

COURSES OF INTEREST DESCRIPTIONS

While every attempt is made to satisfy the wishes of students concerning Courses of Interest, there is no guarantee that a specific choice will be possible due to the availability of the class or the necessary sequencing of academic classes.

CONCERT BAND & SYMPHONIC BAND

Students who **already** play brass, woodwind, or percussion instruments may audition for the band. **Participation in band during the previous school year is required to be in band.** Parade and concert performances are a required part of the band program as are extra rehearsals and have a **major** effect on the grading in the class

THEATER

Theater is designed to give students an introduction to speaking and performance skills. Students will develop their performance skills through basic acting exercises and classroom scenes. Students will also learn basic techniques utilized in directing other students as well as establish a broader knowledge of dramatic literature. Students will explore and be creative with developing screenplays, costumes, and stage production. Students will learn specialized vocabulary and explore set, lighting, and sound design. Students will reflect on elements found in school and outside productions.

ADVANCED THEATER

Designed for students eager to explore the world of performance and develop their acting skills through hands-on practice and the exploration of various theater techniques. Throughout the course, students will engage in a variety of exercises that emphasize creativity, physicality, vocal techniques, and improvisation. By examining classical and contemporary performance styles, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the craft while honing their ability to bring characters and stories to life on stage. This class is for students who have had some previous experience.

ORCHESTRA

This class is for stringed instrument musicians. Wind & percussion are added from the band to form a full concert orchestra for performances. Home practice and sectionals during school time are required. Prior experience on a string instrument (5th & 6th grade) is required.

CHORUS

This class is for students that enjoy singing and performing. A variety of music is sung from Bach to Rock. Concert performances are a required part of the choral program as are some extra rehearsals.

ART

This course will explore different drawing techniques. The students will use different mediums: colored pencils, crayola, and watercolor. Art history will be integrated throughout the different projects. (Possible supplies donations may be requested).

EXPLORING ART

This course is much like ART but focuses on different projects. Different drawing techniques and mediums will be explored. Art history will be integrated throughout the different projects. (Possible supplies donations may be requested).

COLLEGE AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Labs in this class are completely focused on creating a career exploration experience to help students decide where their interests and aptitudes align within a career pathway. Some examples of pathways are: Criminalistics, Sports Medicine, Flight and Drone Technology, (and many more)!!

WOOD SHOP

Students will have the opportunity to learn about typical wood shop machinery and equipment including safety and maintenance guidelines. Students will create projects made of wood. Students must follow strict guidelines and pass a safety test before being allowed to use machinery. (Possible supplies donations may be requested).

EXPLORING TECHNOLOGY

Our shop class is not only for wood projects. In this course, we'll explore different aspects of technology and machines. You'll get the chance to build bridges, wind sails, and rockets! (Possible supplies donations may be requested).

COMPUTER SCIENCE

This course offers students hands-on experience in robotics, circuitry and coding, as well as a foundational understanding of computational thinking. From building and programming robots to exploring circuit design and utilizing 3D printing technology, students will develop critical problem-solving skills while unleashing their creativity in the exciting world of computer science.

SPANISH EXPLORATION

Spanish will provide the student with a general introduction to the Spanish language: sound system, pronunciation, functional vocabulary related to everyday life, cultural information, and basic grammatical structures. Emphasis will be on the acquisition of four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and limited writing. There are two main objectives to the course. Foremost is to give the students the ability to carry on a simple conversation. The second is to provide the students with instruction that teaches a basic understanding of Spanish culture, vocabulary, and grammatical concepts. This course will prepare students for high school Spanish.

DEVELOPING LEADERS

Students will represent and advocate for the student body of Tevis Jr High where they will plan and organize various on campus functions that will engage, entertain, and reinvigorate the school community. Students will learn about various forms of government, leadership, and organizations as well as work closely with the Tevis Jr High Student Council where they will be exposed to formal parliamentary procedure and the processes of legislation. Students in this class will develop many skills such as time management, professionalism, organization, public speaking, and community outreach; all of which will help them inside and outside the academic setting.