

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Course Descriptions

### **Art**

Art Foundations (Half Year) This course provides an overview of the elements of art and art history, while studying a variety of art tools and materials. Students will learn to compare, discuss, and create works of art.

3D Art (Half Year) This course explores the design aspect of sculpture using various materials to create three dimensional art.

Drawing I (Half Year) Projects focus on ways to comprehend space, depth, and rendering three dimensional forms.

Drawing II (Half Year) This is an advanced drawing course and students will receive more in depth instruction and further enhance concepts learned in Drawing I.

### **Dance**

Social Dance (Half/Full Year) This course offers instruction and practice in the basic social dance steps, rhythms, and techniques. The following dances may be included: Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, Swing, Mambo, Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz, Charleston and Disco.

Beginning Dance (Half Year) This is a dance class for students with no previous dance experience. Students will begin to learn the elements and techniques of ballet, jazz, contemporary/modern, hip hop and some world dance. Attending this class will increase your coordination, stamina, strength, and flexibility through appropriate dance principles in a positive and fun environment.

Intermediate Dance (Half Year) Prerequisite: *Beginning Dance or teacher approval.* This class is for students who have already developed fundamental dance skills and techniques in at least one genre of dance. It

is good preparation for auditioning for Dance Company.

Dance Company (Full Year) Prerequisite: *Audition and teacher approval.* Students on the school dance team will be in this course. The course is a mix between learning techniques in various genres while working with choreographers to prepare for assemblies and concerts.

### **Music**

NOTE: For classes requiring an instrument, you may talk to the teacher about getting help with purchasing or renting.

Choir (Full Year) Students learn proper singing technique, note reading, sight singing, and how to evaluate musical performances. No prior music experience required.

Concert Band (Full Year) For all beginning and intermediate percussion, brass, and woodwind players. Daily practice is required.

Wind Ensemble (Full Year) Prerequisite: *Audition and/or teacher approval.* For advanced percussion, brass, and woodwind instrument players. Daily practice is required.

Intermediate Orchestra (Full Year) For string instrument players with at least 1 year of experience. Daily practice is required.

Advanced Orchestra (Full Year) Prerequisite: *Audition and/or teacher approval.* For advanced string instrument players. Daily practice is required.

### **PE Electives**

PE 7 (Half/Full Year) Students may choose to take this course for PE credit for one semester and then take it again the next semester for elective credit.

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### ***Theater***

Technical Theater (Full Year) Students in this class will learn the skills necessary to be part of the stage crew for the AMT, IMT and Drama productions. First semester will be training on all of the elements involved in technical theater. Techies will design and run the 5<sup>th</sup> grade musical performed in November. Second semester Techies will roll into either IMT or AMT and will be expected to run, design and participate in all musicals and plays from February until May. Participation fee required.

Drama 1 (Half Year) This is the prerequisite for Drama 2, IMT or AMT the following year. Students will develop their knowledge of theater through an exploration of improvisation, voice and movement for the stage, theatre vocabulary, scenes with blocking and memorization, and auditioning techniques. Monologue unit is prevalent in this class, which is used in all upper level theater classes. The student will be introduced to the roles of the actor, the director, the designer, the playwright, the dramaturg, the drama critic, the audience, and to classical periods/styles of theatre. No fee required.  
Non-musical/Non-performing

Drama 2 (Half Year) *Prerequisite: Drama 1 or teacher approval.* This course will continue their study of drama and prepare students for a class production to be performed at the end of the semester. Participation fee required.

Intermediate Musical Theater (Half Year)  
*Prerequisite: Must have taken Drama 1, or the equivalent of Drama 1. Everyone signed up for this class is enrolled and will be in the ensemble, except the leading characters. Auditions for leading characters will be held in May for the following school year. This*

*class takes place second semester.* Students will develop their knowledge of musical theater through an exploration of vocal warm-ups, good vocal use, choral and solo singing, choreography, and audition techniques. Students will be introduced to selected musicals, songs, playwrights, and lyricists. After school rehearsals are once per week. Musical will be performed in May. Participation fee required.