7TH GRADE

REQUIRED COURSES

ENGLISH 7

Full Year – 1 Credit (Course number: #2004)

This course combines the study of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. The content will review basic elementary skills and teach new skills in the areas of literature, grammar and writing. Application of acquired skills will happen through such topics as genre, narrative competencies, making predictions and inferences and the mechanics of grammar.

MATHEMATICS 7

Full Year – 1 Credit (Course number: #5011)

In Math 7, instructional time will focus on four critical areas: (1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; (2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; (3) solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, and working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and (4) drawing inferences about populations based on samples.

ACCELERATED MATHEMATICS 7

Full Year – 1 Credit (Course number: #5012)

The curriculum for this class is made up of the entire years' worth of seventh grade Nevada Academic Core math curriculum **plus** one half of the 8th grade Nevada Academic Core math curriculum. A screening process is used as an entry tool into this accelerated math course. The screening process occurs at the end of the 6th grade year. Students must meet or exceed the requirements as set forth by DCSD. Successful completion of this course will allow for the movement into the Accelerated Math 8 course the following year.

Prerequisite: Meet or exceed the threshold screening entrance score as determined by DCSD.

SOCIAL STUDIES 7

Full Year – 1 Credit (Course number: #2314)

This course takes students on a tour of the Eastern Hemisphere. Physical geography, social issues, world religions and various cultures are just a few of the topics explored in Social Studies 7. For each region being studied, students get a close up look at the traditions, customs, struggles, and physical geography that affect the people of the Eastern hemisphere.

SCIENCE 7

Full Year – 1 Credit (Course number: #4077)

This one-year course is designed to integrate science and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and core ideas from the life sciences, earth and space sciences, and the physical sciences. The topics covered in Science 7 include an emphasis on Matter and Chemical Reactions, Matter and Energy in Ecosystems, Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems, Human Impact, and Heredity, with an introduction to History of the Earth and Earth's Systems. Demonstrations and lab experiences that employ proper safety techniques and support the scientific inquiry process are a component of this course.

COMPUTER SCIENCE-7

Semester – 1/2 Credit (Course number: #1524)

Computer Science 7 is an introductory computer science class that predominantly used the Code.org CS Discoveries curriculum to meet the Nevada CS standards. **All 7th grade students are required to take this class**. The course takes a wide lens on computer science by covering topics such as programming, physical computing, HTML/CSS and data. Students engage with computer science as a medium for creativity, communication, problem solving, and fun. The course inspires students as they build their own websites, apps, games, and physical computing devices

ELECTIVE COURSES

SEMESTER COURSES

ART 7
Semester – 1/2 Credit (Course number: #1070)

Art 7 is a semester course designed to present the 7th grade student with the fundamentals of art. Art 7 teaches the Elements and Principles of Art, so that students have an understanding of media, and techniques used in their art assignments. Students will study the relation of visual arts and world cultures.

DRAMA 7
Semester – 1/2 Credit (Course number: #2401)

Lights! Camera! Action! Are you a ham? Are you a drama queen (in the right way)? Then, this class is for you! Are you shy? Are you scared to be in a play? This is also the class for you. All plays need actors to play small parts. You are welcome here! Drama class will introduce you to the world of acting in a non stressful way. You will participate in drama games, learn theater terminology, and practice techniques like relaxation and breathwork. Essentially, you will use vocalization, imagination, and movement to make characters come alive. Along the way, you will bond as a group, participate in skits, make sets and props, and eventually perform in a play. Let the fun begin!
All 7th Graders are welcome to take this course! 6th Grade Drama is not a requirement. This course will be a combination of old favorites such as drama games and new activities like interactive murder mysteries, improvisation and researching jobs in theater. Additionally, we will perform different plays than the ones performed in 6th Grade Drama.

Foods & Nutrition
Semester – 1/2 Credit (Course number: #4011)

This semester elective helps students discover the joys of foods, nutrition and wellness by learning about the many different types of foods and how they are prepared, and how to make healthful food choices. The program focuses on the science of food and food preparation. Students are expected to pass a safety exam and to follow proper food safety and sanitation procedures while working in the foods labs. Students learn how to use knives and to follow safe knife handling skills. Students are required to maintain a passing grade to be able to participate in food labs and food preparation.

INTRODUCTION TO SPANISH
Semester - 1/2 Credit (Course number: #)

This class will provide an overview of Spanish language and culture. Understand the history of the Spanish speaking world. Explore culture, society and language. Investigate the culture through music, dance, art, sports, literature, economics, politics and traditions. Develop knowledge of basic vocabulary and understand linguistic patterns in Spanish. At the end of the course, students will have a basic understanding of the history, global expansion, customary activities and introduction to basic communication in the Spanish speaking world.

MUSIC APPRECIATION
Semester - 1/2 Credit (Course number: #)

This class is for students with little or no musical experience. First quarter of the semester students will study the History of Rock and Roll from blues and country to punk and heavy metal. Students will familiarize themselves with groups, music, and movements from the 50's to current and will explore connections between modern music and the artists from the past who have paved the way for the popular music of today. Second Quarter will be a hands-on instrumentation class.

A variety of instruments from different cultures will be played in this class. Instruments to be taught may include: Guitar/ Baritone Ukulele, Tamboo Bamboo, Marimbas/Xylophones and all the world drum instruments.

OUTDOOR SCIENCE 7

Semester – 1/2 Credit (Course number: #8015)

Outdoor Science is a semester course designed to give students basic skills and information that will help them be safe while enjoying muscle-powered sports in the outdoors. Topics include survival kits, outdoor clothing, animal hazards, winter travel safety, map reading, and minimizing impact on the wilderness. The course will include films, gear demonstrations, hands-on skills like shelter building, and a possible field trip (either hiking and/or cross country skiing). This course will introduce students to lifetime fitness skills and our local outdoor environment.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION-7

Semester – 1/2 Credit (Course number: #6004)

All 7th grade students will participate in a semester of PE-7 class and may take a 2nd semester as an elective . This class is designed to teach students how and why they should keep themselves healthy and fit throughout their lifetime. Students will be provided learning experiences which are developmentally appropriate, that increase physical competence, physical fitness, self-esteem and joy through lifelong physical activity. The curriculum includes a balance of skills, concepts, game activities, physical fitness, and dance experiences designed to enhance the cognitive, motor, and affective development of every child. Opportunities will be provided for students to work together to improve social skills and to help develop a positive self-concept.

WORLD DRUMS

Semester – 1/2 Credit (Course number: #1232)

World Drumming is an exploratory class in which students will experience the styles of drumming from the traditions of West Coast Africa and the Caribbean Islands. Students will learn music aurally (“by ear”) as well as through imitation, as is done in the African and Caribbean cultures. Students will not be required to read music. Students will demonstrate techniques for playing various types of traditional African and Caribbean drums and other percussion instruments. Students will also be introduced to improvisation techniques through the use of active and critical listening skills. No musical experience is required. Come join the fun!

YEAR LONG COURSES

Band (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced)

Full Year – 1 Credit (Course number: #6078)

Band open to anyone who plays an instrument or wants to learn to play an instrument. This is a co-curricular class that requires work during the school day, and some performances/rehearsals outside of the school day. Placement in the appropriate class will be determined by the Band Instructor.

CHORUS

Full Year – 1 Credit (Course number: #5602)

This group is open to anyone who enjoys singing or would like to learn to sing. This class is a co-curricular class that requires work during the school day, and performances/rehearsals outside of the school day.

Yearbook and Leadership are also open to 7th and 8th grade students who choose to apply for these classes. Applications will be available in the main office and are due by May 3, 2024. If you are chosen for one of these classes that you apply for, it will replace one or two of the electives you have selected during the selection process.

JOURNALISM/YEARBOOK ***An application is required for consideration for class enrollment.**

Full Year – 1 Credit (Course number: #9757)

This is a course covering the theory and practice of yearbook publication and production, as well as other journalism assignments. This class requires creativity, responsibility, and dedication. Assignments include photography, news writing, reporting, interviewing, fundraising, and meeting deadlines. Students are expected to spend time after school to complete projects and deadlines. If you are interested, please complete the application which can be found on the CVMS website. **All applications are due by May 3, 2024. Late applications will NOT be accepted.**

STUDENT LEADERSHIP-7 ***An application is required for consideration for class enrollment.**

Full Year – 1 Credit (Course number: #8222)

Interested in joining CVMS Leadership? In this class, we focus on communication and team building, while promoting spirit and positivity throughout our campus. You will be an integral part of delivering the morning announcements; planning dances, spirit week dress days, pep rallies, staff appreciation activities, and community projects; school-wide recycling; and working the Tiger Shack during lunch and/or advisory. You will also be required to present a minimum of four speeches throughout the year as part of the public speaking component. Occasionally, time is required outside the scope of the regular classroom (either after school or on weekends) for dances or community events. If you are interested, please complete the application which can be found on the CVMS website. **All applications are due by May 3, 2024. Late applications will NOT be accepted.**