

Olentangy Liberty Middle School

8th Grade Unified Arts Electives 2021-2022

ART electives

DRAWING: (6-week class)

LINE, TEXTURE, VALUE, SHAPE AND SPACE!

Experiment with a diversity of two-dimensional media that could include graphite, charcoal, pastel, and computer technology. Selected artists and cultures will serve as our inspiration as we complete our own works of art. Learn how they have had an influence on many diverse styles from Abstract to Realistic Art.

SCULPTURE/3D MEDIA: (6-week class)

BEND, WRAP, MODEL, PINCH, PUSH AND PULL!

Use a variety of techniques to manipulate clay, plaster, and other materials to turn two dimensional sketches into forms with depth. As you create, you will discover artists and cultures that have creatively and successfully worked with sculpture.

PAINTING: (6-week class)

BRUSH, PALETTE, PAPER, GLUE AND KEYBOARD!

Experiment with diverse media that could include acrylic, watercolor, collage materials, and computer technology. Selected artists and cultures will serve as our inspiration as we complete our own works of art.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES electives

GLOBAL GOURMET I: (6-week class)

Are you interested in preparing delicious meals for yourself and others? In Global Gourmet 1, you will analyze how culture influences food while preparing food from Mexico, Italy, and China during lab days. You will also be able to demonstrate food safety and sanitation, dining etiquette, and the basics needed to be self-sufficient in the kitchen. Come put your academic skills to life! An emphasis is placed on the kind of work ethic that employers desire and employability skills that are necessary for college and career readiness.

GLOBAL GOURMET II: (6-week class)

Global Gourmet II is an extension of Global Gourmet I. Continuing to focus on safe kitchen practices, in this course students explore various regions of the United States, and prepare recipes from those regions...Northeastern U.S., Southern U.S., Midwestern U.S. etc.

Global Gourmet I is required before taking Global Gourmet II

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES electives continued

MANAGING YOUR FUTURE: (6-week class)

In Managing Your Future, you will create a vision board while demonstrating problem solving skills and planning SMART goals. You will also do a career inventory, research a career of interest and make a job wanted poster while learning about employability skills, leadership, and interview tips. In addition, you will learn the basics of financial literacy including budgeting, checking and savings, investing, credit cards, and needs and wants. Managing Your Future is a project-based class where you will learn the skills you need to be successful both in the classroom and into adulthood.

MUSIC electives

BAND: (36 weeks-full year class)

Band is a performance-based ensemble where students extend the skills developed in previous years of band classes. Students will have the opportunity to perform increasingly advanced repertoire and to refine the musicianship skills they will need to participate successfully in bands at the high school level and beyond.

ORCHESTRA: (36 weeks-full year class)

This group is a continuation of the 7th grade orchestra. We continue learning more advanced scales, shifting, vibrato and rhythms. This is a full year class that meets every day.

CHOIR: (36 weeks-full year class)

Students will sing a variety of 3-4 part literature throughout the year. They will have many performance opportunities. Also, they will learn the advanced sight-reading and singing skills used in a chorus.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH electives

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (coed): 6-week class)

A wide variety of individual and team sports along with fitness testing each term.

HEALTH: (6-week class)

Society is evolving. How well do you take care of your cellphone? How well do you take care of the most important item to you? Do you take care of your health as you do your cellphone or other important items? Think about it. Your health has to last you a lifetime. Take the steps now to achieve your goals and live a healthy lifestyle. This course will include age appropriate knowledge and practice skills to enhance overall health. In this course, students will develop healthy habits and make the best choices for themselves now and for the future. Topics covered in this 6-week course are the following: the seven dimensions of wellness, mental health, stress management and time management. Also includes, a drug unit on alcohol, marijuana, vaping, juuling, prescription drugs and opioids to name a few.

TECHNOLOGY electives

BASIC WOODWORKING: (6-week class)

Students learn about two main types of manufacturing processes, custom and mass/batch production, through woodworking projects. Students will also develop lab safety skills, quality control knowledge, increase measurement skills and develop some basic woodworking skills with both hand and power tools.

DIGITAL MEDIA: (6-week class)

Students will create a variety of media products in this class. They will create a podcast about a topic that is important to them. They will then create a commercial for a product that they use. Students will choose from a section of video editing software for this project. The final project is a **Public Service Announcement** choosing from one of several video production apps available for their use.

MODULAR TECHNOLOGY 8: (6-week class)

Mod Tech 8 uses the Engineering Process along with technology, research, deep reading, and problem solving to define a problem or need, develop, implement, and build a prototype of the solution. 3D projects will be created using 3D modeling software and a 3D printer. Graphic design projects will be created using graphic design software, badge press, Cricut cutter and vinyl, inkjet iron-on film, and iron on the press. The process involves defining the problem, background research, equipment, and materials needed specifying requirements of the project, brainstorming solutions, selecting the best solution, developing and building a prototype, testing, redesigning as time allows, and reporting results.

PRODUCTIVITY SKILLS 8: (6-week class)

In this six-week elective, students will learn several advanced technology skills that are not taught in the core middle school curriculum. Advanced features of documents, spreadsheets and presentation software and apps will be the major emphasis of this course.

WARRIOR NEWS: (6-week class)

In this class students will learn all applications needed to produce a weekly news program. Students will be trained in news reporting skills, storyboarding, videography, video editing and final production skills.

WEB DESIGN: (6-week class)

In this six-week elective class, students will learn the basics of html and css coding for web pages and creating web-ready pages. The program used is a freeware program, Notepad++, a program the student can download at home and continue using if they should wish to do more web design after taking the course. The course has some creative writing required and careful accurate keying skills for coding. Students will create three web pages from scratch using HTML and CSS code, learning how to edit, add graphics, create text containers, and link pages for a web site. The end product will be three attractive web-ready pages.

WORLD LANGUAGE electives

HIGH SCHOOL, LEVEL 1: FRENCH, GERMAN OR SPANISH: (36 WEEKS=FULL YEAR CLASS)

The level one language class is a yearlong accelerated course with optional high school credit. Students who are serious about beginning a language in 8th grade and/or who might want to take a five-year course of study are encouraged to take this course. The Level One language courses is equivalent to taking a 5th core class and introduces grammatical structures, memorization of large amounts of vocabulary and cultural topics of immediate interest and use to students.

Listening, speaking, reading and writing assessments are integral parts of this course; all of which will require nightly study of at least 20-30 minutes. Midterm and Final exams will be given at the end of each semester with a focus on performance skills, which will enable students to function at a very basic level in "real world" situations. Upon successfully completing the course and with teacher recommendation, students may enroll in the level two-language class as a freshman.