

Foreign Language - Spanish I*

The study of Spanish in 8th grade develops communication skills in listening, speaking, writing, reading, and non-verbal communication. It also develops cultural awareness by developing an understanding and appreciation of Spanish-speaking people, their cultures, and civilizations. Students learn through a variety of methods including (but not limited to) listening activities, projects, cooperative group learning, lecture, technology, oral presentations, and individual discovery. This course builds on learning from the previous year.

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Honors Spanish II*

Honors Spanish II is a higher-level class that proceeds at a fast pace and covers more material than a regular class. This course builds on the program begun in Spanish I, adding new vocabulary and more complex grammatical structures while at the same time reinforcing what has been previously learned. As in the past, the four skills of reading, writing, speaking, and listening will be continually emphasized. To accomplish this, the student will be expected to use previously learned vocabulary/grammar structures and also to learn new class material.

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E Period Elective Choices

Music:

Orchestra

Middle School Orchestra is a year-long, performance-based elective open to both beginning and continuing students on violin, viola, cello, and bass. The course is structured to support multiple skill levels within one ensemble. Beginning students will develop foundational technique, posture, tone production, and music reading skills, while continuing students will refine shifting, vibrato, advanced rhythms, and ensemble leadership. This course prepares students for school concerts and potential festival participation while fostering discipline, collaboration, leadership, and long-term musical growth.

Term: Fall and Spring

Pre-Requisites: None

Theater Courses:

Journey to Opening Night

Our Middle School Production class is a production-

based class where students step into the spotlight to rehearse, refine, and perform in the middle school musical. This course emphasizes ultimate collaboration as students work through every stage of the production process to bring characters, songs, and stories to life. Designed for passionate performers, this class offers a professional-style rehearsal environment that develops creative expression while preparing students for the thrill of opening night. Leading and Supporting roles will be auditioned and selected from this advanced roster.

Term: Fall

Pre-Requisites: None

The Actor's Toolbox

In this high-energy class, students will learn the importance of working together in a creative environment to master the art of ensemble. They will deep-dive into character analysis and script writing to become genius storytellers while also sharpening their instincts through different improvisational games, pantomime activities, and stage combat. We will touch on several technical theatre elements and transform those skills into things they can use in the real world. This class is for the creative, hands-on learners that want to build skills that can be used in both the theatre world and their everyday lives.

Term: Spring

Pre-Requisites: None

Visual Art:

The Maker Studio

This course is a survey of art fundamentals designed as a general introductory studio course to familiarize students with the major studio areas and art concepts including an emphasis on the basic elements and principles of composition and design. This study will include drawing and painting, ceramics, sculpture, and art history. The art elements and principles of design reinforce the processes of "learning to see." Students are encouraged to find the create potential of several media as it applies to the individual problem-solving process.

Term: Fall

Pre-Requisites: 6th Grade Art or Teacher Approval

The Master's Studio

Dive deeper into the foundations that laid during The Maker's Studio course. This course will focus on a variety of mediums including painting, drawing, and sculpture. This course builds and expands upon the techniques and mediums that were explored in The Maker's Studio