

Course Descriptions for 6th Grade

Art 1/Computers 1- Computer 1 is an introduction to computers. Students are taught the vocabulary of computers, keyboarding and basic skills. Art 1 is a beginning art class with a focus on a weekly art history, The first six weeks the students learn the basics of drawing, face, gestures, the ways to create perspective. The second six weeks consists of construction paper projects and painting. The last six weeks is math in art and crafts.

Band- For first year/beginning band students. No experience needed. A year-long, foundation band course to develop proper fundamentals on traditional concert band instruments. Instrument selection and placement determined through a band director guided screening process. Two demonstration concerts during this year.

Creative Writing- The creative writing course is for students who love to write. Students will be allowed to be creative as they write shorts stories, poems, songs, and journals. Students will be asked to collaborate with a partner to write a children's book. The students in the class will also be writing the school newsletter for each six weeks

Pre-athletics- Pre-athletics is designed to give future athletes a feel for what it will be like to participate in sports in athletics. Students will practice sports that are in season. There are no competitions or games.

Course Descriptions for 7th Grade

Career/Computer 2- In Careers, students will use decision-making and problem-solving skills for college and career planning, explore valid, reliable educational and career information to learn more about themselves and their interests and abilities, and integrate skills from academic subjects, information technology, and interpersonal communication to make informed decisions. This course is designed to guide students through the process of investigation and in the development of a college and career readiness achievement plan. Computer 2 builds on Computer 1 by using prior vocabulary taught and delving into MS Word and Excel. Hands on experience is given in both programs.

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Band- Concert and Symphonic Bands are for second and third-year band students. Successful completion of 6th-Beginning Band required. Two performing, UIL eligible bands; formed with 7th and 8th grade, intermediate/advanced band students. Band placement determined through auditions, band director placement, and balanced instrumentation considerations. Multiple performances throughout each year-long course.

Course Descriptions for 8th Grade

Art 2-This is a year-long class that focuses on learning about artists, time periods, styles of art, the principles and elements of art and working on weekly drawings in colored pens that the parents provide. The students will work on projects, such as Notans, drawn Kaleidoscopes, painting styles, printmaking techniques, and crafts at the end of the year.

Principles of Agriculture-The course addresses the broad spectrum of agricultural science/agribusiness. To be prepared for careers in agriculture, food, and natural resources, students must attain academic skills and knowledge in agriculture. This course allows students to develop knowledge and skills regarding career opportunities, personal development, globalization, industry standards, details, practices, and expectations. To prepare for success, students need to have opportunities to learn, reinforce experience, apply, and transfer their knowledge and skills in a variety of settings. This class is the introductory class for other ag electives offered in high school and will count as a high school credit.

Shop- This is a year-long class that begins with instruction on safety procedures when working in the shop and while working with tools. Students will learn the basics of tools, wood working and shop safety.

Office/library aide- Students will be responsible for assisting office and library staff with a multitude of tasks. There are a limited number of students who can work in the library or office, typically two per class period.

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PE/Athletics- As 8th graders, PE and athletics are considered electives and are NOT required.

Speech/health- Students taking Speech and Health will earn high school credit upon successful completion of each course. Health class emphasizes the importance of values and how to integrate that into good decision making; values that guide one in situations regarding drugs/alcohol, bullying, peer pressure, etc. It also covers 6-7 body systems and sexually transmitted diseases. The Speech course is a semester-long class designed to help students develop effective communication skills. Some of these skills include but are not limited to: public speaking, nonverbal behavior, electronic communication, writing and listening.

Theater Arts- Theatre Arts is an introduction to theatre class. Students are exposed to various plays, performance groups and literature. Focus on individual and group performance encourages each participant to develop public speaking skills. Games and interaction are a key component of instruction.