

Course Descriptions 8TH GRADE

Note: Next year, everyone will need to take two different Art classes in two different categories.

The Art classes all have an * next to them with the name of the Art category underneath.

Course	Length	Description
*Band 8 (Music Arts)	2 semesters	This class builds upon skills learned in 7th grade band. Now that most students are in their fourth year of playing, there are even more musical opportunities throughout the year. In addition to the typical four performances in the year, 8th grade students perform for Veterans Day and attend a middle school band festival. Extra opportunities in band include, jazz band, solo and ensemble festival, various honor bands, a chance to play with the high school pep band, and more! Come join the band!
*Orchestra 8 (Music Arts)	2 semesters	We learn new techniques in music that help prepare for High School Orchestra. We play a wide variety of music that uses the skills you've learned for four years. If you still love music and can commit to practice at home and at school, you should sign up for the 8th Grade Orchestra. Open to any students who were in 7 th Grade Orchestra.
*Choir 8 (Music Arts)	2 semesters	8 th grade choir is a performance-based class that performs in several concerts throughout the year. In class, students will gain confidence and further their awareness of their singing voice and vocal development while working together to learn and refine fun and challenging music for performance. We focus on a wider variety of music with two or three parts. Students further their musicianship skills in reading rhythms and melodies. No prior singing experience required; all are welcome! Talk to Mrs. Zerke if you have questions.
*Clay & Sculpture Exploration 8 (Visual Arts)	1 quarter	Students will learn about Sculpture as a 3-Dimensional Art. We will explore the 4 basic methods of Sculpture being Carving, Modeling, Casting, and Construction. We will explore Sculpture through the medium of Cardboard, Wood, Paper, Plaster, and Clay. We will practice idea generation and planning through sketching, drawing, and painting. We will make art and reflect on the creative process as well as the work we make.
*Drawing & Painting 8 (Visual Arts)	1 quarter	Students will learn about Drawing and Painting as 2-Dimensional Art. We will explore the basics of Drawing and Painting emphasizing careful observational as well as imaginative work combined with skill building. We will use various materials and tools to create 2-Dimensional Art. Students will make art and reflect on the creative process and our work.
*Digital Art & Design 8 (Digital Arts)	1 semester	This course is designed to engage students in the design thinking process. Students will learn how to think as an artist and graphic designer as they explore programs like Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator. During the course, students will understand how the programs operate and how they are used during the design process. They can expect to explore various techniques ranging from photo manipulation and advanced editing, digital painting, product design (cereal boxes), typography, and illustration.
Industrial Technology 8	1 quarter or 1 semester	The eighth-grade industrial tech/metals course offers an introduction to many of the processes used in industry to manufacture products. It also gives students experience with the hand and power tools used in the manufacturing process. Welding, oxy-acetylene, casting, bending, shaping and forming sheet metal are just a few of the processes to be explored.
Woodworking 8	1 quarter or 1 semester	The Eighth grade Woodworking 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.
Flight & Space	1 quarter	The exciting world of aerospace comes alive through the Flight and Space (FS) unit. 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. Flight and Space coursework involves a variety of activities including: lab work, individual and group assignments, projects, discussions, tests and quizzes.
Study Hall	1 quarter	Study Hall is where students can get schoolwork done for any of their classes within the school day. This is a quiet environment. Students will be studying or reading.
Intro to Theater Arts (Theater Arts)	1 quarter	This course will give students the opportunity to explore themselves and the world around them through set and costume design, scene studies and scriptwriting. Students will also learn about the history of theater. They will work collaboratively with their peers to complete creative projects.