REGISTRATION 2026/27 8TH GRADE

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TODAY'S AGENDA

Students will:

- Learn about Math Placement
- Learn about World Language Options
- Understand the importance of using the EMS Course Catalog
- See a brief overview of elective courses
- Receive a registration form/elective request sheet

Deadline for registration:

Tuesday, February 10

8TH GRADE COURSES

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
Math	Math
Science	Science
Language Arts	Language Arts
Social Studies/History	Social Studies/History
Fitness	Elective
Elective	Elective

3 One-Semester Electives	1 Year-Long + a One-Semester Elective	2 Year-Long Electives



A LITTLE ABOUT HS CREDITS

- 24 credits to graduate
- 1 HS credit = 1 year-long class
- 6 period day = 24 credits

- Classes that earn HS credit in Middle School
  - Algebra
  - Geometry
  - Spanish 1

  - This means that these credits go on your high school transcript, and count toward the 24 credits to graduate.



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Math 6+ Math 7+	↗	Math 7+	→	Algebra	→	Geometry	→	Algebra 2	→	Math Analysis	→	AP Calculus AB or AP Statistics
	↘	Algebra	→	Geometry	→	Algebra 2	→	Math Analysis	→	APCalculus AB or AP Statistics	→	AP Calculus BC or AP Statistics

MATH PATHWAYS

HS Credit is earned for Algebra, Geometry and Beyond



World Language

2 years of world language are required to graduate in Washington State

- Spanish 1
  - Plan to take Spanish 2 in 9th grade

- World Language Proficiency Test –
  - *Available in 8th Grade*
  - Any Language
  - Tests: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking
  - Can earn up to 4 credits for HS
  - EMS will offer a test date Spring 2026

***Not required to start in 8th grade**



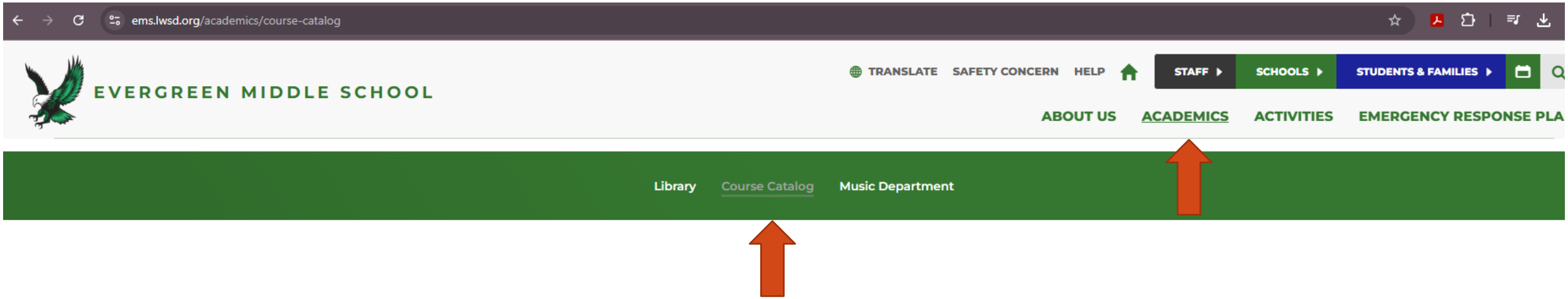
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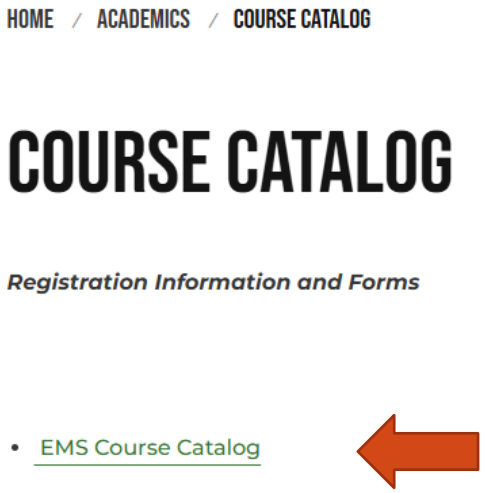
- Develop knowledge and skills for a lifetime
- Build personal and social responsibility
- Create goals and build plan for improvement
- Learn the value of physical activity
- Play individual and group games
- Have fun!



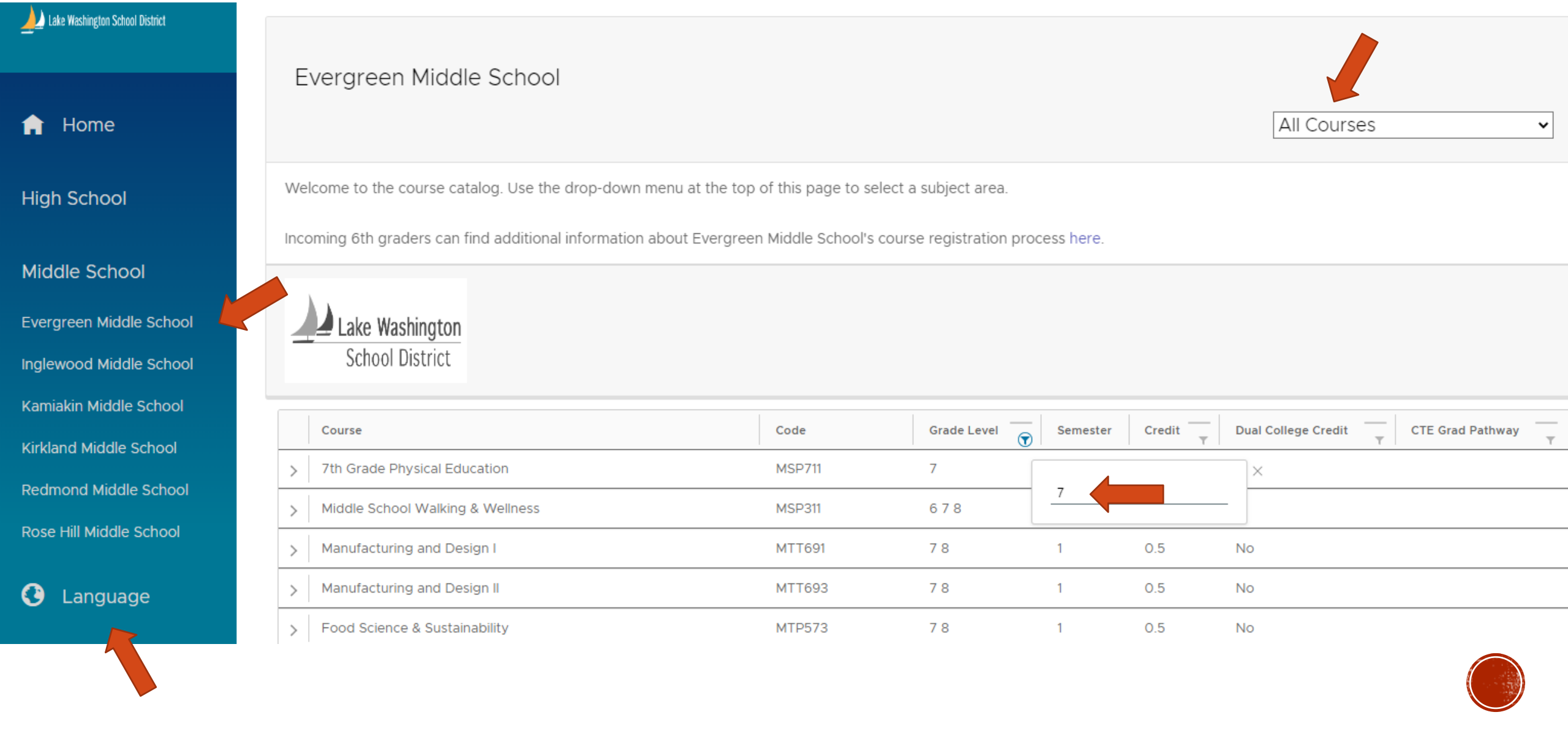
Your EMS Course Catalog!

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ALL YEAR

- Band
  - Symphonic Band
  - Wind Ensemble
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Spanish 1
- Leadership
- (for Elected ASB Board)

ONE-SEMESTER

- Drawing & Painting
- Digital Media
- Drama
- Film Studies
- Foods of the World

*If you've already taken Foods, **do not** sign up again.*

- Guitar
- Leadership 2
- Survival Science

*If you've already taken Survival Science, **do not** sign up again.*

- Peer Tutor

WORLD LANGUAGE

SPANISH 1

LWSD requires 2 years of the same language as a requirement for graduation

Please consider your study habits! Success means regular practice and discipline.

This is not required in 8th grade; Recommend starting in 9th or even 10th grade if you don't feel ready.

<u>World Language Competency Exam</u> is available for students who speak a languages other than English.



EHS and RHS offer:

- Spanish (4 years)
- French (4 years)
- Japanese (4 years)
- American Sign Language (3 years)
- Spanish for Heritage Speakers (EHS only)

TESLA STEM

- ONLY offers Spanish

YEAR-LONG: MUSIC

BAND

- Symphonic Band (2-3 years of Band experience)
- Wind Ensemble (3-4 years of Band experience, OR director permission)
- Jazz Band – Before school! Only for students taking Band

CHOIR

- All are welcome, No experience needed!
- Music from many cultures & languages
- Sing in 2-6 part harmony a cappella and with accompaniment

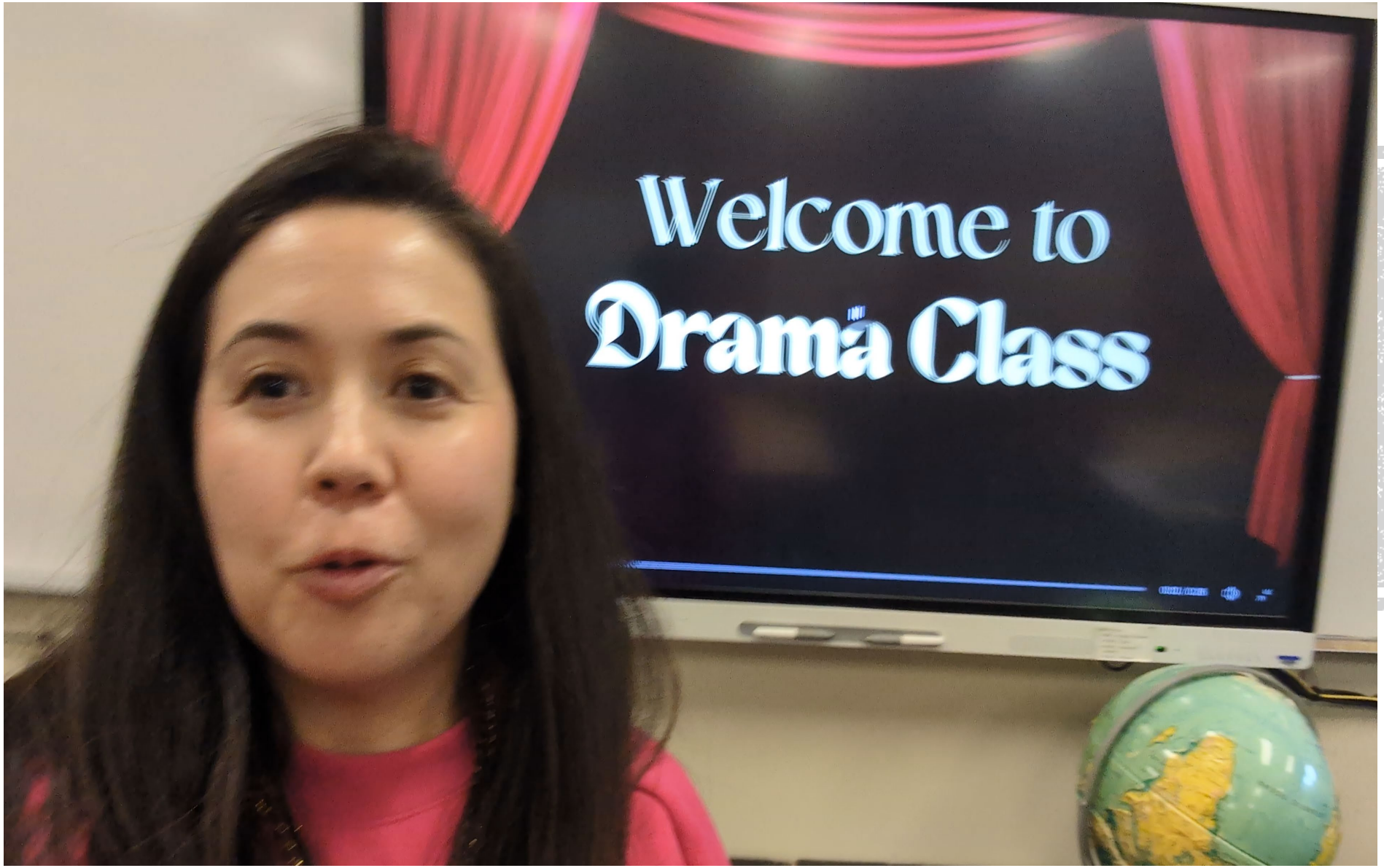
ORCHESTRA

- Orchestra 1 (1-2 year on a string instrument)









DRAMA



DRAWING & PAINTING (1 & 2)

EXPLORE DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES: DRAWING, PAINTING, CHARCOAL AND MIXED MEDIA

UNDERSTAND HOW TO USE COMPOSITION COLOR AND LINES TO COMMUNICATE IDEAS

DEVELOP YOUR OWN ARTISTIC STYLE

CREATE YOUR OWN PORTFOLIO

FOODS OF THE WORLD

MRS. INGRAM

This CTE course is designed for the student who wishes to prepare a variety of foods originating from all over the world. Students will have the opportunity to research and explore various regions of the world studying patterns of family meals, regional customs, food origins, and cooking techniques and equipment unique to various countries. This course is filled with food labs, art, and hands-on activities.





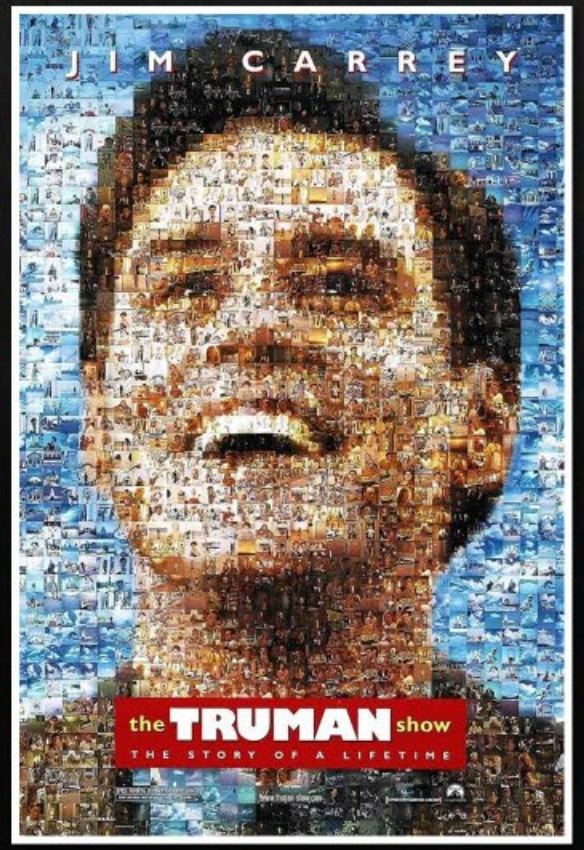


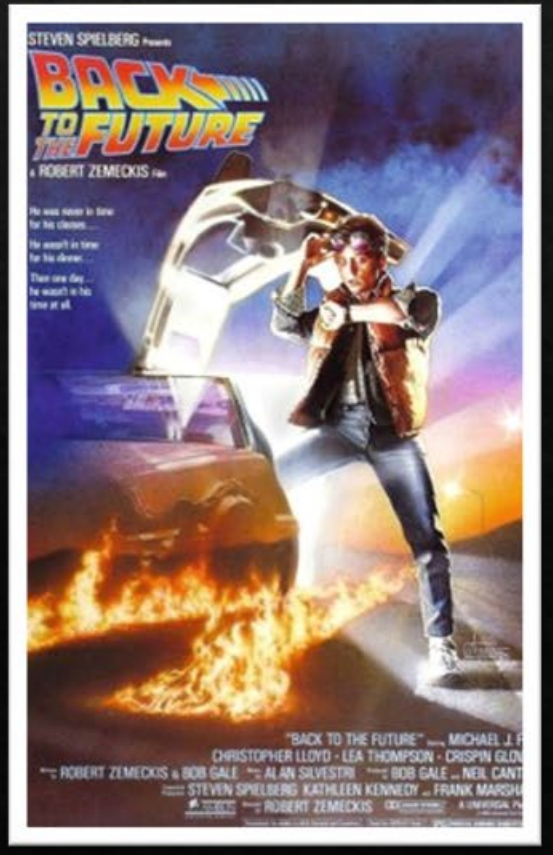

GERMAN
BELGIUM
ITALY
ARGENTINA
JAPAN
FRANCE
MEXICO
KOREA
RUSSIA
BRAZIL
U.K.
AND MORE

Film Studies (Mrs. Ingram):
In this CTE course, students watch films, break down how they work, and then **make their own**. Projects include short films, animation, Claymation, props, models, and other hands-on creations. It's all about storytelling, creativity, and bringing ideas to life. (8th **Grade Only**)













Creating Tangible Props



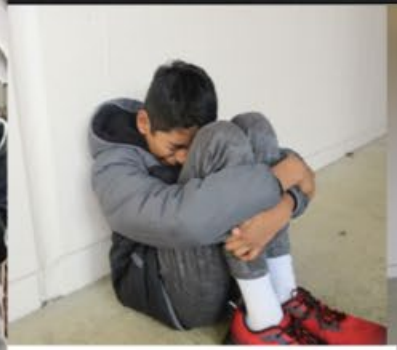




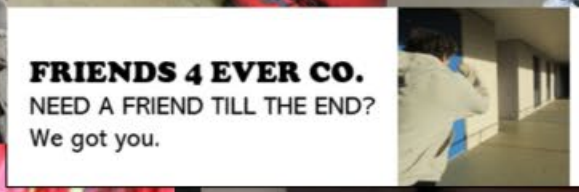




Student Made Films













Computer Animation and Claymation



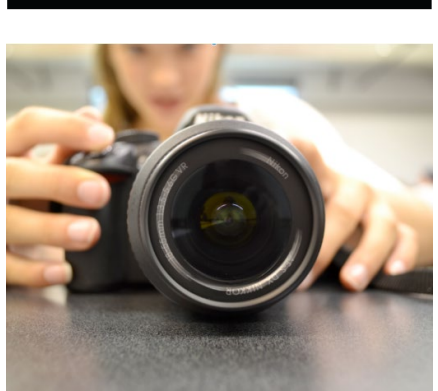


And more...









DIGITAL MEDIA

- Learn design skills in photography, video & graphic design
- Hands on experience with Adobe Creative Suite (for photo-editing)
- Real work creative projects including logo design, video production and advertisements
- Prepares students for high school in technical and creative career fields



GUITAR

- Learn essential guitar skills – proper technique, chord shapes, strumming patterns and basic melodies
- Understand rhythm, pitch and harmony
- Build confidence
- Play music from day one!

Leadership 2





Survival Science









- Apply real world survival skills through hands-on challenges
- Learn shelter construction, fire building, first aid and emergency preparedness
- Develop problem-solving and improvisation skills by reacting to real-world scenarios
- Create and use emergency kits while learning orientation, navigation, and effective emergency management strategies



PEER TUTOR

- Serve as a positive role model by supporting students in the Transition Program with patience, empathy, empathy and leadership
- Build mentoring and communication skills while assisting peers in reading, math, writing, social skills and functional life skills
- Gain hands-on experience by helping students in both academic and elective classes

WHAT ABOUT BEING A TA?

DO NOT SIGN UP FOR BEING A TA ON YOUR REGISTRATION BECAUSE STUDENTS CAN ONLY BCOME A TA IF THERE IS NOT A REGULAR CLASS AVAILABLE

- **Office** – deliver passes & other items, help with attendance
- **Library** – help process books in/out of the library, deliver passes, help with other library tasks
- **Classroom** – depends on the teacher – can include grading, organizing, washing Science equipment, running errands in the building

WHAT DO I DO NOW ?



Review	The Course Catalog
Choose	Your course selections carefully
Understand	If I receive a class that I chose, I will be required to keep it. (This includes alternate classes.)
Understand	Signing up for a year-long class is a year-long commitment
Access	Your Skyward account via your student account (not your parents).
Bring	1) Your charged laptop, 2) Your registration form with parent signature

Questions ?



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