Rock Springs Junior High Elective Course Information

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2025-26



Two Semester Electives

1.0 Credit (Year Long)

Concert Band

PREREQUISITE: One year of 6th grade band or instructor approval
COURSE FEES: $0.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will perform a variety of music styles and refine their music skills to demonstrate advancing levels of musicianship as they perform increasingly difficult music.

Symphonic Band

PREREQUISITE: Concert Band
COURSE FEES: $0.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will perform a variety of music styles and refine their music skills to demonstrate advancing levels of musicianship as they perform increasingly difficult music.

Jazz Ensemble

PREREQUISITE: Audition only and must be enrolled in concert or symphonic band.
COURSE FEES: $0.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will perform a variety of jazz styles while focusing on the blues scale. Students will improvise melodies within set parameters and use jazz terminology when describing their playing.

Chorus I Melody (Boys)

PREREQUISITE: NONE
COURSE FEES: $0.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will apply well developed note reading skills and vocal techniques as they perform two and three part music with the ensemble. Students will use music terminology to analyze and evaluate their performances as well as the performances of others.

Chorus II Harmony (Girls)

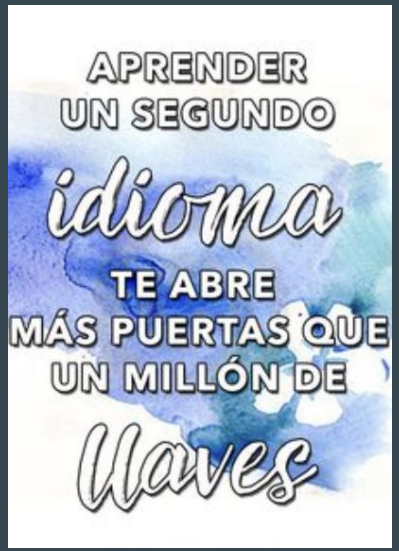
PREREQUISITE: By audition and Instructor Approval
COURSE FEES: $0.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will apply well developed note reading skills and vocal techniques as they perform two and three part music with the ensemble. Students will use music terminology to analyze and evaluate their performances as well as the performances of others.

Spanish I

PREREQUISITE: NONE
COURSE FEES: $0.00 HATHAWAY APPROVED: YES

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will communicate in the target language to ask and answer questions using simple sentences. Students will focus on self, family and friends using verbs and descriptive words. Students will begin to explore the different parts of culture and compare and contrast it with their own.







Gifted and Talented (GATE I)

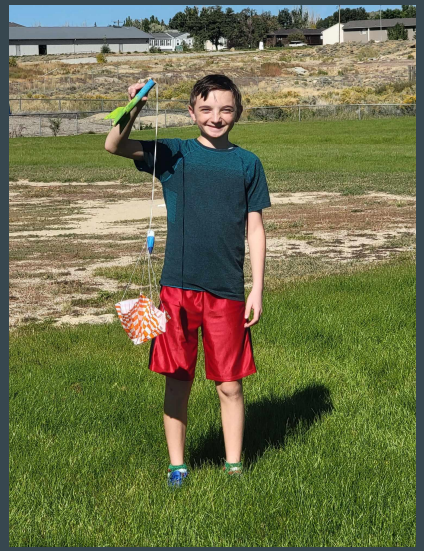
PREREQUISITE: Gifted and Talented Program
COURSE FEES: $0.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: GATE 1 is offered as an elective to identified gifted students. This course uses interdisciplinary units combining nature and the four other core education areas, along with creative and fine arts, technology, and engineering. Designed to help students develop learning skills in areas such as collaboration, critical thinking, communication, and creativity through high interest, problem-based units.











One Semester Electives

.5 Credit (Half Year)

Career Exploration/Personal Finance Management

PREREQUISITE: NONE
COURSE FEES: $0.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will evaluate basic economic concepts related to the students' roles as consumers, producers, and citizens. Students will demonstrate how to shape their own financial lives by developing financial skills for personal and family well-being; such as management of resources, financial services, responsible use of credit, consumer decisions, and consumer rights and responsibilities.





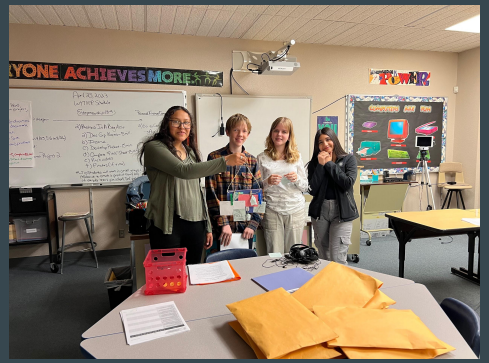




Entrepreneurship

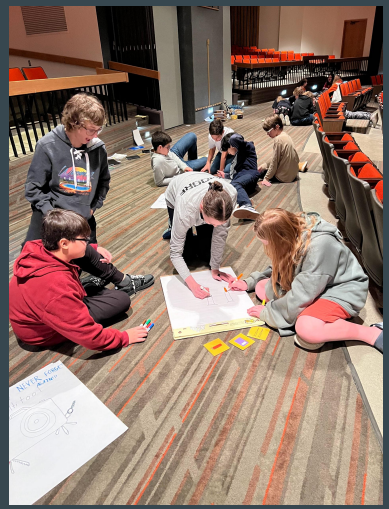
PREREQUISITE: NONE
COURSE FEES: $0.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will distinguish characteristics of successful entrepreneurs and evaluate the degree to which they possess those characteristics, analyze conditions and markets to generate idea, brainstorm and generate ideas for a potential business, and begin the early stages of developing a business plan.









Junior Play Fit

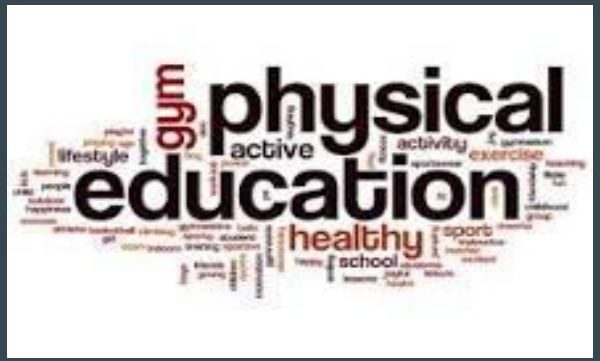




PREREQUISITE: NONE
COURSE FEES: $0.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will participate in game strategies/tactics and will demonstrate appropriate personal/social behavior while participating in a variety of dual, team and lifetime activities to enhance physical fitness levels and promote self-expression and enjoyment.







Drama I

PREREQUISITE: NONE
COURSE FEES: $0.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will apply concepts of theater terminology, investigate basic acting skills, analyze playscript, construct characterization, identify theatrical elements, create and perform a play, rehearse play through repetition, evaluate the role of an artist in the community, and examine the different types of theater.

Guitar I

PREREQUISITE: NONE
COURSE FEES: $0.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will develop basic techniques on guitar including strum patterns, basic chords, melodies in first position, and major scales. Students will apply these fundamental techniques and musicianship to ensemble playing.

Guitar II

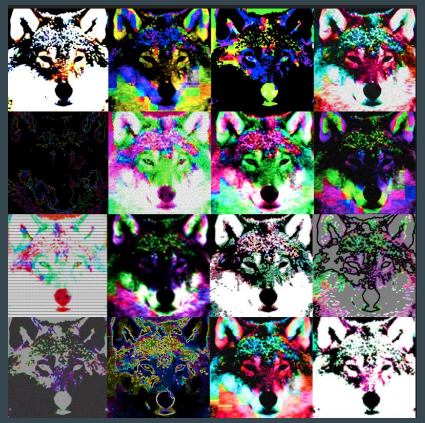
PREREQUISITE: Guitar I or teacher recommendation
COURSE FEES: $0.00

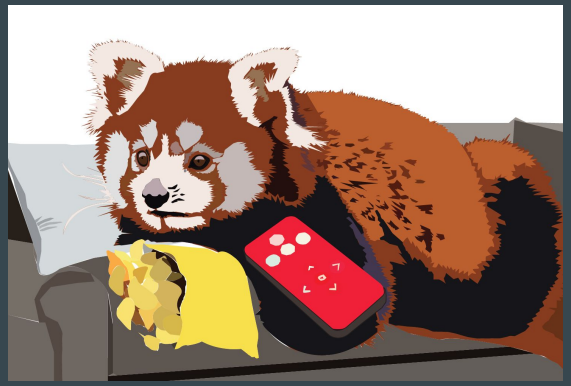
PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will apply advancing techniques (such as barre chords, moveable chords, notes beyond first position, major/minor/blues scales, etc.) into individual and ensemble playing.

Graphic Art

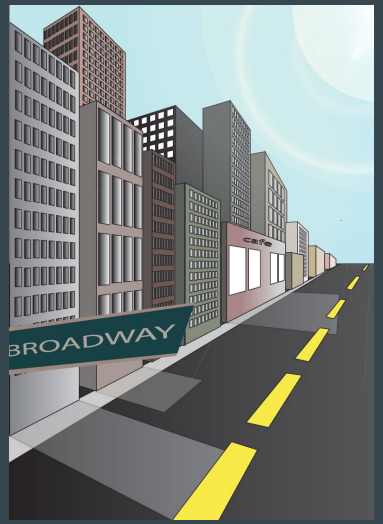
PREREQUISITE: NONE
COURSE FEES: $0.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will use proper graphics tools and graphics applications to create original visual images. They will communicate about graphic images using the critiquing process and proper art terminology.









Introduction to Graphic Arts II

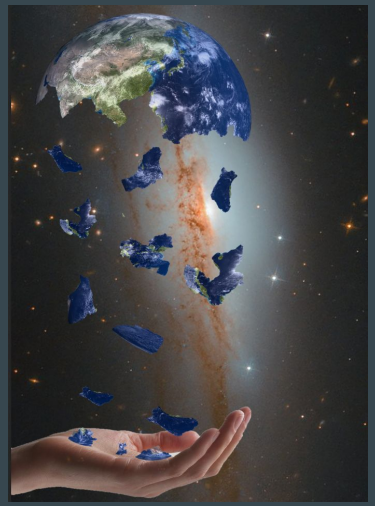
PREREQUISITE: GRAPHIC ART
COURSE FEES: $0.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will develop an advanced understanding of graphics tools and graphics applications as well as the history of Graphic Design. Students will also gain an advanced understanding of current digital art processes and techniques.









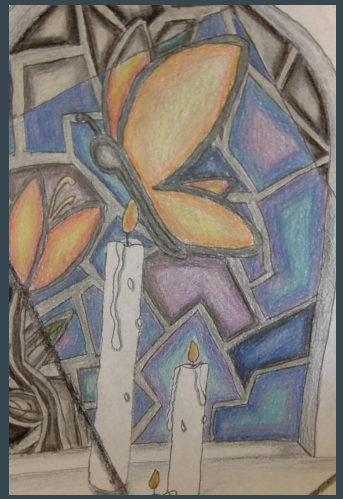
Introduction to Drawing I

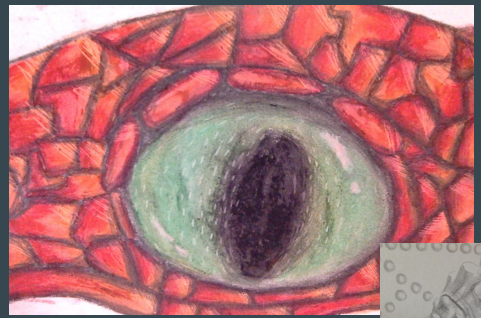


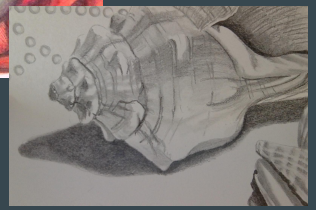


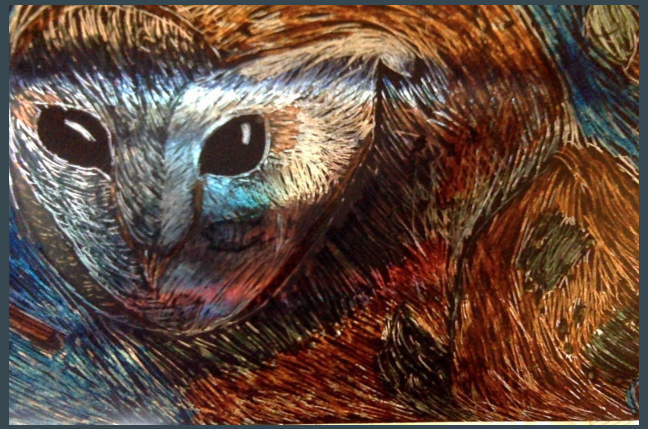
PREREQUISITE: NONE
COURSE FEES: $10.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will use proper drawing tools and techniques in the studio. They will apply proper elements and principles of design for the product and communicate about artwork using the critiquing process.

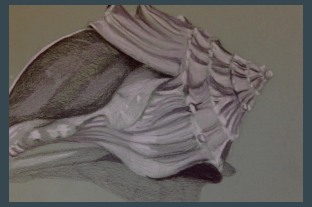








Introduction to Drawing II

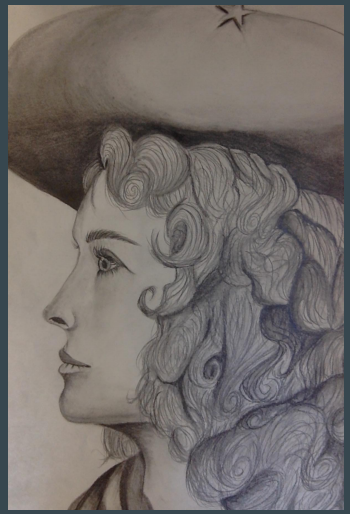


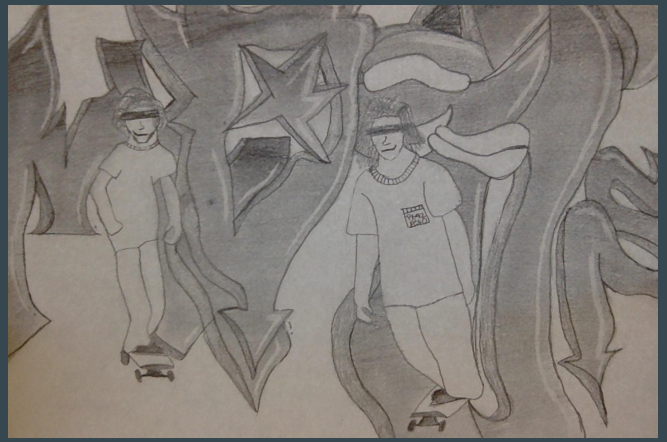


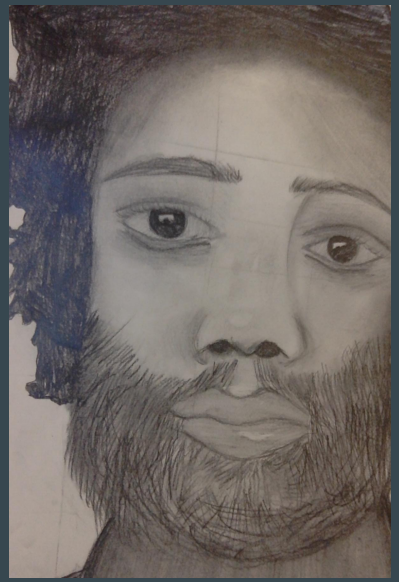


PREREQUISITE: INTRODUCTION TO DRAWING I
COURSE FEES: $10.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will create original artwork that communicates theme, style, narrative, mood, or emotion using proper drawing tools and techniques. They will communicate about their own work and the work of others using the critiquing process and proper art terminology.









Introduction to Painting I

PREREQUISITE: NONE
COURSE FEES: $15.00

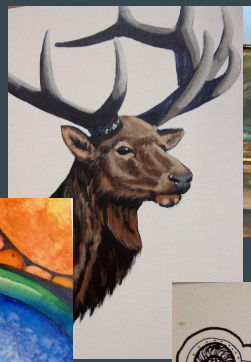
PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will use proper painting tools and techniques in the studio. They will apply proper elements and principles of design for the product and communicate about artwork using the critiquing process.



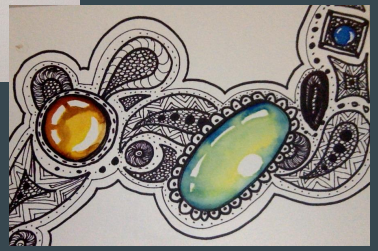




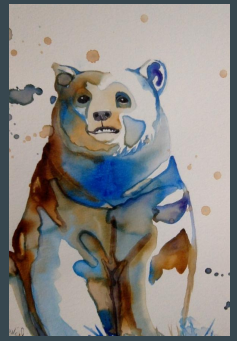








Introduction to Painting II



PREREQUISITE: INTRODUCTION TO PAINTING I
COURSE FEES: $15.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will create original paintings that communicates theme, style, narrative, mood, or emotion using proper painting tools and techniques. They will communicate about their own work and the work of others using the critiquing process and proper art terminology.





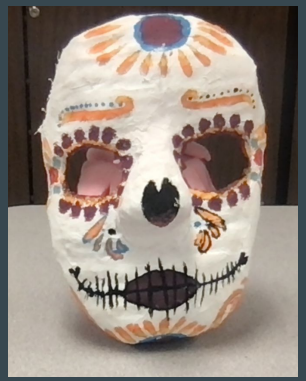


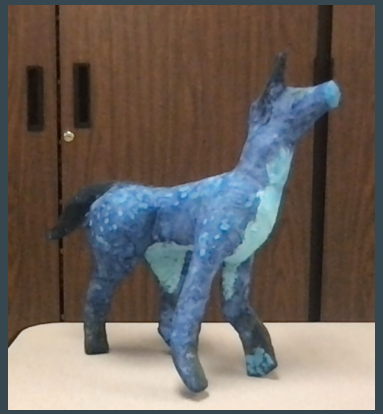
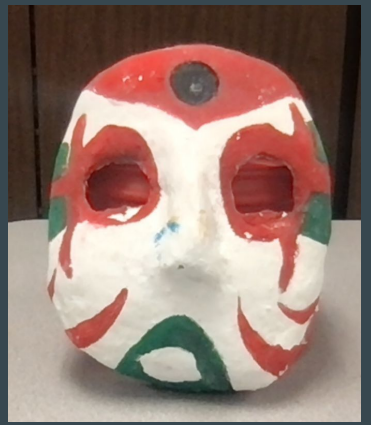


Introduction to Sculpture I

PREREQUISITE: NONE
COURSE FEES: $15.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will use proper sculpting tools and techniques in the studio. They will apply proper elements and principles of design for the product and communicate about artwork using the critiquing process.



Introduction to Sculpture II

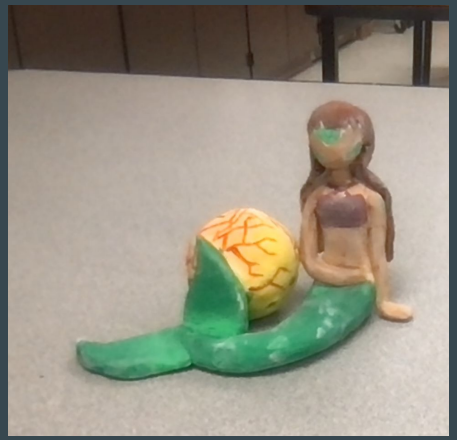


PREREQUISITE: INTRODUCTION TO SCULPTURE I
COURSE FEES: $15.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will create original sculptures that communicates theme, style, narrative, mood, or emotion using proper sculpture tools and techniques. They will communicate about their own work and the work of others using the critiquing process and proper art terminology.









Printmaking and Stamp Making

PREREQUISITE: INTRODUCTION TO DRAWING I
COURSE FEES: $15.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: : Printmaking is an image transfer process, much like a fingerprint with ink. The main ‘plate’ can be painted on, incised with a needle tool, added to with other materials or carved like a stamp. This plate is then covered in ink and applied to paper for the transfer. Students will use proper printmaking tools and techniques in the studio for these processes. They will apply proper elements and principles of design for the product and communicate about artwork using the critiquing process.







Foods & Wellness I



PREREQUISITE: NONE
COURSE FEES: $20.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will evaluate the safety and sanitation of a kitchen, show proper technique of kitchen tools and equipment and evaluate food choices using MyPlate guidelines.







Foods & Wellness II





PREREQUISITE: Foods & Wellness I
COURSE FEES: $20.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will create a food business using consumerism principles. Students will identify the purpose of ingredients in yeast breads, classify the different cuts of meat and describe the basic ingredients and assembly for salads, soups, sauces, pies and tarts.







Skills for Healthy Living

PREREQUISITE: NONE
COURSE FEES: $20.00 plus projects

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will examine factors that impact personal development and gain an understanding of healthy relationships at home, school, and in the community. Students will demonstrate effective communication skills at home, school, and in the community. Students will demonstrate nutrition and wellness practices that enhance individual and family well-being. Students will apply life and resource management practices to human, economic and environmental resources. Students will be aware of and demonstrate professionalism and employability skills.











Child Development

PREREQUISITE: NONE
COURSE FEES: $10.00 plus projects

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will interpret positive family relationships and evaluate the family as a whole. Students will compare and contrast the role of the family and analyze the development of children from conception to preschool age. Students will apply safety and health practices when interacting with children.







Power Mechanics

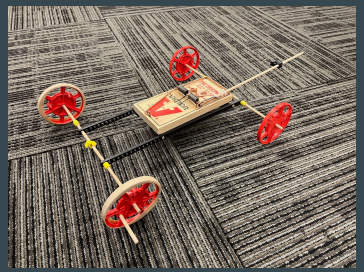
PREREQUISITE: NONE
COURSE FEES: $15.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will explore and apply various forms of power mechanic principles while safely completing lab units and hands on practices within the auto shop.













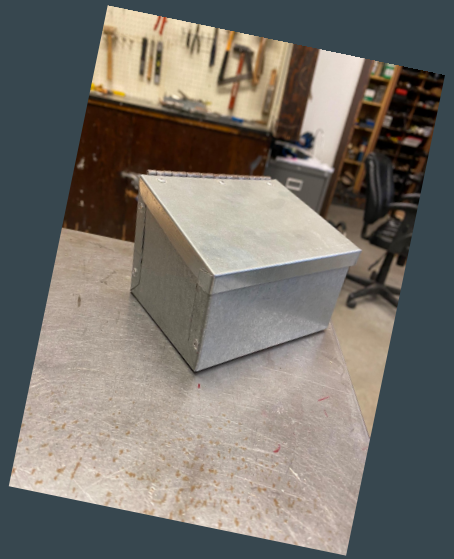
Introduction to Metal Technology I

PREREQUISITE: NONE
COURSE FEES: $20.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT:Students will explore and apply various forms of metalworking skills such as sheet metal, arc welding, machine tool technology, and wrought iron while safely completing skills tests and projects.





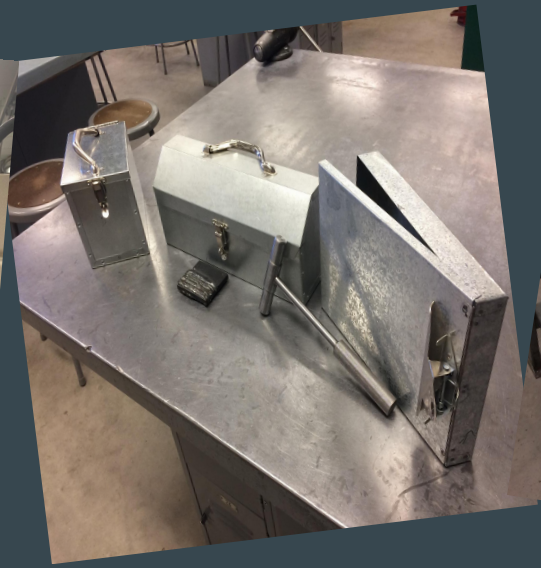
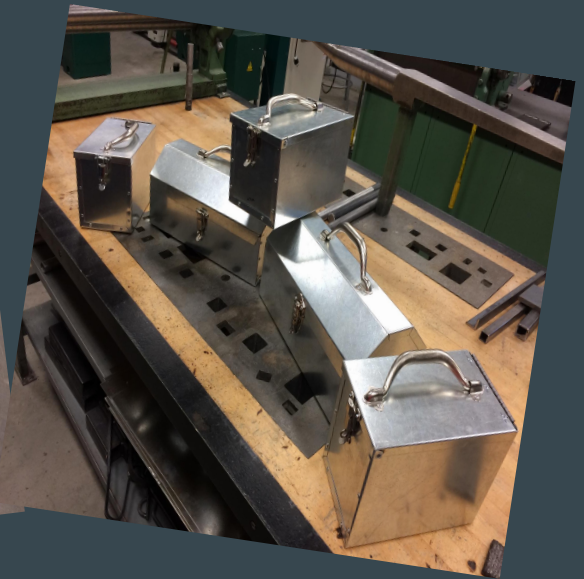


Introduction to Metal Technology II

PREREQUISITE: INTRODUCTION TO METAL TECHNOLOGY I
COURSE FEES: $20.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will explore and apply advanced forms of metalworking skills such as sheet metal, arc welding, machine tool technology, and wrought iron while safely completing skills tests and individual personal projects.



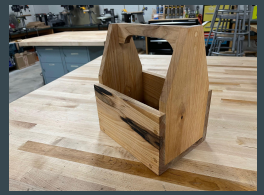
CTE General Shop

PREREQUISITE: NONE
COURSE FEES: $20.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will apply basic woodworking skills to produce several required projects that incorporates safety, measurement, and a variety of woodworking processes. This class is designed to introduce your student to the shop environment and give them the skills they need to be successful in other shop classes. They learn how to run benchtop style power tools, portable power tools, and a variety of hand tools.













Introduction To Woods Technology I

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COURSE FEES: $20.00

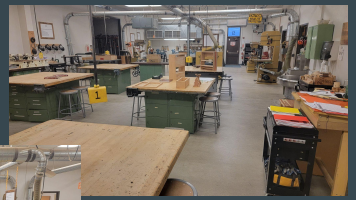
PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will apply basic woodworking skills to produce several required projects that incorporates safety, measurement, and a variety of woodworking processes.













Introduction To Woods Technology II

PREREQUISITE: INTRODUCTION TO WOODS TECHNOLOGY I
COURSE FEES: $20.00

PURPOSE STATEMENT: Students will apply both newly learned skills as well as skills gained in the Introduction to Woodworking 1 class to produce two required advanced wood projects that incorporate safety, measurement, and a variety of higher level woodworking processes.





