

# HIGHLAND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## 7TH GRADE 2022-2023 ELECTIVE COURSES

### **GIRLS CHOIR 7**

**1 YEAR**

**1 CREDIT**

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.

### **BOYS CHOIR 7/8**

**1 YEAR**

**1 CREDIT**

This course is a study of beginning and intermediate music concepts: music reading skills with emphasis on solfege, vocal technique with focus on the boy's changing voice, 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 BAND**

**1 YEAR**

**1 CREDIT**

***\*\*\*RESTRICTED INSTRUMENTATION*** Students may choose from Clarinet, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, or Tuba. No Flutes, Saxophones, or Percussion (drums).

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.

### **BAND 7**

**1 YEAR**

**1 CREDIT**

***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.

### **ORCHESTRA 7**

**1 YEAR**

**1 CREDIT**

***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 pops music.

### **YEARBOOK\***

**1 YEAR**

**1 CREDIT**

***Prerequisite: Completed application online in the Playlist***

This class 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, copy writing 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.

### **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT\***

**1 YEAR**

**1 CREDIT**

***Prerequisite: Completed Application Online on the Playlist*** This course will emphasize leadership

skills. A major part of the course will be performing the duties of Student Council.

**UNIFIED PHYSICAL EDUCATION\***

**1 YEAR**

**1 CREDIT**

**Prerequisite: Completed Application Online in the Playlist**

This course will provide opportunities for students with mental or physical disabilities to be partnered with typical students in a daily physical education class. This co-ed class matches boys and girls across grade levels to benefit all students involved.

**SPANISH 1A**

**1 YEAR**

**1 CREDIT**

This course is a study of the skills necessary to gain a background in the Spanish language. The major topics covered will include speaking, oral comprehension, reading, writing, grammar and spelling. The course will also feature a study of social customs, as well as the historical background of the Spanish-speaking countries.

**DRAMA:**

**1 YEAR**

**1 CREDIT**

This course is a study of the various aspects of the theatre. Major topics will include acting, movement, stage vocabulary, and oral speaking. Units of study will include pantomime, creative dramatics, monologues, scene work, oral interpretation, impromptu speaking, readers' theatre, variety show, and one act plays

**MINI COURSE DUOS:**

*Students will take each course for 1 semester to equal 1 credit total. The following courses are the offered semester duo courses. Art/Coding and Facs/Industrial Tech*

**ART/CODING DUO:**

**ART:**

**1 SEM.**

**.5 CREDIT**

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. One semester.

**Coding/STEM (Mini Course)**

**1 SEM.**

**.5 CREDIT**

**STEM**

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.

**Introduction to Coding and Gaming Duo**

Students will acquire the problem-solving and creative skills to develop apps, games, and build objects. The course uses the platform Scratch.mit.com to introduce students to blockly coding. Students will study and apply the Engineering Design Process used by engineers, programmers and developers in the real world.

**OR**

**FACS/INDUSTRIAL TECH DUO:**

**FACS (Family and Consumer Science):**

**1 SEM.**

**.5 CREDIT**

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. One semester.

**INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY 7:**

**1 SEM.**

**.5 CREDIT**

This course is designed to teach the basics in graphic communication, construction, manufacturing, and communication using problem solving, life management, and academic skills

**A HOUR CO-ED PHYSICAL EDUCATION\***

**1 YEAR**

**1 CREDIT**

**Prerequisite: Fee based course \$160 per semester. Pay on Infinite Campus. Application completed.  
7:40 AM- 8:30AM**

This course is a study in physical literacy. Physical literacy is the ability to move with competence and confidence in a wide variety of physical activities in multiple environments that benefit the healthy development of the whole person. Activities may include but not limited to team building, self-defense, functional fitness circuits, health, nutrition, team sports, rhythmic unit and many more.

TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL FOR "A" HOUR