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MIDDLE SCHOOL

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CURRICULUM GUIDE

GRADES 6-8

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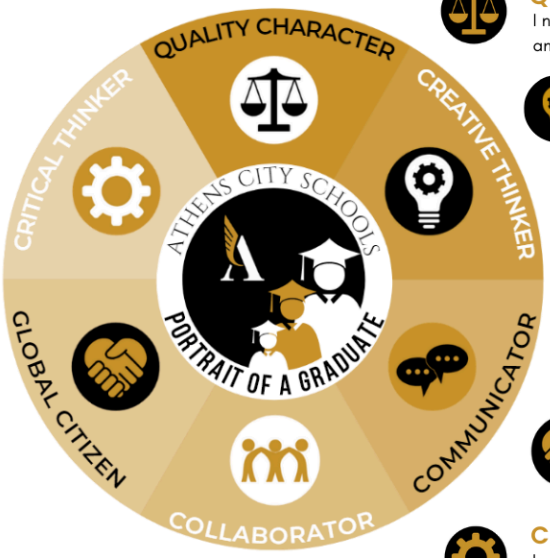
STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES It is the policy of the Athens City Board of Education not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, or marital status in the education programs, activities or employment and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been appointed to coordinate compliance efforts: Mrs. Dimika Cummings, Title IX/Section 504/ADA. Contact Mrs. Cummings in person at Athens City Schools Board of Education Central Office, 455 U.S. Highway 31 North, Athens, AL 35611, by email at dimika.cummings@acs-k12.org or by phone at 256.233.6600.

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

EMPOWERING ALL STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS MEANS MORE THAN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.

For students to be prepared for life beyond graduation, our community believes we must focus on the whole individual. Our Athens City Portrait of a Graduate describes the characteristics and skills that will empower all students for success now and in the future.



QUALITY CHARACTER I inspire the trust of others and believe in myself.
I nurture overall physical and mental well-being and act honestly, responsibly and ethically. I manage and monitor myself, use sound judgment, and persevere in the face of challenges.

CREATIVE THINKER I generate new ideas and build on existing ones.
I pursue imaginative approaches and solve problems by asking questions, being flexible in my thinking, and taking the initiative to turn my ideas into action.

COMMUNICATOR I explore and exchange ideas with others.
I actively listen to and honor the voices of others, and I communicate clearly through the three fluencies of writing, speaking, and digital depending on my audience.

COLLABORATOR I form partnerships with others.
I work with others to accomplish goals and tasks by building relationships, managing team dynamics, making shared decisions, and learning from and contributing to the learning of others.

GLOBAL CITIZEN I serve as an active participant in a larger society.
I contribute to solutions that benefit the global community by examining issues from multiple perspectives and demonstrate empathy, compassion, and respect for others.

CRITICAL THINKER I analyze and synthesize ideas.
I make decisions by evaluating information and arguments, seeing patterns and connections, constructing meaningful knowledge, and applying it in the real world.

ATHENS CITY SCHOOLS

VISION

The Athens City Schools Portrait of a Graduate is a collective vision reflecting our community's hopes, dreams, and aspirations for its students. Not only is it designed to prepare students for academic achievement, but also to prepare them for success in their personal and professional lives beyond the classroom.

MISSION

Empowering all students for lifelong success in a rapidly changing world.

VALUES

- **STUDENT CENTERED LEARNING** We prioritize students' needs and interests in decision-making.
- **RELATIONSHIPS** We foster genuine and trusting connections within a secure and inclusive environment.
- **PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY** We create an environment where everyone feels valued and heard.
- **COLLABORATION** We work together towards a common goal.
- **GROWTH MINDSET** We emphasize continuous learning and improvement.
- **EMPOWERMENT** We inspire staff and students to take ownership of their learning and professional growth.
- **CELEBRATIONS** We encourage and recognize each other's strengths and efforts.

INFORMATION AND REFERENCE

CORE COURSE
Courses required (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) for all students.

COURSE
A unit of instruction.

ELECTIVES
Courses that students choose based on interest. Some elective options are semester-long courses and some elective options are full-year courses.

FALL SEMESTER
The first and second nine-week term of the school year (18 weeks).

SPRING SEMESTER
The third and fourth nine-week term of the school year (18 weeks).

GRADING SCALE
A-100-90 B-89-80 C-79-70 D-69-60 F-59-0 More information regarding grading procedures can be found at **acs-k12.org**.

HONORS/ADVANCED CLASS
Honors courses are designed for the college-bound student. The curriculum is covered at an accelerated pace and provides students with opportunities to take advanced-level courses in English, math, and science. These courses follow the Alabama College and Career Ready Standards and include enrichment activities, project-based learning, research, and/or laboratory experiences. Sixth Grade Center students are allowed to choose one honors course, 7th Grade students are allowed to choose two honors courses for the year, and 8th-grade students are allowed to choose three honors courses. They are designed to prepare students to take Honors/Advanced Placement (AP) courses in HS and Dual Enrollment, which allows students to complete college-level studies while in high school.

PARENT PORTAL AND STUDENT ACCOUNTS (Powerschool)
PowerSchool is the Student Information System (database) used by Athens City Schools. Parents and students use PowerSchool to access grades throughout the year. Parents and students will receive information regarding accessing student records online at the beginning of the school year.

SCHEDULE CHANGES
To provide the greatest probability for students to receive requested courses, students are given an opportunity to review the AMS Curriculum Catalog and complete a Student Registration Form. From there, a master schedule is constructed and teachers are hired to ensure that what was requested would be received. Knowing that not every course request can be honored due to conflicts in the student's schedule, the following procedure provides the greatest potential for requests to be honored. Student registration forms indicate a commitment to completion of the course requested. All 6th, 7th and 8th Grade students will take math, science, social science, English, and one semester of PE each year. Once a schedule is assigned students commit to course completion as defined in the student

schedule. Schedule changes should be requested prior to the first day of school. The principal may approve course changes due to extenuating circumstances.

SCHEDULE CORRECTIONS
Schedule corrections will be made and only when approved by the following criteria: duplication of courses, courses out of sequence, or Sports PE/Band, etc. to be entered due to auditions.

SCHOOLOGY
Schoology is an online Learning Management System (LMS) used by Athens City Schools to deliver course content to students in grades K-12. Athens Middle School uses Schoology for both traditional and remote classes as well as any eLearning days that are taken or required during the course of the school year. Learn more about Schoology at **acs-k12.org**.

EAGLE STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM (SST)
The Student Support Team (SST) is a school-based problem-solving support group. Team members discuss issues related to the specific needs of students and offer teachers assistance in resolving problems. The team is composed of regular education teachers, administrators, counselors, and other individuals as needed. Outcomes of a team meeting may include curriculum strategies and intervention, alternative instructional strategies, behavioral management plans, crisis intervention, conflict resolution, conferences with interested parties, or referrals for additional evaluation.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How are grades reported?
Grades are reported to parents and students in a variety of ways. Up-to-date grade information is available through PowerSchool. Additionally, report cards are sent home at the end of every 9-week grading term.

Is there a supply list?
A grade-level supply list will be released prior to the end of the school year so that parents will be able to purchase items prior to the first day of school. It will be available on the school website and in the local stores.

What is the difference between regular courses and Honors courses?
Both regular and Honors courses will use the Alabama College and Career Ready grade-level standards. Honors may have additional readings and materials to supplement courses.

Are all students required to take P.E. in middle school?
Yes. Students are required to take at least one semester of P.E.

What determines a student's grade level?
Grade level is determined by the number of core classes successfully passed.

What happens if a student fails a class?
For students who are not successful during the regular school year and must repeat a class, credit recovery may be a necessity in the Summer Session.

Athens Middle School Course Offerings

English Language Arts

GRADE 6 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS or GRADE 6 HONORS ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
Course Code 01034G0606 OR Course Code 01037HPK06
This course provides students with opportunities to develop in the areas of reading, writing, listening, speaking, discussion, and reflection. Reading strategies, critical thinking skills, vocabulary building, and a focus on writing comprise the main elements of this course.

GRADE 7 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS or GRADE 7 HONORS ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
Course Code 01035G0707 OR 01035H0707
This course provides students with the opportunity to develop skills that will require students to analyze fiction and nonfiction texts, construct clear and coherent writing. Students will engage in collaborative discussions and presentations through project-based learning experiences.

GRADE 8 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS or GRADE 8 HONORS ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
Course Code 01036G0808 OR 01036H0808
This course provides students with opportunities to engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with partners on various topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

Athens Middle School Course Offerings

Mathematics

GRADE 6 MATHEMATICS or GRADE 6 HONORS MATHEMATICS
Course Code 02036G0606 or Course Code 02999HPK06
This course provides students with opportunities to participate in inquiry and project-based learning activities for a deeper understanding of Proportional Reasoning, Number Systems and Operations, Algebra and Functions, Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability, and Geometry and Measurement.

GRADE 7 MATHEMATICS
Course Code 02037G0707
This course allows students to participate in inquiry and project-based learning activities for a deeper understanding of Proportional Reasoning, Number Systems and Operations, Algebra and Functions, Geometry and Measurement, Data Analysis, Statistics and Probability.

GRADE 7 ACCELERATED MATHEMATICS
Course Code 02037H0707
This accelerated-paced course allows students the opportunity to participate in inquiry and project-based learning activities for a deeper understanding of proportional reasoning, number systems, Algebra and Functions, Geometry and Measurement, Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability. *This course should be taken in conjunction with Grade 8 Accelerated Math if students are interested in taking the advanced math track in high school.*

GRADE 8 MATHEMATICS
Course Code 02038G0808
This course provides students with opportunities to participate in inquiry and project-based learning activities for a deeper understanding of Number Systems and Operations, Algebra and Functions, Geometry and Measurement, Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability.

GRADE 8 ACCELERATED MATHEMATICS
Course Code 02038H0808
This course provides students with opportunities to participate in inquiry and project-based learning activities for a deeper understanding of Number Systems and Operations, Algebra and Functions, Geometry and Measurement, and Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability with a focus on quadratic relationships. *This course must be taken in conjunction with Grade 7 Accelerated Math if students are interested in taking the advanced math track in high school.*

Athens Middle School Course Offerings

Science

GRADE 6 SCIENCE or GRADE 6 HONORS SCIENCE
Course Code 03010G0606 or Course Code 03999HPK06
This course provides students with opportunities to participate in inquiry and project-based learning activities for a deeper understanding of three core ideas of Earth and Space Science: Earth's Place in the Universe, Earth's Systems, and Earth and Human Activity. In this course, students will be encouraged to make inquiries regarding Earth and Space Science and relate them to the world around them.

GRADE 7 LIFE SCIENCE or GRADE 7 HONORS LIFE SCIENCE
Course Code 03237G0707 or Course Code 03237H0707
This course provides students with opportunities to develop an appreciation of the importance of diversity of life, while simultaneously understanding the impact of their roles as individuals in the community of life. This course will provide opportunities to participate in laboratory experiments and inquiry activities for a deeper understanding of the concepts.

GRADE 8 PHYSICAL SCIENCE or GRADE 8 HONORS PHYSICAL SCIENCE
Course Code 03011G0808 or Course Code 03011H0808
This course provides opportunities for students to engage in laboratory experiments and inquiry activities for a deeper understanding of atoms and bonding, chemical reactions, Newton's laws of motion, potential and kinetic energy, and mechanical and electromagnetic waves.

Athens Middle School Course Offerings

Social Studies

GRADE 6 SOCIAL STUDIES
Course Code 04436G0606
This course provides students with opportunities to closely examine major changes brought about by the nation's reconstruction, industrialization, urbanization, and progressive reforms and will consider the implications each of these events had on the expansion of the United States' global influence through modern times.

GRADE 7 CIVICS
Course Code 04161G0707
This course provides students with a well-rounded understanding of how the United States functions as a country focusing on U.S. founding documents; representative democracy; law; personal finance; U.S. political system; civic participation and responsibility.

GRADE 7 GEOGRAPHY
Course Code - 04001G0707
This course allows students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills as they investigate the physical geography, climate, economy, culture, political systems and demographics of modern countries in the western hemisphere, South Pacific, Western Europe, and Asia.

GRADE 8 WORLD HISTORY
Course Code 04051G0808
This course provides opportunities for students to develop a deep understanding of world history beginning with prehistoric man and continuing to the year 1500. It covers the migrations of early people, the rise of civilizations, the establishment of governments and religions, the growth of economic systems, and the ways in which these events shaped Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas. Areas covered throughout the course include economics, geography, history, and political science.

Athens Middle School Course Offerings

General Electives

Grade 7 & 8 SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS (Eagle Tech)
Course Code 11104X10SP (YEAR COURSE)
This course provides opportunities for students to create, design, and produce the school's yearbook; learn publishing tools; utilize publishing skills; refine revisiting editing skills; work under established deadlines; and create using various software. Requirements for class membership are as follows: fill out an application, be interviewed by the adviser, and obtain three recommendations (one of which is the present English teacher), and possess a B or better in English. **Fee: $10**

GRADE 6, 7, & 8 PEER HELPERS
Course Code 23992X10PH (YEAR COURSE)
Peer Helpers is a comprehensive, peer-to-peer prevention and support program. This class will empower students to be academically, socially, and emotionally successful; to recognize and resolve conflict; to value diversity; and to be advocates for positive change and healthy choices. Students will develop communication skills and will participate in activities that include friendly support to peers, orientation of new students, elementary school outreach, and community service programs. *We want our students to do more than survive – we want them to thrive!* ***Teachers Approval Via Application/Interview Process***

GRADE 6, 7 & 8 EAGLE ENRICHMENT
Course Code 23992X10EE (SEMESTER COURSE)
This course is designed for students who need support with reading and math-related skills. For maximum success, parents, students, and academic support teachers communicate more frequently to increase student success with these skills. A recommendation is determined by a student's academic performance and identified needs. Students may be re-evaluated at the end of each grading period and, if recommended by the teacher, may be moved out of the class into another elective.

GRADE 6, 7 & 8 AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)
Course Code 23992X10AV (YEAR COURSE)
AVID elective class is taught by a trained AVID teacher. The goal of AVID at the secondary level is to ensure college readiness for all AVID elective students and improved academic performance for all students based on increased opportunities. This course focuses on Cornell Notes, best practices strategies for student success, and a community service component. ***Teachers Approval Via Application/Interview Process***

GRADE 6 TECHNOLOGY COURSE
Course Code 21056G0606 (SEMESTER COURSE)
Students will work through basic concepts and operations; technology problem-solving and decision-making tools; technology research tools; social, ethical and human issues; technology communications tools; technology productivity tools

GRADE 7 & 8 TECHNOLOGY COURSE
Course Code 21056G0708 (SEMESTER COURSE)
This course focuses on increasing students' use of and understanding of technology. Topics will include basic troubleshooting strategies, basic features of word processing, spreadsheets, databases, keyboarding techniques, safe uses of social networking and digital file transferring.

GRADE 7 & 8 INNOVATION
Course Code 23993X06IN (SEMESTER COURSE)
This course focuses on student preparation for life beyond graduation and the whole individual. Students will be empowered for success by focusing on quality character, creative thinking, communication, collaboration, global citizenship, and critical thinking.

GRADE 8 STUDENT AIDE
Course Code 22051X10SA (SEMESTER COURSE)
Students will serve Athens Middle School and the faculty through an aide internship program housed in the media center. ***Teachers Approval Via Application Process***

GRADE 7 or 8 COMPUTER SCIENCE DISCOVERIES
Course Code 10012G0608 (SEMESTER COURSE)
The course takes a wide lens on computer science by covering topics such as programming, physical computing, HTML/CSS, and data. Students are empowered to create authentic artifacts and engage with CS as a medium for creativity, communication, problem-solving, and fun.

GRADE 8 CAREER PREP A
Course Code 22153G0512 (SEMESTER COURSE)
A one-half credit course toward Graduation. Career Preparedness focuses on three integrated areas of instruction: academic planning and career development, financial literacy, and technology. Course content includes college and career preparation, computer literacy skills, and personal finance. Technology topics are interwoven throughout course instruction. These standards are designed to provide a strong foundation for student acquisition of the skills, attitudes, and knowledge that enable them to achieve success in school, at work, and across the lifespan. Other topics addressed in Career Preparedness are business and industry, continuing education, and lifelong learning. Partnerships and alliances between educational institutions, governmental entities, and employers can support these standards and connect students to potential career opportunities.

GRADE 7 or 8 DESIGN AND MODELING (PLTW)
Course Code 21007G0708 (SEMESTER COURSE)
A course that uses solid modeling as part of the design process. Students learn sketching techniques; use descriptive geometry as a component of design, measurement, and computer modeling; develop ideas, create models, test and evaluate design ideas, and communicate solutions. **FEE $10**

GRADE 7 or 8 AUTOMATION AND ROBOTICS (PLTW)
Course Code 21009G0708 (SEMESTER COURSE)
A course that provides opportunities for students to trace the history, development, and influence of automation and robotics. Emphasis is placed on mechanical systems, energy transfer, machine automation, and computer control systems. Students use the VEX Robotics® platform to design, build, and program real-world objects such as traffic lights, toll booths, and robotic arms. ***FEE $10*** ***Design and Modeling is a prerequisite***

GRADE 8 MEDICAL DETECTIVES (PLTW)
Course Code 14001G0608 (SEMESTER COURSE)
Medical Detectives (MD) explores the biomedical sciences through hands-on projects and labs that require students to solve a variety of medical mysteries. Students investigate medical careers, vital signs, diagnosis and treatment of diseases, as well as human body systems such as the nervous system. Genetic testing for hereditary diseases and DNA crime scene analysis put the students in the place of real-life medical detectives. **FEE $10**

GRADE 7 or 8 STEM TECHNOLOGIES I
Course Code 21052G0608 (SEMESTER COURSE)
STEM Technologies I provides students with knowledge and processes needed to begin their attainment of technological literacy and awareness of careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Students gain knowledge and skills in the application, design, production, and assessment of products, services, and systems in a variety of areas.

GRADE 6 HEALTH
Course Code 08076G0606
Development of positive health practices, awareness of health risks, comprehension of major influences on health.

GRADE 6 or 7 EXPLORING BMA/FINANCE/MARKETING CLUSTERS
Course Code 12001G0607
Exploring Business Management and Administration, Finance, and Marketing Clusters is an exploratory course designed to introduce students to pathways in the Business Management and Administration, Finance, and Marketing Clusters.

GRADE 8 INTRO TO BMA/FINANCE/MARKETING CLUSTERS
Course Code 12001G0888
Introduction to Business Management and Administration, Finance, and Marketing Career Clusters introduces students to specializations within the three career fields. The course will emphasize knowledge and skills necessary in fundamental business activities, as well as knowledge of business processes, professional development, and entrepreneurship. Technology will be used to synthesize and share business information. Employability skills, ethics, and international business processes will be addressed.

GRADE 6 FOUNDATIONAL READING
Course Code 01068GPK06 (SEMESTER COURSE)
This course is a reading elective and does not fulfill the ELA course requirement. This provides additional focused instruction and support at the needed level of intensity.

GRADE 7-8 FOUNDATIONAL READING
Course Code 01068G0000 (SEMESTER COURSE)
This course is a reading elective and does not fulfill the ELA course requirement. This provides additional focused instruction and support at the needed level of intensity.

GRADE 6 FOUNDATIONAL MATH
Course Code 02049GPQ06 (SEMESTER COURSE)
This course is a mathematics elective and does not fulfill the mathematics course requirement. This provides additional focused instruction and support at the needed level of intensity.

GRADE 7-8 FOUNDATIONAL MATH
Course Code 02996G0000
This course is a mathematics elective and does not fulfill the mathematics course requirement. This provides additional focused instruction and support at the needed level of intensity.

Athens Middle School Course Offerings

Fine Arts Electives

GRADE 6, 7 or 8 MIDDLE SCHOOL BEGINNER BAND - LEVEL I
Course Code 05102G1001 (YEAR COURSE)
The beginner band offers instruction on woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments with a focus on the skills necessary for long-term student success. Fundamentals stressed include proper posture and playing position, development of characteristic tone quality, and training in music literacy. The school is able to provide many of the larger and/or more expensive instruments. For the beginner band, these instruments include euphonium and tuba. Other instruments (i.e. flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion) should be provided for the student by their parents if possible. The beginner band performs in the Winter and Spring Concerts.

GRADE 7 or 8 MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERMEDIATE BAND - LEVEL II
Course Code 05102G1002 (YEAR COURSE)
The Intermediate Band is for students who already have an understanding of basic music reading, instrument assembly, and maintenance, correct playing position, and sound tone production. Instruction offers a continued focus on the refinement of tone quality, technique, aural skills, and music literacy. Similarly, select students may have the opportunity to transition to instruments that may not have been offered in the beginner band class. These include many of the larger and/or more expensive instruments, which can be provided by the school including the oboe, bassoon, French horn, euphonium, and tuba. Otherwise, students and their families are encouraged to provide their own instruments. This band meets daily as two separate classes (brass/woodwinds and percussion) that combine for performances. This group will perform in the Winter and Spring Band Concerts and for our state's music performance assessment (MPA). **FEE: $25** ***Prerequisite: Completion of Level I Band.***

GRADE 7 or 8 MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT BAND - LEVEL III
Course Code 05102G1003 (YEAR COURSE)
The Concert Band is composed of students on all of the major woodwind and brass instruments as well as student percussionists. Instruction concentrates on advanced technical and expressive skills in an ensemble-focused setting. Advanced reading, musicianship, and student responsibility are required. This band meets daily as two separate classes (brass/woodwinds and percussion) that combine for performances. This group will perform in the Winter and Spring Concerts and for our state's music performance assessment (MPA). **FEE: $25** ***Prerequisite: Completion of Level II Band.***

GRADE 6, 7 & 8 Vocal Choir Music - Novice Level (Show Choir 1)
Course Code 05121G1001 (SEMESTER COURSE)
This is a novice level, designed for beginning music students to explore popular music from a wide variety of cultures and periods through academic study and performance. By creating, performing, and responding, students will develop basic vocal skills, choreography movement, and sight-reading techniques. Allowing musical experiences to other cultures and disciplines within and outside of the arts, music history, and theory are embedded so students may connect these popular vocal style experiences to historical relevance, contemporary issues, and self-reflection.

GRADE 7 & 8 VOCAL CHORAL MUSIC - INTERMEDIATE (Show Choir II)

Course Code 05121G1002 (YEAR COURSE)

PREREQUISITE: SHOW CHOIR I OR APPROVAL OF THE INSTRUCTOR This is a course, intermediate level, designed for students with at least one year of experience to continue to explore popular music from a wide variety of cultures and periods through academic study and performance. By creating, performing, and responding, students will continue to develop basic vocal skills, choreography movement, and sight-reading techniques. Allowing musical experiences to other cultures and disciplines within and outside of the arts, music history, and theory are embedded so students may connect these popular vocal style experiences to historical relevance, contemporary issues, and self-reflection.

GRADE 7 & 8 Show Choir III - INTERMEDIATE/PROFICIENT

Course Code 05121G1003 (YEAR COURSE)

PREREQUISITE: SHOW CHOIR II or APPROVAL OF THE INSTRUCTOR This is a course, proficient level, designed for students to increase artistry by exploring popular music from a wide variety of cultures and periods through academic study and performance. By creating, performing, and responding, students will continue to develop vocal skills, choreography movement, and sight-reading techniques. Allowing musical experiences to other cultures and disciplines within and outside of the arts, music history, and theory are embedded so students may connect these popular vocal style experiences to historical relevance, contemporary issues, and self-reflection.

GRADE 6 VISUAL ARTS

Course Code 05186G0606 (SEMESTER COURSE)

Through creating, producing, and responding, students will explore the elements of art and principles of design by utilizing a variety of traditional media, digital media and multimedia projects. Students will study works of art to make connections and understand historical relevance, contemporary issues, and self-reflection to their work and the work of others.

GRADE 7 & 8 VISUAL ARTS SURVEY

Course Code 23993X06V2 (SEMESTER COURSE)

The art program is designed to allow students to explore various media in the art curriculum. The curriculum is designed in a progressive manner, so that students build their skills and knowledge as they go through middle school and enter high school. The students explore a wide range of topics and media throughout the year. Design, drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, and clay comprise the activities in which the students will be involved. Art Shows, contests, Art History, and field trips are designed to expose the students' talents and build their self-esteem while appreciating the work of their peers and artists from around the world. **FEE: $10**

GRADE 8 ADVANCED VISUAL ART
Course Code 05188G0808 (SEMESTER COURSE)
Through creating, producing, and responding students will assess and connect the elements of art and principles of design by utilizing a variety of traditional media, digital media, and multimedia projects. Independent work and investigation through projects of personal interest will allow students to demonstrate original works that communicate complex interpretations. Students will explore techniques, styles, media, methods, and procedures for creating works of visual arts. Students will demonstrate higher technical proficiency while still developing self-confidence and refining motor skills. Students will develop and apply criteria to works of art to make connections and understand historical relevance, contemporary issues, and self-reflection to their work and the work of others that relate to global interest and social commentary with a personal voice. This course is taught by a certified visual arts teacher. **FEE: $10 Prerequisite: Completion of Visual Art Survey with a Teacher Recommendation**

GRADE 6 THEATER
Course Code 05076G0606 (SEMESTER COURSE)
Students will explore more academic theater work. Continued emphasis is placed on creating, producing, responding, and connecting to drive age-appropriate critical thinking, meaning, reflection, production, and assessment. Students begin to explore the vocal, kinesthetic, emotional, analytical, and intellectual elements of theatrical training through improvisation, dramatization, process-centered elements of dramatic performance, aesthetics, criticism, and history. Students begin to examine theater genres and styles, broaden theater vocabulary, and respond to productions by communicating thoughts and feelings, explaining concepts of aesthetics, and evaluating artistic choices.

Athens Middle School Course Offerings

Physical Education Courses

GRADE 6 PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Course Code 08036G0606 (YEAR COURSE)
This elective is for all 6th-grade students and will focus on the acquisition of physical skills that are integrated into games and sports.

GRADE 7 & 8 PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Course Code 08037G0708 (SEMESTER COURSE)
This elective is for all 7th and 8th-grade students and will focus on the acquisition of physical skills that are integrated into games and sports.

GRADE 7 & 8 WEIGHT TRAINING
Course Code for Male WT 08037G07WM (YEAR COURSE) Course Code for Female WT 08037G07WF (YEAR COURSE)
This elective is for athletes in grades 7 & 8 with emphasis on proper strength and conditioning techniques, cardio-fitness and physical core maintenance. **Prerequisite- athletic roster and coach signature.**

GRADE 7 & 8 CHEER PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Course Code for 08037G07CH (YEAR COURSE)
This elective is for cheer athletes in grades 7 & 8 with emphasis on proper strength and conditioning techniques, cardio-fitness and physical core maintenance. This class will serve as their physical education elective. **FEE: TDB Prerequisite- athletic roster and coach signature.**

Athens Middle School Course Offerings

Special Services - Extended Standards Pathway

For students served by Individual Education Plans (IEP) pursuing the Extended Standards Pathway

Number	Course
01034X0606	AAS: English Language Arts 6
01035X0707	AAS: English Language Arts 7
01036X0808	AAS: English Language Arts 8
01046X0606	AAS: Reading 6
01047X0707	AAS: Reading 7
01048X0808	AAS: Reading 8
02036X0606	AAS: Mathematics 6
02037X0707	AAS: Mathematics 7
02038X0808	AAS: Mathematics 8
03236X0606	AAS: Science 6
03237X0707	AAS: Science 7
03238X0808	AAS: Science 8
04436X0606	AAS: Social Studies 6
04437X0707	AAS: Social Studies 7
04438X0808	AAS: Social Studies 8
19257X1001	AAS: Life Skills

Courses above are for students with significant cognitive disabilities earning core credit through Alternate Achievement Standards (AAS), which are aligned with the Alabama Course of Study, and being assessed through the Alabama Alternative Assessment (AAA).



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