

BEGINNING CHOIR (CHOIR 7) - This course is a study of beginning music concepts: music reading skills with emphasis on solfege, vocal technique, and performance skills. No previous experience is required, and students will not be required to sing alone. The purpose of this course is to encourage students to have fun while studying different types of music, including traditional, musical theater, jazz, and popular styles, as well as music in foreign languages. This may be a co-ed course depending on interest.

BEGINNING ORCHESTRA - This course is for students interested in learning to play a string instrument for the first time or learning a new instrument. This course is a study of the basic elements of music, tone production, note reading and skill development. The major topics covered in this class will be string methods and concert preparation. String instrument choices include: viola, cello, bass.

ORCHESTRA I (Prerequisite: Previous string experience required) - This string ensemble covers fundamental and intermediate orchestra skills including tuning, vibrato, scales, third and second positions. Concerts will include classical, fiddling, and pop music.

BAND 7 (Prerequisite: Previous band experience) - This course is a study of basic fundamental technical development and large ensemble performance. The major topics covered in this class will be Band Method II and traditional and contemporary band music. Other features of this course are participation in school assembly programs and evening concerts. This is for seventh grade students who have played their band instruments for more than one year. NOTE: When registering, please select the correct course of Woodwinds, Brass or Percussion.

Students will rotate through & experience of 4 of the "Mini" courses. Each Mini course is 9 weeks long and randomly assigned. Class availability is determined each year based on staffing.

When requesting the Mini Course, you only need to enter the **Mini Art** course code.

ART (Mini Course) - This course is a study of various media and techniques used in art today. Two-dimensional art is taught with an emphasis on creativity and an understanding of processes. Students may enter their artwork in the school's spring exhibit.

APPLIED TECH & DESIGN (Mini Course) - This course focuses on establishing basic skills in graphic communication, construction, manufacturing, and communication using problem solving, life management, and academic skills.

THEATRE EXPLORATION (Mini Course) - This course is a study of various aspects of theatre. Topics will include acting, movement, stage vocabulary, and oral speaking. Units of study will include monologues, skit writing, improvisation, theatre design, one-act-plays, and creative dramatics.

STEM (Mini Course) - This course introduces students to STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) experiences in a project-based environment and connects these experiences to the Arizona Mathematics Standards. Topics include the use of computers in mathematical problem solving, technical writing and drawing, applications of fluid power, coordinate geometry, data analysis and statistics.

DIGITAL ART (Mini Course) - This class is a short introduction to various apps from Adobe Creative Cloud which include: Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Premiere Pro, Creative Cloud Express and Procreate for Tablets. Focus will be on introducing an overview on each program to create beginning level multimedia, through graphic art, animation, video production and editing, infographics, and photo editing.

CITIZENSHIP/ RESPONSIBILITY (Mini Course) - This course includes the foundations for self-confidence, skills for verbal and nonverbal communication of feelings, instruction in critical thinking and decision-making, and facts concerning alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. An emphasis on healthy living is also a part of this course.

NOTE: Classes below are available to be registered as an ALTERNATE only. Course instructor gives final approval.

YEARBOOK - This course creates a 100+ page volume of junior high memories. Students in this class are people who are idea oriented, creative, original, and hardworking. Photographers, graphic artists, and budding writers are encouraged to apply. Competent writing skills and computer literacy are advantages. Students in this class will gain an understanding of layout design, desktop publishing, marketing, sales, interviewing, copywriting and editing, and photography. Students will work in groups where cooperation, responsibility and effort are a must. Attendance at before school, after school, and lunch staff meetings will be required periodically.

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) - This course is a structured, college preparatory system. Students will be supported in a rigorous college preparatory path. Students must complete an application process and be selected to participate in this program.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (STUDENT COUNCIL) - This course will emphasize leadership skills. A major part of the course will be performing the duties of Student Council.

SPANISH I - This is a high school level course that will introduce the basics of Spanish language and culture. Students will build proficiency in the three modes of communication according to the Arizona and national standards: interpretive, interpersonal and presentational. Emphasis will be placed on real-world application of language skills. The concepts are taught through a variety of cultural themes, authentic resources and instructional techniques. Students will be expected to actively use their language skills each day to build proficiency - speaking, reading, writing and listening to authentic language.