

HJHS 7th Grade Electives

Band 7 Year Long Elective 7th Grade

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.

***Prerequisite: Previous band experience.**

Beginning Band Year Long Elective 7th or 8th Grade

This course is a study of the basic elements of music tonal production and skill development. The major topics covered in this class will be Band Method I and concert preparation. This is for students interested in learning to play a band instrument for the first time or learning a new instrument. Some students enrolled in Beginning Band will continue their course of study in Band 7 or Band 8 second semester.

Orchestra I Year Long Elective 7th Grade

This course covers fundamental and intermediate orchestra skills including tuning, vibrato, scales and basic shifting. Repertoire for this class may include classical, fiddling, and pop music. Performance attendance is required.

Prerequisite: Previous string experience required.

Choir 7 Year Long Elective 7th Grade

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.

World Language Exploration and Theatre Exploration (One semester of each) 7th Grade

World Language Exploration

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.

Theatre Exploration

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 Art and STEM Exploration I (One semester of each) 7th Grade

Introduction to Art

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 Exploration I

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 may include the use of computers in mathematical problem solving, technical writing and drawing, exploring and modeling linear and non-linear relationships, coordinate geometry (including Pythagorean Theorem and vectors), applications of fluid power, data analysis and statistics, critical thinking and questioning skills, and introductory finance and project management.

Intro to Applied Technology & Design *and* Introduction to FACS
(One semester of each) 7th Grade

Intro to Applied Technology & Design

This course is centered on developing foundational skills in creative thinking, solving design-related problems, fostering teamwork, and ensuring safe practices when working with tools and machinery.

Introduction to FACS (Family & Consumer Science)

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.

HJHS 7th Grade Application-Based Elective Courses

Read: These courses require an application that include teacher recommendations.

Once your application is approved, you will be placed in the class. You **STILL** must enter **THREE** electives in Infinite Campus. Application electives are not in the IC portal. If you are accepted into the class, it will replace your elective you entered in IC. These are full year courses.

UNIFIED PHYSICAL EDUCATION Year Long Grades 7/8 **Complete Application**

This course will provide inclusive opportunities for all students, creating a collaborative learning community, in a daily physical education class. This class matches PE across grade levels to benefit all students involved. Pick up an application from the Counseling Dept. Office or Front Office.

UNIFIED THEATRE I Year Long Grades 7/8 **Complete Application**

This course will provide inclusive opportunities for all students, creating a collaborative learning community, in a daily drama class. It will introduce students to the basic elements and principles of theatre. Students will work on communication skills, physical movement for the stage, and speaking skills (both non-verbal and verbal).

YEARBOOK Year Long Grades 7/8 **Complete Application**

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.

ADVANCED ROBOTICS Year Long Grades 7/8
Complete Application

This is an advanced course where students will explore the concepts and processes of visual communication through the use of technical drawings, sketches and pictures to plan for and document the construction of a robot. Laboratory and computer based activities allow students to discover and expand their skills for practical use in today's world. Students will participate in NARLEE (North American Robotic League Educational Experience).

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT Year Long Grades 7/8
Complete Application

This course is an interactive course designed to equip students with the fundamental skills and principles of effective leadership. Through engaging activities, group discussions, and real-world applications, students will develop their self-confidence, communication abilities, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. This course encourages students to explore their potential as leaders and prepares them for leadership roles within their school and community.

STUDENT MENTORSHIP Year Long Grades 7/8
Complete Application

This course will allow students to work with and teach personal management, leisure, vocational skills, social skills and academics to special needs students. This course is an extension of the Hurricane Heroes club.

Jazz Band Grades Year Long Grades 7/8
Audition and Concurrent enrollment in another music course is required

This course is a study of introductory jazz ensemble literature--traditional swing and contemporary pop styles. Students will also participate in school assembly programs and evening concerts. This is for students who play saxophone, trumpet, trombone, percussion, piano, and bass and are interested in auditioning for this select group.