

FINE ARTS

VISUAL ARTS

Ceramics

Credit: 0.5
Grade: 7-8

Course Length:
Credit:

Semester
Fine Art

Prerequisite: Sculpture

Ceramics is an elevated class for skilled pottery students. It requires responsibility, previous experience in my Art electives, and a foundation of clay sculpture techniques. Students will work with clay to construct functional and decorative ceramic pieces. Students should expect to experience the entire pottery process, from wedging clay, throwing forms on the wheel, trimming pottery pieces, and glazing. Please come prepared to work hard and have persistence.

2D Drawing

Credit: 0.5
Grade: 6-8

Course Length:
Credit:

Semester
Fine Art

Prerequisite: None

Students in this course will gain the basic skills and insights necessary to create drawings that are both accurate and expressive. Explorations of line, shape, value and form will engage the eye and the hand as well as the heart. Students will gain confidence in their own vision and their ability to draw what they see.

MUSIC

Carson Choir

Credit: 0.5
Grade: 6

Course Length:
Credit:

Semester
Fine Art

Prerequisite: None

Students will learn about basic musical concepts through sight-singing and music theory studies and learn and practice proper vocal techniques. These skills will be applied through study and performance of multi-part treble music literature from many different genres and cultures. This is a treble voice choir

Carson Singers

Credit: 0.5 (per semester)
Grade: 7-8

Course Length:
Credit:

Semester & Year
Fine Art

Prerequisite: Teacher approval

Students will build on skills used in beginning choir and continue to practice proper vocal techniques. These skills will be applied through study and performance of multi-part music literature from many different genres and cultures. This is a mixed voice choir.

Eagle Choir

Credit: 0.5 (per semester)
Grade: 6-8

Course Length: Semester (2nd sem.)
Credit: Fine Art

Prerequisite: Teacher selection

A select choir setting where students will refine the skills used in beginning and intermediate choir. Eagle choir will allow students to apply these skills to higher levels of music literature with more parts that use more challenging musical concepts. Students will have opportunities to build on these skills through the larger choral setting as well as small groups and solo singing. Students in this choir will be expected to participate in multiple performances outside the school setting to include but not limited to Solo and Ensemble contest and CHSAA festival. Participation in this choir will be decided by the choir director.

Beginning Band

Credit: 1
Grade: 6-8

Course Length: Full year
Credit: Fine Art

Prerequisite: None

Students will begin learning how to play a band instrument. (Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, F horn, Trombone, Baritone, Percussion) Beginning Band is open to all grade levels for students with little to no experience with a band instrument.

Concert Band

Credit: 1
Grade: 6-8

Course Length: Full year
Credit: Fine Art

Prerequisite: Teacher Approval/Beg Band

This band is for the intermediate level musician. Most 7th and 8th grade band students with experience, moving from another post/state, fit in the Concert Band. Students will be gaining knowledge using harder rhythms, higher/lower ranges on their instruments, multiple key signatures, and progressing into grade 2 (intermediate level) repertoire.

Symphonic Band

Credit: 1
Grade: 7-8

Course Length: Full year
Credit: Fine Art

Prerequisite: Teacher Selection/Concert Band

This band is designed for the advanced musician. 2+ years of experience and an audition is required to be in Symphonic Band. Special Skills needed such as multipole key signatures, challenging rhythms, focus on tone quality, and performing on higher level instruments with an emphasis on application for performance. Several performance opportunities and competitions are provided during the school year.

Jazz Band

Credit: 1
Grade: 7-8

Course Length: Full year
Credit: Fine Art

Prerequisite: None

A year-long performance class for students interested in the study and performance of jazz and jazz-related music. Special skills such as jazz rhythms, jazz harmonies and special articulations are covered, with an emphasis on application for performance. Oftentimes this is an after-school band that you can sign up for. Several performance opportunities during the school year are provided. You must be in concert band or symphonic band to be in this audition-based class.

PRACTICAL ARTS

CAREER and TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (CTE)

STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math)

STEM- Design and Modeling

Credit: 0.5
Grade: 6-8

Course Length: Semester
Credit: Practical Art

Prerequisite: None

Students discover the design process and develop an understanding of the influence of creativity and innovation in their lives. Students design, and build 3D printed projects through CAD and MakerBot Software. They also use the principles of engineering to plan, design and construct catapults, toothpick bridges, and rollercoasters.

STEM- VEX Robotics

Credit: 0.5	Course Length:	Semester	Prerequisite:	None
Grade: 6-8	Credit:	Practical Art		

Students will collaborate through designing, building, and programming robots to compete in various challenges.

STEM- Automation and Robotics

Credit: 0.5	Course Length:	Semester	Prerequisite:	None
Grade: 7-8	Credit:	Practical Art		

Students learn about direct current, electrical properties, energy transfer, and mechanical systems within automated and robotic devices. Students create small circuitry projects along with automated cars and solar-powered robots. At the end of the semester, students will apply their circuitry and robotics knowledge to build and program a robotic car

STEM- Woods

Credit: 0.5	Course Length:	Semester	Prerequisite:	None
Grade: 6-8	Credit:	Practical Art		

Intro Woodworking & Manufacturing is a course designed to introduce students to general woodworking practices. Students will be expected to learn about and safely use hand tools, power tools, and woodworking machinery. The projects are designed to give students as much experience as possible by using many different machines and tools to produce a variety of projects.

STEM- Advanced Woods

Credit: 0.5	Course Length:	Semester	Prerequisite:	Woods I
Grade: 7/ 8	Credit:	Practical Art		

This course is an introduction to the basic building materials, components, methods, and sequences in residential construction. It is designed to give students basic, entry-level skills in construction and related trades along with an overview of career opportunities available. Emphasis is placed on safety and the proper use of both hand and power tools. This course provides students the experience of working with various woodworking skill-building projects. *CTE Course. Prerequisite: Woods Course with a 70% or better. (Pre-Apprenticeship Certified Training (PACT) curriculum.)

STEM- Coding

Credit: 0.5	Course Length:	Semester	Prerequisite:	None
Grade: 8	Credit:	Practical Art		

Have you ever wondered how games, apps, or websites are created? In a Python coding class, you'll learn how to tell a computer what to do by using a real programming language! In this course, you will learn how to use basic coding commands, make decisions in code (like "if this happens, do that"), how to repeat actions using loops and how to organize your code like a pro.

WORLD LANGUAGE

Spanish and Culture

Credit: 0.5	Course Length:	Semester	Prerequisite:	None
Grade: 6-8	Credit:	Foreign Language		

This course will focus on various vocabulary and cultural themes to introduce students to the Spanish language and the culture of the Spanish-speaking world.

Spanish I

Credit: 1.0	Course Length: Year	Prerequisite: None
Grade: 8	Credit: Foreign Language	

Equivalent to high school Spanish 1. Students who pass successfully will receive high school credit for the class and will be eligible for Spanish 2 in high school. No previous knowledge of Spanish is required. Students must be in good academic standing in 7th grade classes to be eligible for the class.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

**PE is required every year. Students will take 1 semester of PE in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade.*

PE (6,7,8)

Credit: 0.5	Course Length: Semester	Prerequisite: None
Grade: 6	Credit: Physical Education	

Students will participate in a variety of team sports and fitness activities. PE is a one semester requirement for all students.

Weights

Credit: 0.5	Course Length: Semester	Prerequisite: None
Grade: 6-8	Credit: Physical Education	

Students will use entry level strength training, aerobic conditioning, plyometrics and other various methods to improve athletic performance.

Wrestling

Credit: 0.5	Course Length: Semester	Prerequisite: None
Grade: 6-8	Credit: Physical Education	

Open to all students, but geared towards participation in our wrestling season. No experience required. We will condition and wrestle on a daily basis in hopes of being better prepared for our season.

Partners in PE

Credit: 0.5	Course Length: Semester	Prerequisite: Intro to PE and Teacher Rec
Grade: 7-8	Credit: Physical Education	

This course is for students with a compassion for the physically challenged in special education. Students considering a career in teaching are encouraged to enroll in this course. Peer assistants will work closely with students who have disabilities to provide support with active engagement during physical activities in an athletic setting. Students should have a desire to help others. Students may enroll in this course repeatedly. Class is by teacher recommendation only.

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Medical Detectives

Credit: .5	Course Length:	Semester	Prerequisite:	None
Grade: 7	Credit:	Elective		

Students become medical detectives through hands-on projects and labs as they collect and analyze medical data to diagnose diseases and solve crimes. Topics covered include crime scene investigations, forensic science, mystery diagnosis, measuring and interpreting vital signs, the ways disease spread, and human body systems.

Office Aide

Credit: 0.5	Course Length:	Semester	Prerequisite:	Teacher Rec, GPA 3.0 or above
Grade: 7-8	Grading Scale:	Pass/Fail	Credit:	Elective

Office Aides must be a 7th or 8th grader with an A/B average GPA and no discipline referrals and regular attendance. On a case by case basis, some 8th grade students with less than a A/B average GPA may be allowed to be a student aide during the second half of the year. Students who request office aide will be given an application to apply. Grade for this class is pass/fail. A passing grade will not positively or negatively affect a grade point average. A failing grade, however; will negatively affect the grade point average.