

ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS – 7TH GRADE

Course	Length	Course Description
Band 7	2 Semesters	7th grade band is a performance-based class that builds upon the skills learned in 5th and 6th grade band. Students will have four performances a year plus numerous extra opportunities now that they are gaining confidence as musicians. In band, students will work on a variety of music that challenges them while also providing opportunities to apply previously learned skills. Students will continue to grow as musicians as they work on new rhythms, music reading skills, and ensemble techniques. Band is a great place to be, hope to see you in 7th grade!
Orchestra 7	2 Semesters	In 7 th Grade Orchestra, we learn new notes and new skills. This helps us play more interesting and more challenging music. If you still love music and can commit to practice at home and at school, you should sign up for 7 th Grade Orchestra. This is open to students who were in Orchestra in 6 th Grade.
Choir 7	2 Semesters	7 th grade choir is a performance-based class that performs in several concerts throughout the year. In class, students will gain confidence and an awareness of their singing voice and vocal development while working together to learn and refine music for performance. Students will develop as musicians in their ability to read rhythms and melodies, follow along in written music, and in their music listening skills. No prior singing experience required; all are welcome!
Plastics 7	1 Quarter	This course offers an introduction to many of the common plastics that we use on a daily basis. Many hands-on projects are made with a variety of these plastics and students learn the advantages and disadvantages of the properties of each plastic. It also gives students experience with the hand and power tools used in the manufacturing processes of plastic.
Woodworking 7	1 Quarter	This course is designed for students who are interested in beginning to explore working with the tools and processes of the woodworking trade. Students will experience using both hand and power tools. Students will also become familiar with a variety of processes which are necessary for the successful completion of their projects. There are several projects in each grade level appropriate for the age and skill of the student.
Art Explorations 7	1 Quarter	Art 7 is a general art class focused on traditional studio practices of Drawing, Painting, Sculpture and Ceramics. This class will be a fun exploration of the basics of art, to prepare students for future art classes that are more specialized by medium (Drawing & Painting and Clay & Sculpture) in 8th grade and beyond.
Digital Art & Design 7	1 Quarter	This is an introductory course in the fundamentals of design. In this class students will learn a wide range of programs to create designs and products to communicate ideas or themes. Students will learn the basics of how programs operate and are used in the design world. Projects range from the creation of 3D models that tell a story, photo-

		manipulation, collage, digital painting, product design (soda cans), and illustration.
Intro to Theater Arts	1 Quarter	This course will give students the opportunity to explore themselves and the world around them through performance and acting skills, set and costume design, scene studies and scriptwriting. Students will be challenged to step outside of their comfort zone, to take risks, to choose a role, whether on the stage, or behind the scenes. They will work collaboratively with their peers to complete creative projects.
Flight & Space	1 Quarter	The exciting world of aerospace comes alive through the Flight and Space (FS) course. Students become engineers as they design, prototype, and test models to learn about the science of flight and what it takes to travel and live in space. They solve real-world aviation and space challenges and plan a mission to Mars.
Digital Literacy 7	1 Quarter	Digital Literacy is an opportunity to reinforce safe use of the internet and understand the hidden dangers that accompany the internet if you do not follow safety protocols. Students will explore topics including digital footprints, digital drama, phishing schemes and cyber bullying. In addition, students will practice their typing skills with some keyboard basics and learn to use the many functions available in Microsoft Word.
Video Production 7	1 Quarter	Video Production is a class offered to both 7 th and 8 th grade students. In this class we learn how to create and edit videos, while also looking at how Video Production connects to careers. There is a difference in the projects made in the 7 th and 8 th grade classes. 7 th grade focuses more on the basics and where Video Production can lead.
Study Hall	1 Quarter or 1 Semester	The Study Hall is a place where students are able to get schoolwork done for any of their classes within the school day. This is a quiet environment. Students will be studying or reading.