



Legacy Junior High

2023-2024 8th Grade Course Catalog

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REQUIREMENTS

4030 ENGLISH 8	(YEAR)	5100 MATH 8	(YEAR)
6100 SCIENCE 8	(YEAR)	OR	
4510 US HISTORY	(YEAR)	5200 HONORS ACCEL SECONDARY I*	(YEAR)
7537 DIGITAL LITERACY	(SEM)	1000 HEALTH EDUCATION 1	(SEM)

ELECTIVES

ASSISTANT ELECTIVES

Requires Permission

210 OFFICE ASSISTANT**	(SEM)
211 TEACHER ASSISTANT**	(SEM)
212 COUNSELING OFFICE ASSISTANT**	(SEM)
215 LIBRARY MEDIA ASSISTANT**	(SEM)

CTE – CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

7404 FCS EXPLORATION A – SEWING / INTERIOR DESIGN/FASHION	(SEM)
7405 FCS EXPLORATION B – FOODS/CHILDREN/SELF	(SEM)
7548 EXPLORING BUSINESS & MARKETING	(SEM)
7743 CREATIVE CODING	(SEM)
7775 INTRO TO PYTHON 1*	(SEM)
7810 EXPLORING TECHNOLOGY 1	(SEM)
7810 EXPLORING TECHNOLOGY 2	(SEM)
7830 ROBOTICS TECH 1	(SEM)

MATHEMATICS ELECTIVES

5101 SUPP COREQ MATH 8 EXT**	(SEM)
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ELECTIVES

4154 NOVEL STUDIES	(SEM)
4225 READ 180**	(YEAR)
4335 CREATIVE WRITING 1	(SEM)
4340 CREATIVE WRITING 2*	(SEM)
4345 SCHOOL NEWSPAPER EDITOR**	(SEM)
4360 SCHOOL NEWSPAPER	(SEM)
4365 YEARBOOK**	(YEAR)
4405 MYTHOLOGY	(SEM)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ELECTIVES

One PE course required in 7th or 8th grade

1021 FITNESS 8	(SEM)
1041 LIFETIME ACTIVITIES BALLROOM PE	(SEM)

SCIENCE ELECTIVES

6609 STEM EXPLORATIONS 1	(SEM)
6611 STEM EXPLORATION 2	(SEM)

SOCIAL STUDIES ELECTIVES

4385 DEBATE 1	(SEM)
4390 DEBATE 2 – MOCK TRIAL*	(SEM)
4529 HISTORY'S HIJINKS, HEROES, AND VILLIANS	(SEM)



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FINE ARTS ELECTIVES

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2101	ART FOUNDATIONS 1	(SEM)
2102	ADVANCED ART 1*	(SEM)
2118	3D DESIGN 1*	(SEM)
2201	BAND 1	(YEAR)
2210	BAND 2 BRASS*	(YEAR)
2212	BAND 2 WOODWIND*	(YEAR)
2213	BAND 2 PERCUSSION*	(YEAR)
2214	JAZZ BAND **	(YEAR)
2307	BEGINNING MIXED CHOIR	(SEM)
2310	ADVANCED CHORALAIRES **	(YEAR)
2310	ADVANCED CONCERT CHOIR **	(YEAR)
2310	ADVANCED LEGACY MADRIGALS **	(YEAR)
2316	MUSIC EXPLORATION	(SEM)
2405	ORCHESTRA 1	(YEAR)
2406	ORCHESTRA 2*	(YEAR)
2502	THEATRE 1	(SEM)
2508	MUSICAL THEATRE **	(YEAR)
2514	MUSICAL THEATRE STAGE CREW**	(YEAR)

WORLD LANGUAGES ELECTIVES

3110	SPANISH 1	(YEAR)
3120	SPANISH 2*	(YEAR)
3142	H DLI SPANISH 4*	(YEAR)
3790	WORLD LANGUAGE SURVEY	(SEM)

GENERAL ELECTIVES

213	PEER TUTOR	(SEM)
214	LATINOS IN ACTION	(YEAR)
220	STUDENT GOVERNMENT**	(YEAR)
221	CHEERLEADERS**	(SEM)
4531	CIVICS	(SEM)

ASSISTANTS

210 Office Assistant (semester) - **Preapproval by office secretary required

Graded Pass/Fail

The office assistant will be under the direction of the secretaries. Duties include filing reports, absentee listings, mailings, checking students in and out of school, calling parents about attendance, assisting the public at the counter, and learning to use the copy machines and the intercom. Office assistants also learn the proper way to answer the telephone. Student must have good attendance and grades to be an office assistant. There will be limited enrollment and the application form can be found on the school registration website.

211 Teacher Assistant (semester) - **Preapproval by teacher required

Graded Pass/Fail

The teacher assistant will be under the direction of one teacher. The teacher will assign duties to the assistant as needed. Students assist teachers in typing, filing, bulletin boards, tutoring, etc. There will be limited enrollment and the application form can be found on the school registration website.

212 Counseling Office Assistant (semester) - **Preapproval by counselor required

Graded Pass/Fail

The counseling office assistant will be under the direction of the counseling department and will work closely with the counseling secretary. Duties may include filing, answering parent phone calls, looking up classes, delivering passes, showing new students where their classes are in the building, and various other projects throughout the year. Student must have good attendance and grades to be a counseling assistant. There will be limited enrollment and the application form can be found on the school registration website.

215 Library Media Skills Assistant (semester) - **Preapproval by librarian required

Graded Pass/Fail

Library Skills is designed for students who enjoy variety in their daily tasks, who are computer literate, and like to read. Duties may include in-class assignments, checking books in and out, shelving books, and completing errands and tasks for the operation of the library. Students must have a 3.0 GPA. There will be limited enrollment and the application form can be found on the school registration website.

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CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

7404 FCS Exploration A Sewing/Interior Design/Fashion (semester)

Fee: \$15

This course provides essential skill development in career pathways related to Family and Consumer Sciences. Students will cultivate skills in interior design, clothing and textile construction, fashion design and merchandising, consumerism, entrepreneurship and career and job-related tasks. This course will strengthen comprehension of concepts and standards outlined in Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education. Student leadership (FCCLA) may be a part of the course.

7405 FCS Exploration B Foods/Children/Self (semester)

Fee: \$10

This class focuses on nutrition, childcare, and other Family and Consumer Science areas. Students learn the basics of food and nutrition while making delicious meals and treats. For students interested in learning about kids, one day being a parent, teacher, or childcare provider, this course will teach students the basics of how to care for children. The things learned in this class will apply to students' lives, both now and in the future!

7537 Digital Literacy (semester)**Fee: \$5**

Do you like to be creative? Do you like to use technology on a daily basis? Students will explore different aspects of how technology affects our everyday lives. Students will learn about communicating using technology through digital audio, video, and photography. Students also learn basics of word processing, spreadsheets, slideshows, and databases. The skills and knowledge students learn from this class will take them to the next level! Digital Literacy is a required course for 8th graders.

7548 Exploring Business & Marketing (semester)**Fee: \$5**

The world of business & marketing is introduced to students. Explore what it takes to start a business. This class will help students design a logo, business cards, and a website. Students will also invest a simulated \$100,000.00 in the stock market.

7743 Creative Coding (semester)**Fee: \$10**

Creative Coding is an introductory course to coding. The course is designed to attract and reach a broad and diverse range of students, including those who may have never considered programming. Students will learn what a Computer Scientist does as well as learn the Engineering Design process as they learn how to code by working in a real software development environment to design, program and publish mobile apps and games. Learning to code by creating real products, students discover how to make amazing things and have an impact on their world.

7775 Intro to Python 1 (semester) - **prerequisite Creative Coding***Fee: \$10**

This course is an introduction to the Python programming language. Python is a language with a simple syntax, powerful set of libraries. It is an interpreted language with a rich programming environment, including a robust debugger and profiler.

7810 Exploring Technology 1 (semester)**Fee: \$10**

Design and engineering principles are taught and then reinforced through building awesome hands-on projects such as speedy air racers, penny hockey games, hot air balloons, and problem-solving activities. (Caution: you might have fun in this class.)

7810 Exploring Technology 2 (semester)**Fee: \$10**

Caution! You might have fun while learning in this class. Students will continue to learn design and engineering concepts and principles and then have the opportunity to build and explore making cool things such as hydraulic cranes, shoot the moon game, battle bots, basic electronic challenges, and more, time permitting.

7830 Robotics Tech 1 (semester) **elective recommended for 8th-9th grade, no prerequisite, available 8-9***Fee: \$10**

This intermediate science elective gives 8th and 9th graders opportunities to learn the engineering design process and work with a team to design, build, code, and drive a VEX robot. The group tasks will improve problem solving and communication skills. This class offers a fun engineering challenge! Students who enjoy this class can also choose to apply to the Robotics club.

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GENERAL ELECTIVES

213 Peer Tutor (semester)

Peer tutors help other students who have academic, behavioral, social, or physical needs. Responsibilities include accompanying them to general education classes. Tutors help their buddy work in small group settings, assist with

navigating the building and help their buddy 1-1 with individual academic goals. Satisfactory citizenship required.

214 Latinos in Action (year)

This class operates as a year-long elective course with the goal of empowering Latino youth to lead and strengthen their communities through college and career readiness. The focus is on four pillars: leveraging personal and cultural assets, excelling in education, serving the community, and developing leadership skills.

220 Student Government (year) - **By election and/or application only

Student Government is a program designed to teach leadership, cooperation, and other social skills. It is a class run mostly by the student leaders under the direction of an advisor. Student Government plans and directs school activities and two assemblies during the year. They are also responsible for promoting school spirit, sponsoring a school-wide service project, and implementing other activities as assigned by the administration. Admission is by election and/or application only.

221 Cheerleaders (semester) - **Tryout required

Please see advisor for more information.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

4030 English 8 (year)

Instruction develops skills and concepts in reading to learn, writing and language, and speaking and listening. Students study literary and informational texts inside and outside of class to improve vocabulary, grammar, and research skills. Writing includes: Argument, Informative, and Narrative and focuses on distribution and production of writing. Students have the option of earning an Honors Designation by showing advanced competency and understanding of content. Students are encouraged to work with their individual teachers to figure out what additional projects and content they need to work on to earn this designation.

4225 Read 180 (year) – **Teacher/Counselor recommendation only

This course is designed to strengthen reading skills. READ 180 is a research-based reading intervention program designed to raise the reading levels and test scores of struggling readers. While strengthening these skills, the English core will also be addressed and taught. The class is divided into sections: whole group instruction, small group/individualized instruction, independent and modeled reading, and content-based reading.

4154 Novel Studies (semester)

Students will study literary and informational texts inside and outside of class to improve vocabulary, grammar, and comprehension skills. Students will read a variety of novel genres in class and small groups to develop an understanding of multiple literary genres.

4335 Creative Writing 1 (semester)

Students will receive an overview of literary techniques and practice using them to write stories and poems. Students will read and analyze works of creative literature. Students will write in their journals daily, share their work with each other, and complete a few extended pieces of writing.

4340 Creative Writing 2 (semester) - *prerequisite Creative Writing 1

Creative Writing 2 incorporates skills and information learned in genre writing from Creative Writing I and takes it to the next level. Personalize your learning and your writing, create your own style, play with perspective, format, and online apps for genres you love, like poetry, narrative, mystery, science fiction, etc. Publish your work online or record yourself reading your own story to create the mood and tone you want. Want to try out that novel you have always wanted to write? Creative Writing 2 will give you the confidence you need to give it a shot! Try a blog, create a Podcast, or seek ways to make your writing pay you for the time you put into it!

4345 School Newspaper Editor (semester) – ** Preapproval by advisor required and earned an A and H in Newspaper

This course is a more in-depth continuation of Journalism 1/School Newspaper. Students are responsible for editing, planning, design, and publication of the school newspaper. Journalism 2 students serve in leadership positions as editors and staff managers. As leaders, they will co-teach, determine content, edit peer's work, and write feature articles.

4360 School Newspaper (semester)

This course provides opportunities for students to engage in an examination of Journalism and the news writing process. Students are responsible for the planning, design, and publication of the school newspaper. This production process will involve feature writing, page/graphic design, and photography. Good writing skills and a working knowledge of grammar are required.

4365 Yearbook 1 (year) – **by Application Only

Preapproval by Advisor. Yearbook students work with the Commercial Art 1/Graphic Design class. This course is an introduction to the basic skills and techniques of yearbook production. Graphic design, news gathering, reporting, printing, photography, ethics, etc. are explored. The school yearbook is a product of this class. A maximum of 30 students will be accepted. An application must be completed.

4405 Mythology (semester)

Mythology is a survey of ancient Greek and Roman stories about heroes, gods and the universe and illustrates the influence of these myths on the art, literature, and culture of the modern world. The Greeks and Romans ask and answer much the same questions that we pose today. Their myths are not just stories but represent serious attempts to explain the world around us. Study of these ancient myths forces us to reevaluate our own questions and answers, our own way of looking at the world, and our place in it.

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FINE ARTS

One course required in 7th or 8th grade

2101 Art Foundations 1 (semester)

Fee: \$15

Art Foundations is the introductory art class offered at the junior high level. This course studies composition, the elements of art, and the principles of design through drawing, painting, and printmaking. Students will explore a broad variety of art tools, techniques, and materials while mastering each art concept.

2102 Advanced Foundations 1A 2D Art (semester) – * prerequisite Art Foundations 1

Fee: \$15

Advanced Art is one of the advanced art classes offered at the junior high level. Students will study art history and learn from master artists (from ancient Egyptian art to contemporary art) to create their own drawings, paintings, and prints. Students will explore a broad variety of art tools, techniques, and materials.

2118 3D Design I (semester) – * prerequisite Art Foundations 1

Fee: \$15

This class has been designed for art students who want to further their skills in 3-D art such as clay, wire, plaster, wood and other found materials. This is an exciting class that will get you working with your hands. There will also be drawing for some of the assignments. Students who elect to take this class should sincerely be willing to experiment, try new mediums, and grow as artists. Students will be expected to show a high level of quality, craftsmanship, and complexity in their artwork. Art Foundations 1 is a required prerequisite to take this class.

2201 Band 1 Beginning (year) – Brass, Percussion, Woodwinds

Beginning Band 1 is beginning instruction in playing an instrument. Emphasis is on tone production, note reading, and basic skills of playing a musical instrument. For brass and woodwind instruments, no experience is necessary. Instruments include trumpet, trombone, French horn, baritone, tuba, flute, oboe, clarinet, bass clarinet, bassoon, alto saxophone, and

tenor saxophone. The French horn, baritone, and tuba are available from the school to rent. A limited number of oboes, bass clarinets, tenor saxophones, and bassoons are available from the school to rent. No drum set playing is taught.

Students must have one or more years of successful piano lessons to be considered for the percussion section.

Instrument selection will take place following registration, under the supervision of the Director of Bands. Summer Band or private lessons are encouraged. Some instruments are available for rent from the school for \$95.00. The fee covers the year and should be paid during registration in the fall. All Beginning Band students will participate in the Fall, Christmas and Spring concerts.

2210 Band 2 Brass (year) – * prerequisite Band 1 Brass

Band 2 - Brass will be an expansion of skills and knowledge learned in the beginning class. Emphasis is on personal skill development, improvement in note reading, rhythm reading, and tone production. Festivals and solo experiences are introduced at this level. The full band experience will be at concerts and festivals.

2212 Band 2 Woodwind (year) – * prerequisite Band 1 Woodwind

Band 2 - Woodwinds will be an expansion of skills and knowledge learned in the beginning class. Emphasis is on personal skill development, improvement in note reading, rhythm reading, and tone production. Festivals and solo experiences are introduced at this level. The full band experience will be at concerts and festivals.

2213 Band 2 Percussion (year) – * prerequisite Band 1 Percussion

Fee: \$50 for school percussion instrument rental

Band 2 - Percussion will be an expansion of skills and knowledge learned in the beginning class. Emphasis is on personal skill development, improvement in note reading and rhythm reading. Additional percussion instruments are taught at this level. Festivals and solo experiences are introduced at this level. The full band experience will be at concerts and festivals.

2214 Jazz Band (year) – **By Audition Only

Fee: TBD

Jazz Band is a class designed for students who want to explore music more fully. Emphasis will be placed on listening skills, music theory, jazz scales, jazz articulations, and improvisation. Students will have performances throughout the year and will play at other special events. Students enrolled in Jazz Band must also be enrolled in another full-year music class. Jazz Band is a zero-period class which means they meet before school.

2307 Beginning Mixed Choir (semester)

Uniform Fee: \$20

In this class, students will learn the basics of vocal technique, sight-reading, part-singing and music fundamentals. This is a one semester class. Students will perform at choir concerts during the semester.

2310 Advanced Choralaires (year) – **By Audition Only

Uniform Fee: \$20

In this class, students will perform more advanced literature and will continue their learning of vocal technique, sight-reading, part-singing, and music fundamentals. They will perform at several concerts during the year.

2310 Advanced Concert Choir (year) – **By Audition Only

Uniform Fee: \$20

This is Legacy Junior High School's most prestigious choir. Students accepted into this class are expected to maintain the highest standards of good rehearsal technique and behavior. In this class, singers will perform more advanced literature and will continue their learning of vocal technique, sight-reading, part-singing, and music fundamentals. They will perform at several concerts during the year and will compete at district festivals.

2310 Advanced Legacy Madrigals (year) – **By Audition Only

Uniform Fee: \$20

In this class, students will perform advanced classical choral literature and will continue their learning of vocal technique, sight-reading, part-singing, and music fundamentals. They will also dance and perform "show choir" style music. In addition to their performances, they will join with the Legacy Concert Choir performing at all concerts and district festivals during the year. (Although not registered for the Legacy Concert Choir class, the Lady Madrigals are considered part of the Legacy

Concert Choir and will learn their literature and join them for all their performances. Registering for an additional Legacy Concert Choir is encouraged but not required.)

2316 Music Exploration (semester)

Music Exploration is an introduction to music. Concepts learned will include the history and development of music, instruments, basic music theory fundamentals, listening, performing, analyzing, and creating music, and exploring career possibilities.

2405 Orchestra 1 – Concert (year)

Orchestra 1 provides meaningful experiences in music by teaching students to play orchestral string instruments. Emphasis will be on playing position, basic tone production, rhythmic precision, interpretation of music symbols, bowing techniques, and care of the instrument. Sixth Grade Orchestra or summer private lessons are strongly encouraged. All Beginning Orchestra students will participate in the Fall, Christmas and Spring concerts.

2406 Orchestra 2 – Symphony (year) – * prerequisite Orchestra 1

Orchestra 2 builds on techniques and skills learned in orchestra 1 (or previous playing experience). Focus on expanding left hand technique including shifting and vibrato, complex rhythms, and time signatures. All students will participate in the district level competition and record for the state competition as well as concerts.

2502 Theater 1 (semester)

Theatre 1 is designed to increase students' knowledge and skills in the world of theatre. Students will learn to improve their knowledge and ability in basic drama techniques. This class requires creativity, experimentation, and open-mindedness. Students will gain basic acting skills, learn general theatre terms and history, and apply their knowledge through formal and informal performances.

2508 Musical Theater Productions (year) – **By audition only

Fee: \$30

Students in this class will rehearse and participate in the school's musical production, which is a graded requirement of this course. After-school practices, performances, and festivals are required. Students must audition for this class. Based on a student's role in the production, this will be a semester or year course.

2514 Musical Theater Stage Crew (year) – ** Preapproval by course instructor required

Fee: \$20

Students who are accepted in the class will learn basic skills and requirements needed to assist in assemblies and performances both during school and evenings. Helping run the technical elements of the school's musical is a huge requirement and responsibility of the stage crew. Students will learn about stage construction, costume/make-up design, as well as lighting and sound. After-school performances will be required.

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MATHEMATICS

5100 Math 8 (year)

The Grade 8 Mathematics instruction will focus on three critical areas: (1) Formulating and reasoning about expressions and equations including modeling an association in bivariate data with a linear equation, solving linear equations and systems of linear equations; (2) grasping the concept of a function and using functions to describe quantitative relationships; (3) analyzing two and three-dimensional space and figures using distance, angle, similarity, and congruence, and understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem. Students have the option of earning an Honors Designation by showing advanced competency and understanding of content. Students are encouraged to work with their individual teachers to figure out what additional projects and content they need to work on to earn this designation.

5200 Honors Accelerated Secondary 1 (year)

****This class is only for 8th graders who have shown proficiency in the Accelerated Math Program in 7th grade.***

This section of the required 9th grade math class is for students who earned a "highly proficient" rating in 8th grade math, who love math, and who are planning on taking advanced math classes in high school. Generally, these are students who plan on a career in a math-related field such as engineering. This course will focus on developing a solid understanding of functions and use that understanding to explore many examples of functions, including sequences. It will deepen and extend understanding of linear relationships and connect that understanding to exponential functions. It will build on prior experiences with data to develop formal methods of data analysis. Students will use properties and theorems involving congruent figures to deepen and extend understanding of geometric knowledge. Algebraic and geometric ideas will be tied together.

5101 Supplemental Corequisite Math Extension Grade 8 (semester) – **Teacher/Counselor recommendation only

This class is designed to give students extra support for their regular math class. Class time will be used to reteach and clarify concepts taught the day before. We will work together to complete and review homework assignments. In-class activities and practice will be used to reinforce math concepts, but no additional homework will be given. Due to limited space in this class, a variety of data sources are used to determine which students would most benefit from the class.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION / HEALTH

One PE course required in 7th or 8th grade

1000 Health Education 1 (semester)

Health Education conforms to the state core and covers a variety of topics. The focus of this course is to teach life skills to the students. Some of the topics addressed are as follows: self-esteem, stress, decision making, substance abuse prevention, human development, disease prevention, nutrition, fitness, and first aid. This is a required class for 8th graders.

1021 PE/Fitness 8 (semester)

PE Uniform: \$10

Intermediate Fitness continues to focus on physical conditioning and the development of team sports skills. Leadership skills and sportsmanship will be emphasized.

1041 Lifetime Activities Ballroom Dance (semester)

This FUN co-ed class is designed to introduce students to basic social dances as well as today's popular youth dances. Students will work with partners as well as in groups to learn basic steps and dance choreography. Come and learn how to incorporate dance into an active and healthy lifestyle. Bring one friend or bring them all, Ballroom Dance is where it is at! This class counts towards PE credit.

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SCIENCE

6100 Integrated Science 8 (year)

Lab Fee: \$10

The eighth-grade course deepens students' understanding about how matter and energy interact in systems large and small. Students will experiment with the chemistry of atoms and reactions; the physics of motion and waves; natural resources and hazards; and the photosynthesis-respiration cycle within ecosystems. Skills include hypothesizing, planning investigations, representing information, and evaluating design solutions. Students have the option of earning an Honors Designation by showing advanced competency and understanding of content. Students are encouraged to work with their individual teachers to figure out what additional projects and content they need to work on to earn this designation.

6609 STEM Explorations 1 (semester) - *elective recommended for 7th-8th grade, no prerequisite, available 7-9*

Lab Fee: \$15

This foundational science elective gives junior high students hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Explorers expand their understanding of various STEM topics while enhancing their critical thinking skills. As individuals and groups, students create, design, problem-solve, build projects, perform experiments, and most of all have a positive science experience! Fun projects include model cars, bridge design, and electric circuits.

6611 STEM Explorations 2 (semester) - *elective recommended for 8th-9th grade, no prerequisite, available 8-9*

Lab Fee: \$15

This intermediate science elective gives junior high students hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Explorers expand their understanding of various STEM topics while applying basic mathematical principles like algebraic equations. As individuals and groups, students deepen their understanding of scientific methods through hands-on experiments. Fun projects include dissection, disease spread, ocean currents, physics of motion, and flight.

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SOCIAL STUDIES

4385 Debate 1 (semester)

The focus of this class is to expand students' skills in listening, thinking, and speaking. This class prepares students to learn from others as well improve student communication skills. The ability to debate civilly and listen to other viewpoints is an important part of this class and being a good citizen. Students learn to use their voice and body language to reach their audience. Students practice these skills in addition to other communication skills in various types of speeches.

4390 Debate 2 – Mock Trial (semester) – * *pre-requisite Debate 1*

This class is for students who have taken Debate 1 and are interested in furthering their thinking and speaking skills. Students will learn the three types of debate: Matters of policy: Be an advocate for policy change. Matters of value: Lincoln Douglas Debate. Matters of fact: Mock Trial. Students will also be creating a podcast on a topic of their choice. Students in this class are highly encouraged to participate in our school's Mock Trial team which competes against other schools.

4510 US History (year)

Students will learn about the history of the United States from colonization to the founding of our national government, and from westward expansion through the Civil War and its aftermath. Using the Summit Platform, Power Focus areas explore thematic historical content and processes, with class activities and learning projects to help us develop historical thinking skills. Source analysis, chronological reasoning, contextualization, comparison, and civic engagement are the priority standards on which students are assessed. Students have the option of earning an Honors Designation by showing advanced competency and understanding of content. Students are encouraged to work with their individual teachers to figure out what additional projects and content they need to work on to earn this designation.

4529 History's Hijinks, Heroes, and Villains (semester)

In this class we will explore interesting and amazing events from the beginning of the world to now. Topics will vary according to interest, but students can expect to learn lots of fun facts and stories about heroes like George Washington and Abraham Lincoln or villains like Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin. We will explore momentous events like dynasties, revolutions, natural disasters, wars and much more through class activities, simulations, projects, historical fiction, and class discussions.

4531 Civics (semester)

Civics is focused on helping students learn about how the United States government operates and how they can prepare to be active, informed citizens as they approach the age where they will be old enough to vote and participate in our government. Students will learn about their rights and responsibilities as citizens.

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WORLD LANGUAGES

The University of Utah requires students to take at least the first and second year (level) of the same foreign language at any point during grades 7 to 12. No other university in Utah requires world language for admittance. The state sponsored Utah Promise Scholarship requires two years of a foreign language in grades 9 – 12. Language courses, like any other instructional course, cannot be retaken unless recommended by teacher.

3110 Spanish 1 (year)

Recommended: Average to above average skills in English reading and writing.

Spanish 1 is an introduction to the four basic language skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Emphasis is on the use of simple vocabulary in real life situations. Basic grammar is presented. The culture, history, and geography of the Spanish speaking countries and areas are explored.

3120 Spanish 2 (year) – * prerequisite Spanish 1

Recommended: Average to above average skills in English reading and writing.

A continuation of beginning Spanish with more emphasis on conversation, reading, and writing. Some Hispanic customs and everyday activities will be introduced. Grammar includes past tenses, increased vocabulary, and irregular verbs.

3142 Spanish 4 Dual Language Immersion (year)

***Limited: Spanish Immersion Students Only**

This course builds on language skills acquired in Spanish DLI 3. Structure and vocabulary are taught through the use of authentic texts. Student proficiency will increase through the study of the AP Spanish themes. Activities in this class include writing essays, emails, summaries, etc., presentational, and interpersonal speaking, interpretive practice through authentic media.

3790 World Language Survey (semester)

This course is designed to familiarize students with multiple languages and cultures throughout the semester. Besides learning simple phrases, greetings and vocabulary in multiple languages, students will also explore the history, geography, and culture of the countries where these languages are spoken.

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**Fees are subject to change based on approved 2021-2022 Junior High Fee Schedule*