

Coulter Grove Intermediate School

Registration: Orientation & Assessment

7th Grade Elective Course Descriptions, 2018-2019



7th Grade Hour Courses

- **Band:** The early focus will be to get students prepared for Jr. Band Clinic. This involves knowledge of scales, sight reading techniques, and solo/etude preparation. Building upon the previous years, students will continue to refine their range, intonation, and reading skills. Students will explore more instruments such as oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, horn, baritone euphonium, and tuba. The 7th grade band will prepare for and perform in the East Tennessee Concert festival.
- **Orchestra:** The early focus will be to get students prepared for Jr. Orchestra Clinic. This involves knowledge of 2-octave scales, sight reading skills, and solo preparation. Building upon the previous years, students will continue to refine their intonation, vibrato, and shifting ability. Performance of challenging literature will raise the student's performance level.
- **Music: Creative Productions:** Creative Productions is centered around a new, cutting-edge based curriculum **Quaver's Marvelous World of Music**. Quaver's resources bring **Seriously Fun** teaching and learning to the music classroom. SERIOUS – because the content addresses grade-appropriate concepts that meet state and national standards. FUN – because every lesson is packed with comedy, characters and memorable activities students love. Using this approach, students create, compose, and perform their own commercials and jingles, write cell-phone ring tones, create sound effects, score for animation and much more! In addition, students learn to play the ukulele! Uke has quickly grown in popularity and is fast becoming a Coulter Grove favorite instrument!
- **STEM:** 7th grade STEM is a year-long class with a focus on Automation and Robotics, students trace the history, development, and influence of automation and robotics. Students learn about mechanical systems, energy transfer, machine automation, and computer control systems. Working in collaborative groups that utilize problem-solving, teamwork, and innovation is part of our exploration of robotics. Students will also be introduced to computer programming as they learn to think systematically when programming the robots they have created.
- **Academic Success:** Academic Success is a scheduled class aimed at teaching specific academic skill gap weaknesses in reading and math identified by testing. Research based instructional programming is utilized to remediate academic weaknesses. In addition, this class also seeks to teach students prevocational skills such as organization and work completion. Student placement in this class is by IEP team decision only. If you have questions, please ask your child's IEP case manager.

7th Grade Mini Courses

- **Band Mini:** Designed for the students who want to master the skills needed for Jr. Clinic, concert festival, and the solo festival. Introduction of small ensemble literature and performance opportunities will challenge the students to raise their level of musicianship.
- **Orchestra Mini:** Designed for the students who want to master the skills needed for Jr. Clinic, Chamber Orchestra, and solo performance. Introduction of 3-octave scales and a variety of ensemble literature will challenge the students to raise their level of musicianship.
- **Music: Chorus:** Do you love to sing and perform and want to have fun doing so? Then choir is for you! In addition to performing concerts for friends and family, choir students enjoy serving in the community as they sing for area events such as the city Christmas tree lighting, Last Friday Art Walk, Blount County Public Library, Ben Atchley State Veteran's Home and our favorite **SPRING SING IN THE SMOKIES!**
- **Art: Project-based:** Students will create art projects using various studio techniques and will explore a variety of materials. Students that would like to improve their artistic talents are encouraged to sign up, but anyone who loves art and is willing to work hard is welcome. In addition to studio projects, we will also work on entries for local and national art competitions, art shows, and other community events.
- **STEM:** (same as hour course description above, cannot choose both)
- **Leadership:** Designed to develop the leader within. Major focuses will be on Public Speaking, Presentation Skills, and finding individual leadership style. Course can be repeated, if taken in 6th grade.
- **Study Skills Support:** The Study Skills Support Class is a class that will help students who struggle with organization, time management skills, and study skills when completing assignments or projects. It is also a class geared to help students who need additional time to complete homework, independent reading, projects, and study time.
- **Team Sports:** This mini course is designed to instill and grow students' love of sports. Organized game play ranging from basketball to badminton and everything in between will help students learn the rules of various sports as well as how to participate as a teammate and foster leadership skills.
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