be included. Specific content depends upon state standards for 8th grade. A Physical Education uniform is required. **The cost is \$15.00 and it may be purchased through the school office.**

AZ5803M BOYS'/GIRLS' ADVANCED PE 6TH/7TH/8TH (ATHLETICS PE)

This course is recommended for students involved in athletics. Physical Education courses typically involve the acquisition of knowledge and skills that provide the foundation for sport, a physically active lifestyle, and social development through physical activity. Activities typically include those that increase strength, endurance, and flexibility; reinforce safe technique; teach the rules and conventions of games and sports; and explore the relationship between physical activity and health. A Physical Education uniform is required. **The cost is \$15.00 and it may be purchased through the school office.**

AZ58005 BOYS' or GIRLS' BODY CONDITIONING

Fitness/Conditioning Activities courses emphasize conditioning activities that help develop muscular strength, flexibility, and cardiovascular fitness. A Physical Education uniform is required. **The cost is \$15.00 and it may be purchased through the school office.**

AZ58051 HEALTH EDUCATION

Topics covered within Health Education courses may vary widely, but typically include personal health (nutrition, mental health and stress management, drug/alcohol abuse prevention, disease prevention, and first aid) and consumer health issues. The courses may also include brief studies of environmental health, personal development, and/or community resources.

CAREER AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT:

AZ62005 KEYBOARDING

Keyboarding courses provide an introduction to the keyboard (letters, numbers, and symbols), basic machine operation, and proper keystroke technique. As students progress, they improve their speed and accuracy and produce increasingly complex documents. Such courses help students develop keyboard proficiency, document production skills, and problem-solving skills. This course is required for all 6th graders or new students and a competency test to pass is given.

AZ60004 COMPUTER APPLICATIONS - MICROSOFT OFFICE

In Computer Applications courses, students acquire knowledge of and experience in the proper and efficient use of previously written software packages. These courses explore a wide range of applications, including (but not limited to) word-processing, spreadsheet, graphics, and database programs, and they may also cover the use of electronic mail and desktop publishing.

AZ51066 FAST FORWARD

Strategic Reading courses are intended to improve a student's vocabulary, critical-thinking and analysis skills, or reading rate and comprehension level. Although these courses typically emphasize works of fiction, they may also include works of nonfiction (including textbooks). Strategic Reading courses often have a time management focus, offering strategies for note taking or for understanding and evaluating the important points of a text.

Students who do not "Meet the Standard" on the State Standardized test in Reading will be scheduled in Fast ForWord in place of an elective.

AZ72202 FOODS AND NUTRITION 1

This class introduces students to basic cooking skills. Students begin by learning the basics of nutrition. They then progress into learning about the kitchen, its equipment, basic recipe reading and measuring techniques. Once students have learned kitchen safety and organization, the class will begin cooking as often as possible, with the goal of cooking twice a week. **There is a \$20.00 fee for the class per quarter.**

AZ72202 FOODS AND NUTRITION 2

Building upon the foundations learned in Foods 1, students will continue to learn about nutrition, kitchen equipment, recipe reading and measuring skills. This class will incorporate recipes that require more skill than in Foods 1. Students will learn how to manage time more effectively and learn how to meal prep with hands on activities. The goal would be to cook twice a week. **There is a \$20.00 fee for the class per quarter.**

AZ55165 BASIC SEWING (Sewing 1)

This course explores different elements and principles of a variety of sewing techniques. Projects that require patience, an attention to detail, completion, and willingness to improve eye-hand coordination using fabric will be constructed. Many of the projects will provide creative expression using decorative sewing techniques including basic hand sewing skills, quilting, and embroidering. Much of Sewing 1 will focus on hand sewing with some use of a sewing machine. **There is a \$15.00 fee for this class per quarter.**

AZ55165 BASIC SEWING (Sewing 2)

This class is an extension of Sewing 1. Students will continue to practice and learn about the different elements and principles of a variety of sewing techniques. Projects that require patience, an attention to detail, completion, and willingness to improve eye-hand coordination using fabric will be constructed. Many of the projects will provide creative expression using decorative sewing techniques including basic sewing skills, quilting, and embroidering. Much of Sewing 2 will focus on skills learned in Sewing 1 and increased use of a sewing machine. **There is a \$15.00 fee for this class per quarter.**

AZ72101 EXCEL

Excel introduces students to the skills and strategies helpful in becoming more focused, productive individuals. This course helps students to develop positive relationships, learn self-concept and self-confidence, the effects of first impressions, how to build self-confidence to become leaders, have an understanding of ourselves, how to present ourselves, and tools on how to take responsibility of ourselves.

AZ63003 WOODSHOP

This course is a beginning class. It will consist of basic drafting and continue through working drawings. It will also introduce hand tool use and teach some basic power tool skills. Safety will be stressed in this course. Students will create projects to show off the skills they have acquired. **There is a \$15.00 fee for this class per quarter.**

AZ61151 DIGITAL MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

This course is designed to give students the skills necessary to support and enhance their learning about digital media technology. Topics covered in the course may include internet research, copyright laws, web-publishing, use of digital imagery, electronic forums, newsgroups, mailing lists, presentation tools, and project planning. **There is a \$10.00 fee for this class per semester.**

AZ60203 INTERACTIVE MEDIA

The Interactive Media course provides to students the knowledge and skills to create, design, and produce interactive media products and services. The course may emphasize the development of digitally generated and/or computer-enhanced media. Course topics may include animation, graphic design, digital music-making, and video editing. **There is a \$10.00 fee for this class per semester.**

AZ61104 PUBLICATION PRODUCTION (DVD YEARBOOK)

The Publication Production course provides to students the knowledge and skills necessary to produce the school blog, yearbook, and end-of-year video presentation. Students may gain experience in several components (writing, editing, layout, production, and so on) or may focus on a single aspect while producing the publication.

AZ72006 SELF-MANAGEMENT/STUDY SKILLS

This course introduces students to the skills and strategies helpful in becoming more focused, productive individuals. This course emphasizes goal setting, decision making, management of time, energy and stress; and alternatives and coping strategies. This course is intended for students who are not succeeding academically and completing their homework each night and a study hall atmosphere will prevail.

AZ72995 MISCELLANEOUS/INSTRUCTOR AIDE

Miscellaneous—Aide courses offer students the opportunity to assist instructors in preparing, organizing, or delivering course curricula or to assist other staff members in fulfilling their duties. Students may provide tutorial or instructional assistance to other students.

AZ22995 OFFICE AIDE

Office Aide courses provide students with the opportunity to work in campus offices, developing skills related to clerical office work. Duties may include typing, filing, record-keeping, receiving visitors, answering the telephone, and duplicating, among others. These courses emphasize appropriate work attitudes, human relations, and proper office procedures.

AZ53250 STEM

This is a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) course that involves at least two of the STEM disciplines. Instruction is delivered in a technology based, inquiry-based, project-based format. STEM in 21st Century Community Learning Centers is designed to serve the “Excitement” and “Awareness” levels with a variety of topics. Family involvement and field trips are also components designed to sustain the interest in STEM. The course is designed so that students gain confidence in their own abilities to learn and widen their choice of careers. **There is a \$20.00 fee for the class per quarter.**

THE ARTS:

AZ55165 ARTS AND CRAFTS 1 (Hobbies)

This class is an introduction to basic art techniques and theory. Students will make a variety of projects focusing on the different elements of art as well as crafts associated with holidays and seasons of the year. Projects may include things such as paper mache, painting, dough art, basic drawing, and various other forms of art. **There is a fee of \$15.00 for class supplies per quarter.**

AZ55165 ARTS AND CRAFTS 2 (Hobbies)

This class is a continuation of Arts and Crafts 1 and will spotlight famous artists and periods of art. Students will continue to practice and learn about the elements of art as well as learn various art techniques that will be implemented as a means to explore famous artists and periods of art. Projects in Arts and Crafts 2 will require students to utilize their time efficiently, pay attention to detail, and analyze art from around the world and across the ages. **There is a fee of \$15.00 for class supplies per quarter.**

AZ55101 BEGINNING BAND

This class is for all students who are interested in learning to play a band instrument. No previous musical experience is necessary! Instruction is offered on: flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, horn, trombone, baritone horn, tuba and percussion (drums and mallet instruments). Students must purchase their own book *Essential Elements, Book 1* and other supplies necessary for the specific instrument (reeds, valve oil, cleaning kits, drum sticks, etc.). There are a very limited number of school instruments available for a semester rental fee of \$40.00. There are two evening performances required, one per semester. Students are expected to practice outside of class. **Concert dress for boys-black or dark blue pants, white shirt, and a tie. Concert dress for girls-black or dark blue pants or skirts and white top. There will be a \$15 fee per year to help defray the cost of music.**

AZ55102 CONCERT BAND

This is a performance based group for students with a minimum of 1 year of successful experience on their instrument, by selection by the director, or by audition for those new to the school system. Students must have teacher's approval before enrolling in this class. The music is more difficult than beginning band, and will require practice time outside of the school day. There may be possibilities in this class for advancement, including regional and state festivals. Students should have their own instrument if at all possible, though the school has a very limited number of instruments available for semester rental fee of \$40.00. Students are expected to supply their own supplies necessary for the specific instrument (reeds, valve oil, cleaning kits, drum sticks, etc.), the performance music will be supplied by the school. There are two evening performances required each semester. **Concert dress for boys-black or dark blue pants, white shirt, and a tie. Concert dress for girls-black or dark blue pants or skirts and white top. There will be a \$15 fee per year to help defray the cost of music.**

AZ55106 SYMPHONIC BAND

This is a performance based group for students with a minimum of 2 years of successful experience on their instrument, by selection by the director, or by audition for those new to the school system. Students must have teacher's approval before enrolling in this class. The music is quite difficult and will require substantial practice time outside of the school day. There are many opportunities in this class for advancement, including regional and state festivals. Students should have their own instrument if at all possible, though the school has a very limited number of instruments available for semester rental fee of \$40.00. Students are expected to supply their own supplies necessary for the specific instrument (reeds, valve oil, cleaning kits, drum sticks, etc.), the performance music will be supplied by the school. There are two evening performances required each semester.

Concert dress for boys-black or dark blue pants, white shirt, and a tie. Concert dress for girls-black or dark blue pants or skirts and white top. There will be a \$15 fee per year to help defray the cost of music.

AZ55104 BEGINNING ORCHESTRA

This is a class for all students interested in learning to play an orchestral instrument. No previous musical experience is necessary! Instruction is offered on violin, viola, cello, and string bass. Student must purchase their own copy of *Essential Elements – Book 1* and other supplies necessary for the specific instrument (rosin, etc.). There are an extremely limited number of school instruments available for a semester rental of \$40.00. There are two evening performances required, one per semester. Students are expected to practice outside of class. **Concert dress for boys-black or dark blue pants, white shirt, and a tie. Concert dress for girls-black or dark blue pants or skirts and white top. There will be a \$15 fee per year to help defray the cost of music.**

AZ55104 STRING ORCHESTRA

This is a performance based group for students with a minimum of 1 year of successful experience on their instrument, by selection by the director, or by audition for those new to the school system. Students must have teacher's approval before enrolling in this class. The music is more difficult than in beginning orchestra, and will require practice time outside of the school day. There may be possibilities in this class for advancement, including regional and state festivals. Students should have their own instrument if at all possible, though the school has a very limited number of instruments available for semester rental fee of \$40.00. Students are expected to supply their own supplies necessary for the specific instrument (rosin, etc.), the performance music will be supplied by the school. There are two evening performances required each semester. **Concert dress for boys-black or dark blue pants, white shirt, and a tie. Concert dress for girls-black or dark blue pants or skirts and white top. There will be a \$15 fee per year to help defray the cost of music.**

AZ55104 CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

This is a performance based group for students with a minimum of 2 years of successful experience on their instrument, by selection by the director, or by audition for those new to the school system. Students must have teacher's approval before enrolling in this class. The music is quite difficult and will require substantial practice time outside of the school day. There are many opportunities in this class for advancement, including regional and state festivals. Students should have their own instrument if at all possible, though the school has a very limited number of instruments available for semester rental fee of \$40.00. Students are expected to supply their own supplies necessary for the specific instrument (rosin, etc.), the performance music will be supplied by the school. There are two evening performances required each semester. **Concert dress for boys-black or dark blue pants, white shirt, and a tie. Concert dress for girls-black or dark blue pants or skirts and white top. There will be a \$15 fee per year to help defray the cost of music.**

AZ55110 BEGINNING CHOIR

This Choir will be an Entry-Level experience for the student new to singing, or new to Junior High Choir. We will begin to learn how to read music including Music Theory for the beginner and some simple sight singing exercises. All Choirs will sing a wide range of songs from the canon of Choral Literature. Including Classical, Traditional, Holiday and Patriotic, Some pop and show tunes. Beginning Choir students will learn songs in two or three parts to acquire an ear for simple harmonies and counterpoint and to gain a knowledge of basic musical elements. There is one required performance per quarter as well as a Festival Performance in the spring semester. All students will be required to participate in evening or daytime performances. **Concert dress for boys: black or dark blue slacks, white collared shirt, and a tie. Concert dress for girls: black or dark blue pants or skirts and white top. There will be a \$15 per year Materials Fee. NO T-SHIRT REQUIRED.**

AZ55110 CONCERT CHOIR 7th and 8th Grade

Choir courses provide the opportunity to sing a variety of choral literature styles and are designed to develop more advanced vocal techniques and the ability to sing intermediate parts. Choir will build upon the basics learned in Beginning choir and will continue to develop the areas of sound production, music theory, vocal technique and other aspects of Choral Performance on a secondary level. A special emphasis will be given to strengthening the adolescent voice. The songs learned and performed will be from standard choral literature in three and four parts, including pop and show choir numbers. All students will be required to participate in evening or daytime performances. Performances will feature the separate and combined choirs. Optional performances include Regional and Allstate Honor choirs (Audition Required) **Concert dress for boys: black or dark blue slacks, white collared shirt, and a tie. Concert dress for girls: black or dark blue pants or skirts and white top. There will be a \$15 per year Materials Fee. NO T-SHIRT REQUIRED.**

AZ55111 SELECT CHOIR – Audition Required

This course is intended to further develop vocal techniques and the ability to sing parts in a smaller ensemble. Course goals may include the development of solo or improvisational singing ability and may emphasize one or several ensemble literature styles. All students will be required to participate in evening or daytime performances. Performances will feature the separate and combined choirs. Optional performances include Regional and Allstate Honor choirs (Audition Required) **Concert dress for boys: black or dark blue slacks, white collared shirt, and a tie. Concert dress for girls: black or dark blue pants or skirts and white top. There will be a \$15 per year Materials Fee. Members of this group will ALSO need to purchase a Uniform Shirt for Outside performances and Travel.**

AZ55051 DRAMA 1 - INTRO TO THEATER

This course provides an overview of the art, conventions, and history of the theater. Although the course will sometimes include rudimentary acting games and exercises, the emphasis is on the theater world as a whole rather than performance. Students learn about one or more of the following topics: Building the “actor’s toolbox” and basic techniques in acting, The history of Theatre in the world as well as the beginning of “Realism” as we know it today, Development and creation of “character”, overview of Theatrical elements like Costumes, Lighting, and Set Design; examples of theatrical works (on film) as well as a critical appreciation of the art form.

This is a beginning course in which students will engage in creative theatre exercises to develop imagination, observations, and concentration. Students participate in solo and group improvisational and rehearsed activities to help them become comfortable performing in front of an audience. They are introduced to the elements of acting techniques: imagination building, vocal projection, articulation, basic staging skills, scene study, characterization, and stage directions. **THIS COURSE DOES NOT INCLUDE A FORMAL PERFORMANCE IN A CLASS PRODUCTION. There is a \$10.00 materials fee per semester for this class.**

AZ55053 DRAMA 2 - ACTING

This course is designed to enhance students’ understanding of life through the study and performance of dramatic works. They emphasize developing students’ ability to express themselves and establish personal criteria for the critical evaluation of drama activities.

Students continue to develop imagination, observation and concentration skills as related to performance on stage. Students will experience expanded exposure to sound production and voice use. Character development, stage direction and movement will be developed through activities such as pantomime to music, oral interpretation, and screen study. This course will introduce the student to Shakespeare and elements of performance associated with historical texts as they rehearse and perform monologues and scenes. **THIS COURSE DOES NOT INCLUDE A FORMAL PERFORMANCE IN A CLASS PRODUCTION. Students**

must have taken and passed Intro to the Theater or be preapproved by the instructor. **There is a \$10.00 materials fee per semester for this class.**

AZ55079 DRAMA 3 - THEATRICAL PRODUCTION

This Semester long course will encourage the student to express artistry and self-discipline. A further delving into the world of theatre and performance, THEATRICAL PRODUCTION will take the students through various performance genres of Comedy, Drama, and Musical Theatre and the specific needs and techniques of each.

Incorporating the skills acquired in the previous drama courses, students will engage in producing, rehearsing, and performing a mainstage theatrical production. Performers will be involved and responsible for the various aspects of production (with instructor and parental help). This course DOES require all students to participate in the FORMAL PERFORMANCE of the class production. **Students require a passing grade in Drama 1 and Drama 2 as well as outstanding citizenship and work ethic. There is a \$15 materials fee per semester fee for this course.**