

Clayton Middle School

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Course Catalog



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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Curriculum & Assessment Lab:

This is a multi-grade framework focuses on making connections between content areas. The framework is developed around district performance results with the goal of building self-directed learners who have a strong academic foundation. Students are participants in assessing and reflecting on their own learning. Students work through inquiry and problem solving using historical events, language, and literature. They will interpret, respond, and connect with the world and extend their developing civic responsibility.

Performance Results: Quality Worker and Producer, Contributor to the Community, Self-directed Learner, Effective Communicator, Complex Thinker and Problem Solver, and Cooperative Group Participant and Leader

Dual Language Immersion:

This program is designed for student who have been enrolled in an elementary Spanish Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program or students that read and write fluently in Spanish. The focus of the middle school DLI program is on cognition skills and deepening cultural competencies. Students get ready for the AP test that they will take in 9th grade.

English Language Development:

The English development program provides Multi-Language (MLLs) with language support and instruction. Students will have the opportunity to work with Lexia English, a research-based program proven to help them excel in their English language abilities. They will be exposed to grade-level texts and practice their writing skills. They will have multiple opportunities to practice speaking with their peers and grow lasting relationships.

Magnet Gifted and Talented (previously named MELP “Magnet Extended Learning Program”):

The Magnet Gifted and Talented program is a district program that includes increased depth, breadth and complexity in learning the state core. At Clayton, Magnet classes are found in Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science, and Foreign Language. The criterion for enrollment is based upon district testing.

Honors (previously named NELP “Neighborhood Extended Learning Program) Courses:

Honors courses are designed to meet the academic needs of students interested in a more complex learning style in math, science, language arts and social studies. Students are placed in Honors based on reading levels, summative assessments, teacher recommendation, and/or parent and student interest. The curriculum is designed to challenge students in reading, writing, thinking skills and problem solving. The curriculum includes Integrated Science and an integrated Language Arts & Social Studies.

Special Education and Collaborative Classrooms

Students will be placed in Special Education/Resource classes based on an I.E.P. (Individual Education Plan). We use full inclusion at Clayton. Students with an IEP at Clayton will access the general core in collaborative classrooms and other smaller settings. In our Language Arts and Social Studies blocks and Math classes, students with IEPs are included in general education classrooms with both a resource teacher and general education teacher.

2024-2025 Course Descriptions

-REQUIRED COURSES-



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

College and Career Awareness 8th Grade – Half Year

CCA is a course designed to increase awareness of college and career pathways through simulations and project-based experiences. The College and Career Awareness course explores high school, college, and career options based on individual student interests, abilities, and skills. Students will investigate high-skill and/or in-demand jobs in the Utah labor market while developing workplace skills. We also explore the basics of digital literacy in this course.

In CCA, we will explore and take on a variety of roles and responsibilities as we delve into different career fields. Some of our projects and simulations may include engineering helmets, solving a murder mystery, creating and marketing a business, creating public service announcements, making self-propelled cars, participating in a mock trial, and creating composite crafts.

Digital Literacy 7th Grade – Half Year

This course is a foundation to the digital world that provides a broad understanding of key applications, computing fundamentals, and living online. Students will have opportunities to use technology and develop skills that promote creativity, critical thinking, productivity, and collaboration in the classroom and day-to-day life. This course is aligned with the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) for Students, the K-12 Computer Science Standards, and industry standards for Digital Literacy Certification. The alignment of these national and international benchmarks will ensure that students complete this course as a prerequisite to transition successfully to the 9-12th grade digital studies courses.

For more information on what CTE offers go to <http://schools.utah.gov/cte>

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Health: 7th Grade – Half Year

The purpose of health education is to provide opportunities for students to develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for practicing lifelong health-enhancing behaviors. This course of study includes such topics as disease prevention, first aid, risk-reducing behaviors, and interpersonal skills to improve health and relationships.

Physical Education: Two semesters over two years

7th and 8th grade students are required to take two semesters of PE over two years. PE options include Dance, PE, or Fitness.

LANGUAGE ARTS & SOCIAL STUDIES



Curriculum & Assessment Language Arts/Social Studies (C&A): 7th & 8th Grade – Full Year

The content is aligned with the Utah State Common Core in Language Arts and Social Studies. Course content is developed around the Salt Lake City School District Performance Results with the goal of building self-directed learners who have a strong academic foundation. Students are participants in inquiry and problem solving while creating, assessing, and reflecting on their own learning. Students in C&A at Clayton Middle School build a supportive community of learners while developing independent learning strategies. See *page 2* for information on the Curriculum and Assessment framework.

Honors Language Arts/Social Studies: 7th & 8th Grade – Full Year

This program offers students an integrated and accelerated curriculum of Language Arts and Social Studies. Students share both periods with the same group of students, developing a stronger academic and social foundation while attending Clayton. Historical thinking and research skills are used to enhance academic growth throughout their experience in Honors. All students in Honors are required to meet rigorous course work, develop persistence and academic stamina, learn assignment management skills, and to meet the complexity and depth of accelerated curricula while meeting standards of the Utah State Core for Language Arts and Social Studies. See *page 3* for information about Honors classes. **Teachers in this program hold Gifted and Talented Endorsements or are currently enrolled to earn the endorsements.*

Magnet Gifted and Talented Language Arts/Social Studies: 7th & 8th Grade – Full Year

Magnet Gifted and Talented Language Arts and Social Studies focuses on reading, writing, speaking, thinking, and listening skills in the Utah State Core. Beyond the Utah State Core, Magnet Gifted and Talented Language Arts and Social Studies provides enrichment extensions and differentiation to meet individual gifted needs. It focuses on the idea of “cognitive stretching” in that the students are focusing on deep meaningful thinking and historical connections. This is accomplished via interaction with novels, poetry, writing, historical documents, and informational texts. The students build historical thinking and research skills through student-driven, experiential projects like family biographies (7th) and National History Day projects (8th). **Teachers in this program hold Gifted and Talented Endorsements or are currently enrolled to earn the endorsement.*

MATH

**Student’s math level placement is based on assessments which include district testing and teacher recommendations.*



7th Grade Mathematics: C&A 7th Grade – Full Year

In this course, instructional time focuses on the following 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.

7th Grade Math Extended: 7th Grade – Full Year

(Formerly “Honors”) In this course, instructional time focuses on the following 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. Extension: Students in 7th grade math extended will also focus on additional mathematical topics such as discrete mathematics, three-dimensional geometry, and other problem solving. Extended classes are rigorous and dive deeply into topics. *Placement in this course is based upon instructor recommendation or parent/student interest.*

7th Grade Accelerated Mathematics: 7th Grade – Full Year

This course is designed to help meet the needs of gifted students that are prepared for an accelerated math year. This course will compact the curriculum of both 7th and 8th grade math into one year so that students will be able to take Secondary 1 Mathematics as 8th graders. **(Math placement test required for this course.)**

8th Grade Mathematics: C&A 8th Grade– Full Year

In this course, instructional time focuses on three critical areas: (1) formulating and reasoning about expressions and equations, including modeling an association in bivariate data with a linear equation, and 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.

8th Grade Mathematics Extended: 8th Grade - Full Year

(Formerly “Honors”) In this course, instructional time focuses on three critical areas: (1) formulating and reasoning about expressions and equations, including modeling an association in bivariate data with a linear equation, and 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, congruence, and understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem. Students in 8th grade math extended will also focus on additional mathematical topics and study topics in greater depth working at more complex problems. *Placement in this course is based upon instructor recommendation or parent/student interest.*

Secondary One Mathematics Extended: 8th Grade - Full Year

This is a high school course and students will be awarded high school credit for taking this course. Student grades from this course will be placed on high school transcripts. Students in Secondary Mathematics One will deepen and extend understanding of linear relationships, in part by contrasting them with exponential phenomenon, and in part by applying linear models to data that exhibit a linear trend.

Students will use properties and theorems involving congruent figures to deepen and extend understanding of geometric knowledge. Algebraic and geometric ideas are tied together. Students will also work with vectors and matrices. Students will experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of problem situations. *Placement in this course is based upon the progression from Accelerated 7th grade Math.*

SCIENCE

All Integrated Science classes use phenomenon-based learning and the three dimensions of science (cross-cutting concepts, science and engineering practices, and disciplinary core ideas). This serves as a framework to engage students in science as a process of understanding the world around them based upon observable events and evidence. This approach builds upon students' funds of knowledge, while engaging students in their own sense making through reflection, collaboration, and relevant, real-world phenomena. All Science instruction follows the Utah Science and Engineering Education Standards (SEEd).

In 7th grade students explore: a. forces and the interactions between matter; b. how the Earth has changed over time; c. the structure and function of life; d. reproduction and inheritance; e. changes to species over time.

In 8th grade students explore how: a. matter and energy interact in the physical world; b. energy is stored and transferred in physical systems; c. life systems store and transfer matter and energy; d. energy and matter interact with natural systems and resources.

By the end of the seventh and eighth grades students should be able to:

1. Use Science and Engineering Practices and Critical Thinking Skills
2. Manifest Scientific Attitudes and Interests
3. Demonstrate Understanding of Science Concepts and Principles
4. Communicate Effectively Using Science Language and Reasoning
5. Demonstrate Awareness of Social and Historical Aspects of Science, and the Connection to Other Disciplines
6. Demonstrate Understanding of the Nature and Development of Scientific Knowledge

C & A Specific Courses

Students in this course will engage in three-dimensional science through practices that are supported and accessible to all students.

Magnet Gifted and Talented Specific Courses

Students are presented with challenging opportunities to interact with more breadth and depth of three-dimensional science. Students are engaged in more self-directed and project-based learning, make more connections to real world applications and disciplines, and are introduced to high school topics. *Students are placed into this course by district testing.*

Honors Specific Courses

These courses are for students who are interested in challenging themselves to engage in three-dimensional science. Students are presented with more opportunities to be leaders, to collaborate, and to extend their learning. *Students are placed into this course by teacher recommendation, and the students' intense interest in science, or aptitude.*

SOCIAL STUDIES

Utah Studies/Current Issues – 7th/8th Grade Full Year

This course is taught in conjunction with Language Arts.



Utah Study - The study of Utah permits students to understand more deeply the place they call home, while developing essential skills unique to the social studies disciplines. Within these standards, Utah Studies offers an opportunity for students to learn about their own families and cultures as well as those of others.

The Utah Studies standards are based on four social studies disciplines: history, geography, economics, and civics. Students will explore the complex history of Utah, with examples of creativity, sacrifice, conflict, innovation, inequity, compromise, and leadership. Students will also learn about Utah's diverse physical geography, encounter Utah's economic systems and dynamics, and explore local and statewide political systems.

United States History: 7th/8th Grade – Full Year

This course is taught in conjunction with Language Arts.

United States History includes events and issues in United States history from the Age of Exploration through Reconstruction, emphasizing the 18th and 19th centuries. Topics include, but are not limited to, American Indian life, European exploration and colonization, the Revolutionary War, constitutional issues, nation building, expansion, the Civil War, and Reconstruction.

*Utah Studies/Current Issues and U.S. History courses rotate from year to year.

-Elective Courses-

Elective offerings are contingent upon staffing and student's interests.



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Stage Crew: 8th Grade, Full Year

This class is designed to increase your knowledge of the technical aspects of the performing arts world. Students will be exposed to stage management, set, costume, and makeup design. Students will also study lighting, sound, pre and post-production processes, and more! Students will assist with all school-wide assemblies and events, the school musical, the Winter and Spring orchestra/band/choir performances and produce the dance concerts. The class will work in teams as well as individually. If you are interested in backstage work, join this class.

Recommended coursework: Theatre 1, performance as a 7th grader in the School Musical, any dance or art class at CMS, or by teacher/counselor recommendation.

Creative Coding: 7th & 8th Grade, Half Year

Creative Coding is a challenging introduction to computer science. Students will create authentic artifacts including their own website, interactive card and video game. Students will learn HTML, CSS and JavaScript. Students will be learning computer science through lessons written by Code.org and supported by a teacher. If you are a self-directed learner, good problem solver and ready for a challenge, this might be the class for you. *Intro to Computer Science is an introductory computer science course that empowers students to create authentic artifacts and engage with computer science as a medium for creativity, communication, problem solving, and fun.*

Family & Consumer Science Exploration (FACS): 7th and 8th Grade-Half Year

How is sushi made? What is an ebelskiver? This course is project based and provides students the opportunity to learn

essential life skills. Students develop skills in foods around the world, interior design, clothing design and style, family relationships, personal responsibility, and job-related tasks.

Media Studies & Yearbook: 7th & 8th Grade-Half Year

This is an elective class for 7th and 8th grades. Students will have the opportunity to study a variety of media formats and produce content in those areas. This includes social media, online design, news production, podcasting, audio, and video.

Fine Arts Electives

**Students are required to take a total of 1 Fine Arts course while at Clayton.*



Art I: 7th – Half Year

The Art I portion of the Fine Arts program at Clayton Middle School is a one semester (.5 credits) beginning visual art class open to 7th and 8th grade students. This course is designed to increase students’ knowledge and use of art media and technique; to help the student recognize the work of a variety of artists; and to help the student become more aware of the aesthetic qualities in his/her environment. Students will work in a “studio” situation with a focus on projects and concepts that will develop skills, visual thinking, and literacy as they relate to the art elements and principles.

Art II: 8th Grade – Half Year

The Art II program is a one semester (.5 credits) basic visual art class and is offered to 8th grade students. This course is designed to extend students’ knowledge, understanding, and use of art media and technique; to increase the students’ understanding of the work of a variety of artists; and to help the students become more aware of the aesthetic qualities in his/her environment. Students will work in a “studio” situation with a focus on projects and concepts that develop new and more complex skills, visual thinking, and literacy.

Advanced Art: 8th Grade – Full Year

The Advanced Art program is a fast-moving full year (1.0 credit) class designed for the 8th grade students who demonstrate a special interest and ability in art. This course is offered to select students with prior art experience and a Clayton art teacher recommendation. (Please contact the art teacher for specific criteria.) This course is based on a “studio” concept with the students creatively solving visual problems while exploring and mastering a variety of art media and techniques. This hands-on approach will develop the students’ visual thinking, literacy, and understanding of art elements and concepts through special projects created both in and outside the classroom. The display of advanced art student work is both encouraged and promoted.

Multi-Cultural Crafts and Design: 7th & 8th Grade – Half Year

This semester long class explores various art media through the lens of cultures from around the world. Each unit of study tackles a new and different form of art making, each flavored by a unique civilization. Imagine, it’s like hands-on Art History. The following are examples of projects that may be explored in this class. Some material fees may be required.

- Masks created using ceramics.
- Egyptian style jewelry using metal and stained glass
- Glass mosaics from Pompeii
- Tablet weaving in the style of the Vikings

- Native American Totem Poles using paper engineering
- Asian Kite making

Digital Visual Arts: 7th & 8th Grade – Half Year

Digital Visual Arts is an introductory class to Digital Media and Visual Arts in the Digital Field as it relates to using elements of text, graphics, digital imaging for various formats, and animation, sound, video. This is a great starting point for pathways including Digital Media, Graphics and Printing, Animation, and Game Development. Students will learn to create, share, and analyze creative image and video projects in this class.

Ceramics I: 7th & 8th Grade – Half Year

Students will make many 3D objects with the use of clay and glass as their primary mediums. Students will study ceramics and glass through art history, art aesthetics, art criticism, and art production. Students will learn how people have used both ceramics and glass in their lives, culture, and “current” events for centuries and how the ideals of this search have changed over time. We will explore the work of others with an aesthetic, historical, and critical eye.

Ceramics II: 8th Grade -Half Year

This class is designed for students who have taken Ceramics I and wish to engage in more advanced ceramic techniques and projects. Students will develop and enhance skills learned in the Ceramics I class, as well as refine and experiment with new materials and techniques. Goals in Ceramics II include, but are not limited to, advanced student exposure to various cultural connections throughout the history of ceramics, expanded knowledge of tools and techniques, increase size without jeopardizing craftsmanship, and exposure to artisans currently involved in the ceramic process.

Dance 1A: 7th & 8th Grade – Half Year

This is a beginning-level dance course that builds dance knowledge and skill in technique. We explore several dance genres including modern, contemporary, lyrical, jazz, and hip hop. Dancers will study the pedagogy of improvisation, choreography, artistic expression, performance, history, culture, life skills, and connections to other curricular areas. Dance 1A performs in either the Winter or Spring Performing Dance Concert. Also counts as PE credit.

Dance Improvisation: 7th Grade – Full Year

This is an **intermediate-advanced** 7th-grade level dance course that advances stage performance. We demonstrate several dance genres including modern, ballet, contemporary, lyrical, jazz, and hip hop. Dancers will study the pedagogy of improvisation, choreography, artistic expression, history, culture, life skills, and connections to other curricular areas. This fast-paced dance class, for entering 7th graders, performs in the school musical, the Winter, and Spring Performing Arts Concert. Dance study/training outside of school currently or previously, is required along with an on-site Audition. The first opportunities are held during the annual School Open House held in January. Auditions are also held by appointment after school through the 1st week of April each year. Contact Ms. Kearl at nanette.kearl@slcschools.org for an appointment.

Dance 1B: 8th Grade-Half Year

This is an **intermediate-level** dance course that advances performing on stage. We explore several dance genres including modern, ballet, contemporary, lyrical, jazz, and hip-hop. Dancers will study the pedagogy of improvisation, choreography, artistic expression, history, culture, life skills, and connections to other curricular

areas. Dance 1B offers *extra* dance roles and performs in the annual School Musical. The class also performs in the Spring Performing Arts Concert. Recommended course work: Dance 1A and or Dance study outside of school currently or previously.

Dance Improvisation: 8th Grade – Full Year

An **Advanced level** fast-paced dance course that builds on dance performance, knowledge, and skill in technique. We demonstrate technique in several genres of dance including but not limited to, modern, ballet, contemporary, lyrical, jazz, and hip hop. Dancers will study the pedagogy of improvisation, choreography, artistic expression, history, culture, life skills, and connections to other curricular areas. Advanced dance is for students with current dance training. Advanced Dance performs in the school musical and both the Winter and Spring Performing Arts Concerts. *Audition and teacher approval are required.*

Band I and II: 7th & 8th Grade – Semester or Full Year

This course further develops and refines core concepts and fundamentals introduced in beginning band or private lessons. Study includes the care and cultivation of a beautiful tone, the ability to read music with increasing fluency, the building of technical skills, team spirit, and responsible rehearsal habits. Arrangements can be made for those with no previous playing experience. Arrangements can be made if you don't own an instrument. This course has the option of half year or full year.

History of Rock & Roll: 7th & 8th Grade – Half Year

Rock and roll has become an evolving global trend, one that continues to fascinate, inspire, and thrill listeners. No matter how it has evolved, stretched, and transformed, "Rock and Roll" continues to call to mind the same youthful rebellion and spontaneous energy that charged the music over half a century ago. This class will include projects on Rock and Roll history and performers, as well as a lot of listening. Rock On!!!

Orchestra I and II: 7th & 8th Grade – Half Year/Full Year (option)

This course provides opportunities for students to develop their musical potential and aesthetic understanding through learning to play string instruments. Study includes the care and cultivation of a beautiful tone, the ability to read music, the building of technical skills, team spirit, and responsible rehearsal habits. Arrangements can be made for those with no previous playing experience. Arrangements can be made if you don't own an instrument. This course has the option of half year or full year.

Theatre I -7th & 8th grade

Come have fun learning the ins and outs of Theatre such as voice/diction, pantomime, improvisation, acting, costuming, and styles of drama just to name a few. You will enjoy the many theatre games, drama circles, small and large group work, and "playing" on stage and in the classroom. Students will have opportunities to perform in several different ways such as in-class demonstrations, the annual School Musical Play, as well as a lighthearted comedy set as a traditional class play. Whether you have never had any experience or already enjoy theatre, this class is made for you. This class is the required class before enrolling in Stage Crew or Theatre 2. If you plan to audition for a lead role in the annual school musical, you should enroll in this course.

Theatre II: 8th Grade – Half Year

8th grade is the next level of Theatre at Clayton Middle School. Students will continue learning Method Acting strategies. Students will also perform additional plays on stage including radio plays, duo scenes, short 1 act

plays, a class play and perform in the annual CMS School Musical Play. Students will understand audition preparation methods and learn the Musical Theatre drama style. As in Theatre 1, the students will use voice/diction, pantomime, improvisation, acting, and costuming. Enjoy the many theatre games, drama circles, and small/large group work to further prepare for high school theatre. The recommended course work for this class: Theatre 1, a 7th-grade performer in Vocal Group in the school play, or by teacher/counselor recommendation.

Healthy Lifestyle Electives



**All of the following classes, along with the Dance classes, fulfill the Physical*

Education credit requirement.

Physical Education: 7th & 8th Grade - Half Year

Students will develop basic skills and positive attitudes regarding lifelong physical activity and healthy lifestyles. The movement and fitness curriculum includes a sequence of experiences in a number of activities that challenge all ability levels. These activities include but are not limited to team sports. Semester 1 team sports may include soccer, flag football, volleyball, speedball, wrestling, speedminton, spikeball. Semester 2 team sports may include floor hockey, basketball, team handball, table tennis, lacrosse, ultimate disc. Individual activities may include climbing wall, slack lining, cross country skiing/snowshoeing, yoga, disc. Students will have opportunities to learn how to use the equipment in the Fitness Room and circuit training (agility ladders, warrior ropes, plyometric box jumps, cone runs, etc.) in order to enhance their overall fitness levels. The course focuses on social interaction, team building, cognitive learning and skill development. Those students who would like to be engaged and participate in all of the above activities for the entire year should sign up for both Physical Education as a PE requirement as well as in the elective section on the course selection card.

Fitness and Conditioning: 7th & 8th - Half Year

This class is designed for students who enjoy working out or are interested in improving their overall fitness level. Circuits, resistance training, yoga, plyometric, cross-country skiing, fitness videos, kick boxing, and step aerobics are just a few of the different types of workouts that will be incorporated throughout the term. Students will learn the importance of a regular exercise program and will be introduced to a variety of ways to achieve their fitness goals. This class will provide students with a solid foundation for lifelong fitness. Part of this class will take place in Clayton's \$100,000 fitness facility.

Science Electives

Food Science: 7th & 8th Grade – Half Year

What makes bread rise? How is cheese made? What makes popcorn pop? Come find out in Food Science! We study science through the lens of the foods we enjoy every day. This class-directed elective allows students to practice skills such as writing scientific procedures, fostering curiosity, and developing experiments, all outside of a core science class. And obviously try some tasty homemade treats along the way.

Food Science II: 8th Grade – Half Year

When was the first donut made? How were bagels created? Is it true that ice-cream cones were invented by accident? Create these foods and many more in this advanced Food Science course! This class is project based and provides students with the opportunity to enhance their kitchen skills. We will be using air fryers, woks, slow cookers, double boilers, and many other tools of the trade. Each week, a new cooking skill will be introduced, along with recipes from all around the world.

Outdoor Experiential Learning: 7th & 8th – Half Year

Outdoor Experiential learning is a course in which students will use the outdoors as a primary text for class. Students will use the full extent of the Clayton Campus, their backyard, neighborhood parks, as well as classroom materials and instruction to learn about geography, science, technology, art, social and emotional health, and more. This course is complemented by frequent *optional* field experiences that enable students to learn while exploring and going on adventures. Field trips will take place during class and sometimes go into the afternoons, and an activity bus is available to take students home after field excursions. Come learn and play outside with the program in the great outdoors.

World Language Electives

Spanish I: 7th & 8th Grade – Full Year

This is a basic language full year course emphasizing listening, comprehension and reading, with gradual integration of speaking and writing. In addition, we will learn about the diverse cultures of Spanish- speakers, often through comprehension input, craft-making and art. . This is a full year course. *It is designed for the non-Spanish speaking student, so students from Spanish-speaking homes should register for Spanish for Native Speakers.*

Spanish II: 8th – Full Year

This full year course builds upon the skills learned in the first year Spanish. It is designed to teach the four language skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing, and knowledge of the diverse cultures of Spanish-speaking people, often through craft-making and art. We continue to use the telling of silly stories as the central method rather than the traditional drill method, but there is increased emphasis on grammar.

This is a full year course. Placement in this course is based on the successful progression of Spanish I or World Language Exploration.

Spanish Dual Language Immersion: 7th & 8th Grade - Full Year

This program is designed for student who have been enrolled in an elementary Spanish Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program or that they know how to speak, read and write fluently in Spanish. The focus of the middle school DLI program is on cognition skills and deepening cultural competencies. We center on learning the topics for the AP test that students will be able to take in 9th grade. We follow the state DLI curriculum and protocols.

Spanish for Native Speakers: 7th & 8th Grade – Full Year

This course is for students who already speak Spanish and would like to develop their reading and writing skills to become more fully bilingual and biliterate. Students will be challenged to expand their vocabulary, understand written text, and to write with better clarity in the Spanish language.

Miscellaneous Electives

Homework Hall: 7th & 8th Grade- Half Year

This course is designed for students who desire to improve their habits, study skills, and time management to be a highly successful student. This class is taught by a certified teacher who will teach short lessons and lead activities to develop better study skills, assist in helping students navigate Canvas and get assignments completed, and hold weekly individual check-ins to look at grades and communicate with teachers as needed. Assignments for this class are meant to help students become more organized and create prioritized schedules for themselves. On individual workdays, students will be expected to bring work from other classes, set goals, and use their time wisely. This is a small class and promotes a close relationship between teacher and students that also fosters care and community. *Students may be assigned to this course in lieu of another elective class. Placement in this course may be based on GPA, or upon instructor or counselor recommendation.*

Creative Writing/Journalism: 7th & 8th Grade – Half Year

Want to publish one of your favorite pieces of writing? Plays, short stories, novels, screenplays, poems, monologues, and pop-culture writing all rely on techniques of creative writing. This class will focus on dabbling in all of these genres of writing and taking many of your selected pieces of writing through the writing process to publication in the format of a literary magazine.

Office/Counselor Aide: 8th Grade – Half Year

This is a one-semester class in which students will help in the main office and counseling center. This course is designed to be a simulated work experience. Students are accepted by application only and students must be self-motivated and academically responsible. Given the nature of this position, accepting the responsibility of maintaining confidentiality is a MUST. Students applying must maintain at least a 3.0 grade point *and* acceptable citizenship.

Reading: 7th & 8th Grade – Full Year

This course is required for students who read below grade level as established by reading assessments. The course is designed to provide instruction in reading skills (i.e. decoding, fluency, vocabulary development, comprehension strategies, interpretation of text, etc.). Students will be exposed to a variety of reading genres and be expected to read frequently in and out of school to increase their reading fluency. Students may be assigned to this course in lieu of another elective class. Placement in this course is based upon reading assessments and/or instructor recommendation. Students may exit the class at the end of first semester if they have reached grade level proficiency. *Students may be assigned to this course in lieu of another elective class. Placement in this course may be based on reading test scores, or upon instructor recommendation.*

Student Government: 8th Grade – Half Year

Student Government is a class designed to build leadership skills in the following areas of focus: Team Building, Activity and Event Planning, and Service Learning. This course is for students who want to be involved in planning, organizing, and executing activities for the student body. Eighth graders are required to participate in the spring elections to be eligible for the class. All students must meet the GPA and citizenship requirements, and teacher discretion.

Study Skills: 7th & 8th Grade – Full Year

Reading and Math Study Skills are designed to support students in their co-taught Language Arts and Math classes with additional instruction/practice and to solidify pre-requisite reading and math skills in 7th and 8th grade math standards.

Students may be assigned to this course in lieu of another elective class. Placement in this course may be based on reading or math test scores, or upon instructor recommendation. This class is for students with an IEP.

Teacher Aide: 8th Grade – Half Year

This is a one-semester class in which students will provide assistance to the classroom teacher. This course is designed to be a simulated work experience. Students are accepted by application with the teacher. Students must be self-motivated, self-reliant, and academically responsible. Given the nature of this position, accepting the responsibility of maintaining confidentiality is a MUST. Students applying must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA *and* acceptable citizenship (No “N’s” or “U’s”).

Techniques for Tough Times: 7th & 8th Grade – Half Year

Empowering youth to lead and strengthen their communities through college and career readiness. We accomplish this by focusing on four pillars: leveraging personal and cultural assets, excelling in education, serving the community, and developing leadership skills. Techniques learned and practiced include communication with friends, teachers, and family members, healthy relationships, strategies to manage emotions and daily life activities, tutoring, service, and character development.

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