

Course Catalog

CORE COURSES

LANGUAGE ARTS

Students will receive reading instruction that will emphasize fluency, strategies for comprehension, and vocabulary expansion using grade level textbooks. A variety of genres will be studied, including short stories, poetry, and plays. Writing forms taught will include narrative, response to literature, poetry, persuasive essays and expository.

HONORS LANGUAGE ARTS

This is a college preparatory course designed to prepare students to take the advanced Language Arts course in future grades. Students will read a variety of genres. Students will also become skilled at writing for a variety of purposes and audiences. Students are expected to read grade-level material and will be assigned reading and writing outside of class.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

This course focuses on building English language development for CELDT students 1 & 2.

MATH

Students will receive instruction based on grade level Common Core mathematics standards.

HONORS MATH

The Honors Math courses will further develop the student's mathematical skills, knowledge, and problem solving abilities in the following areas: Ratios & Proportional Relationships, The Number System, Expressions and Equations, Geometry, Statistics, and Probability. Students will perform at a high level of difficulty, complexity, or fluency based on the seventh grade math standards.

SOCIAL STUDIES 7 (HONORS SOCIAL STUDIES 7 also offered)

This course focuses on the world history from the fall of Rome to the French Revolution.

SOCIAL STUDIES 8 (HONORS SOCIAL STUDIES 8 also offered)

This course focuses on United States history from the Constitution to World War I.

SCIENCE 7 (HONORS SCIENCE 7 also offered)

This life science course focuses on how living things function and work together in our world.

SCIENCE 8 (HONORS SCIENCE 8 also offered)

This physical science course focuses on the study of matter, energy, and the changes they undergo.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 7

Students in this course participate in a variety of sports including, tumbling, speed-a-way, paddle tennis, track, jump rope, juggling, aerobics, Frisbee and basketball. Students will be skills tested for each unit. They also will be tested on rules and history of sports at the end of each unit. Students will also be tested for their level of physical fitness through the required Physical Best Test.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 8

Students in this course participate in a variety of sports including, soccer, football, team handball, field hockey, dance, softball, basketball and volleyball. Students will be skills tested for each unit. They also will be tested on rules and history of sports at the end of each unit.

PERFORMING ARTS

BEGINNING BAND

This class is for students that want to play woodwind, brass, or percussion instruments. No prior experience is necessary. Some school instruments are available for check out. Active class participation, practice at home, and performances are mandatory.

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED BAND

This course is open to any student with prior instrumental band experience playing woodwinds, brass, or percussion. Some instruments are available for check out. This course explores music with a higher level of difficulty. Students may audition for county and state honor bands. Performances are mandatory. Band director's approval is required.

DANCE (ADVANCED DANCE also offered)

Students in this class will be introduced to a variety of dance styles including ballet, hip-hop, modern and ethnic dances. It is open to both boys and girls of all ability levels. Students will perform in shows at school and in the community. Several field trips will be offered. Students will also study poetry, drama and other performing arts.

DRAMA

Students in this class will learn the elements of pantomime, voice, team building, Reader's Theatre and Shakespearean language. Students will participate in two performances.

VOCE MEN'S CHOIR

This class is open to all male students who want to sing. Prior experience is not necessary. Active class participation is a MUST and performances are mandatory. Students may audition for county and state honor choir.

MELODIA WOMEN'S CHOIR

This class is open to all female students who want to sing. Prior experience is not necessary. Active class participation is a MUST and performances are mandatory. Students may audition for county and state honor choir.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

INTRO TO SPANISH (Students take this class for 2 quarters then take another elective for 2 quarters)

Students will get basic vocabulary and learn how to communicate in complete sentences. Students will also be exposed to writing in Spanish and use basic conversational words and phrases to help with language acquisition.

SPANISH I

Students will learn basic vocabulary and grammar in Spanish. This course will encompass in-class speaking and listening exercises. In addition, writing and reading comprehension exercises will engage the students to become familiar with Spanish language usage.

TECHNOLOGY

GATEWAY TO TECHNOLOGY (Students take this class for 2 quarters then take another elective for 2 quarters)

Students will learn to apply math, science, technology and engineering to their everyday lives. Students will work collaboratively on projects related to robotics, aeronautics, electronics, chemistry, physics and a variety of other engineering fields.

COMPUTERS (Students take this class for 2 quarters then take Health for 2 quarters)

Students will explore the world of computers by learning basic computing skills. Topics will include keyboarding, graphics, word processing, internet research and web page design.

VISUAL ARTS

ART (Students take this class for 2 quarters then take another elective for 2 quarters)

Students will participate in projects such as drawing, painting, clay, pastels, paper-mache, chalk, collage and sculpting. Students will also study famous artists and their styles.

ADVANCED ART

This course is for students who have completed and passed the ART 1 class. Students will continue to study famous artists and their styles to create projects in various styles of art.

COMPUTER ART

This course is an introduction to art using the computer. Digital approaches to imagery will be investigated using various tools (possibilities include camera and printers, etc.) and software including Photoshop, Pixlr, and various other programs to create visual art. Emphasis will be placed on creating original images as well as manipulating existing images. Through project work, students will learn how to use the tools of Photoshop and Pixlr including retouching, layers, filters, and painting. Other concepts such as art history and the elements and principles of art will be explored.

OTHER

AGRICULTURE (Students take this class for 2 quarters then take another elective for 2 quarters)

Students will explore a variety of areas in the field of agriculture including crop production, plant propagation, rabbits, poultry, cattle, sheep and swine. Students will also develop and maintain the school garden and the school landscape.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Students in this class will learn and practice basic leadership skills as they organize a variety of student activities. Class requirements include: dressing up for Spirit Days, working in the Student Store and organizing campus activities such as rallies, dances and noon-time activities.

YEARBOOK

Students in this class produce the Cesar Chavez yearbook. Some of the skills taught include news writing, editing, interviewing, photography, advertising, and layout and design. Students will learn to use a variety of production equipment. Students will be expected to work outside of class to complete assignment deadlines.