

Woodlawn Junior High

Elective Descriptions

2024-2025

Band

Beginning Band: Primarily for students (6-8) who are new to a particular band instrument. No prior musical experience is necessary. The instruments offered are: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, and Percussion. Students are given the opportunity to try the different instruments before they choose one to focus on. **Rental and purchase options will be discussed in class.** The main focus of beginning percussionists will be on learning the xylophone. Students will perform in at least **two** concerts during the year.

***Adv. Woodwinds:** For **7th or 8th grade** students that have successfully completed Beginning Band and play a woodwind instrument (flute, clarinet, saxophone). Focus on fundamentals as well as expanding knowledge of musical terms and literature. This class will join the other advanced classes for many performances (football games, concerts, contests) throughout the year. **After school participation is occasionally required.**

***Adv. Brass:** For **7th or 8th grade** students that have successfully completed Beginning Band and play a brass instrument (trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba). Focus on fundamentals as well as expanding knowledge of musical terms and literature. This class will join the other advanced classes for many performances (football games, concerts, contests) throughout the year. **After school participation is occasionally required.**

***Adv. Percussion:** For **7th or 8th grade** students that have successfully completed Beginning Band and play percussion. Focus on fundamentals as well as expanding knowledge of musical terms and literature. This class will join the other advanced classes for many performances (football games, concerts, contests) throughout the year. **After school participation is occasionally required.**

***High school credit eligible**

Choir

Students learn music throughout the year to perform at concerts, for the community, and in competition. A fun, engaging class that will help students gain confidence and experience performing with peers. Students participate in the All-State Choir in New Orleans, Honor Choir locally, Christmas concerts, spring concerts, and Choir Festival. Students also take opportunities to go out in the community and perform. Students must audition with Mrs. Sanderson, but the audition is easy. Students must sing Happy Birthday so Mrs. Sanderson can know if you can match pitch. There is a **\$15 choir fee** that covers student's choir shirt and black choral binder. **High school credit eligible course.**

Family & Consumer Sciences (FACS)

Formerly known as "Home Ec." This class teaches life skills that relate to the real world. FACS combines natural and social sciences, and deals with the relationship between individuals, families, and the communities in which they live throughout their lifespan. It represents many disciplines including consumer sciences, nutrition, food preparation, family economics and resource management, textiles, design, and more. FACS helps students become productive and responsible citizens. Throughout the year, students learn how to cook, bake, sew, & more.

High school credit eligible. There is a \$15 fee.

Health Ed

Students will comprehend concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention to enhance health and analyze the influence of family, peers, culture, media, technology and other factors on health behaviors. Students will demonstrate the ability to access valid information, products, and services to enhance health, as well as use interpersonal communication skills to promote health and avoid/minimize health risks. Students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to increase health, demonstrate health-promoting behaviors and to advocate for personal, family, and community health. **This is a half year course which will satisfy high school requirements.**

Keyboarding

Students will demonstrate mastery of touch keyboarding using techniques including correct posture and finger placement. Students will improve speed and accuracy in keyboarding by using appropriate drills and timed writings. Emphasis of the class is placed on letters, numbers, symbols, numeric keypad, and basic word processing applications. **High school credit eligible.**

Publications

Students will learn how to gather information, organize ideas, format stories for different forms of news media, and edit their stories for school publication. Students learn the basic principles of yearbook production and develop skills that include writing copy, captions and headlines, digital photography, desktop publishing, and using appropriate technology tools for media production.

7th & 8th graders only; high school credit eligible. Application required.

Quest for Success

This course provides career exploration to prepare students for career & life success. Students will develop workforce skills, explore new careers, and industry sectors, & learn about themselves & their interests to successfully navigate high school, postsecondary education, & career pathways.

8th graders only; *this is a required course to graduate high school.*

Robotics

A beginning course in robotics. Students will utilize NICERC and LEGO robotics kits to learn basic programming and designing, team collaboration, and problem-solving strategies. Students will work hands-on to design, build, program, and complete robotic activities and challenges, with an emphasis on computer coding utilizing various programs.

High school credit eligible. \$25 fee; student must have proficiency in Math & Science.

Speech

This course will develop and improve public speaking, argumentation, and critical-thinking skills in various communication and debate settings. Students will deliver speeches and participate in various types of in-class debates, mock trials, and forums on current topics. Students will learn the fundamentals of verbal and nonverbal communication, physical and vocal delivery, and more. Students will practice researching, structuring, and organizing information effectively for formal debate. Writing, listening, and note-taking skills will also be emphasized and developed. **High school credit eligible course and open only to 7th & 8th graders.**

***All electives are
dependent on staffing
availability***

****Please note: Your child's
individual academic needs
(i.e. IEP, test scores, etc.)
might require Study Skills,
a Lab, or Enrichment****