Winship Middle School

2027-2028 7th & 8th Grade Elective Course Descriptions

<u>7th & 8th Grade Students:</u>
Register your elective preferences online at:

https://winship.eurekacityschools.org/elective-course-offerings

***Elective class offerings are subject to change based on student interest and the availability of qualified personnel.**

Advanced Art (Application Required) - Students will engage with various art projects, including Charcoal drawing, Advanced Shading Techniques, Digital Art, Ceramics, Watercolor, Printmaking, Sculpture, Painting, Perspective Drawing, Comic Strips, Collaborative Art Projects (i.e. Murals, Group Projects), and Field Trips. Because the Advanced Art Class is a safe space for students who are interested and passionate about learning about art and art practices, behavior and grade history will be taken into consideration.

Advanced Orchestra - Advanced Orchestra is a continuation of the elementary school program and gives students the opportunity to learn and understand musical notes, symbols, and terms as well as develop greater proficiency on their musical instrument. While students of all levels are welcome, previous instrumental experience is strongly recommended and daily home practice will be required. Students with no prior string experience may email the middle school orchestra teacher to discuss class expectations.

Art - Students will learn all types of art: drawing, painting, sculpture and pottery! Everyone can do art and express their creative side. This class will give you the confidence and skills that you can take with you to high school and beyond!

Broadcast Media/Film - The production of a weekly news show is the focus of this course. Students will have the opportunity to develop writing, speaking, and production skills. Students will learn to operate sound and video systems. Students will learn how to use digital and video equipment along with photo and video editing tools. Students will produce short movies/commercials using a variety of hardware and software tools. Students will research and create multimedia projects for a variety of purposes, including animation, news reporting, marketing and entertainment. Students may be asked to video various after school productions/activities.

Chorus - Chorus students perform in the community for festivals, concerts and competitions. Students get to make music every day in a variety of styles, including contemporary, jazz, and multicultural.

Concert Band - Winship offers woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. Students have opportunities to perform at games, in the community, and for festivals, concerts, parades and competitions. Students get to make music every day and accept the challenge of strong musicianship.

Digital Media - Explore the digital arts and get hands-on experience with graphic design, animation, Photoshop, video production, audio production and more! Build your digital literacy, creativity, and problem-solving skills in this collaborative and fast-paced course.

Jazz Band - Held at either the Eureka High or Zane campus during zero period (7:30-8:15am), Jazz Band is offered to students concurrently enrolled in Winship's Concert Band class. Transportation will not be offered to school, but bus transportation is offered after class from EHS/Zane to Winship.

Musical Theater - Musical Theater is for students who are interested in exploring theater arts. This is a "hands-on" approach to learn about the different aspects of theater. Students will learn about acting, directing, scene design, costumes, and stage makeup. The class includes team building games and performance opportunities.

Office Assistant (Application Required) - Office Assistants assist with various office tasks, including writing & delivering passes, making copies, assembling packets, assisting with mailings, greeting parents, answering phones, helping in the library, and performing various administrative tasks as needed. Because the Office Assistant is a position of responsibility and professionalism, behavior and grade history will be taken into consideration.

Spanish - This course teaches basic language patterns and vocabulary while also infusing cultural education and understanding. It includes the practice and learning of written and conversational Spanish, with an emphasis on preparing students for high school language courses.

Student Leadership (Application Required) - Student Leadership enables students to work and understand the importance of effective leadership, working toward an assigned task, building self-esteem, and learning how to work in a team environment. Leadership students plan and coordinate Spirit Week activities, rallies, dances, fundraising events, and assist with many other school activities on campus.