

BEGINNING CHOIR- This course is a study of beginning music concepts: music reading skills with emphasis on solfège, 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.

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. **NOTE:** Beginning Orchestra is not a standalone class. All beginning students will be scheduled into the same Orchestra 7 section. This will allow them to learn together alongside the general Orchestra 7 students.

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.

CREATIVE WRITING 7 /ART 7 (Duo – 1 sem each) - This Art 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. The Creative Writing course is designed for students who are interested in and wish to increase their creative writing skills. Throughout the course, students will discover and develop their own craft and voice.

THEATRE I /ART 7 (Duo – 1 sem each) - This Art 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. Drama 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.

Students will rotate through & experience 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 Computer course code

COMPUTERS (Mini Course) - This course focuses on establishing basic computer skills. Computer terminology and keyboarding skills are stressed. Also included are units on word processing, drawing, painting, and hypermedia. This is a hands-on class where students are involved in entering and editing data, saving, and printing their work.

INTRODUCTION TO 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.

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 College and Career Ready Standards for mathematics. Topics include the use of computers in mathematical problem solving, technical writing and drawing, applications of fluid power, coordinate geometry, data analysis and statistics.

THEATRE EXPLORATION (Mini Course) - Students will be introduced to the basic concepts of Theatre Arts in this course. Students will use various creative techniques to build confidence and trust, and stimulate imagination, and movement. Students will build and reinforce skills through group performance, games, improvisation, stage directions, and script writing.

INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES (Mini Course) - This course is an introduction to Family and Consumer Science. This class introduces kitchen safety, sanitation, understanding recipes, and basic cooking methods. Other areas of study may include childcare, career introductions, hand-sewing techniques and cooperative learning.

WORLD LANGUAGE EXPLORATION (Mini Course) - This course is an introductory exploration of the study of world languages. The class will be conducted mainly in English, yet students will start developing interpersonal listening and speaking skills at the “Novice Low” proficiency level of each language presented. As students explore the benefits of learning a second language, they will gain basic vocabulary and knowledge of simple conversation patterns, culture, geography, and history. Learners will gain communication skills and a broadened cultural perspective based on coursework aligned with the World and Native Language Standards.

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

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

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.

JOURNALISM/NEWSPAPER - This course incorporates basic concepts of beginning journalism, including writing, editing and photography, into a student publication.