



Safety Harbor IB World Middle School

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Course Descriptions

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Grade 6 Electives

M/J Explore Beginner Spanish

This year-long course introduces students to the Spanish language and its culture. Students will learn beginning skills in listening and speaking and an introduction to basic skills in reading and writing. Students will also learn about culture, connections, comparisons, and communities.

M/J Visual Art 1 / 2

These two one-semester courses are combined in one year-long course with an emphasis on studio arts where students will explore a wide range of 2D and 3D media, skills and techniques, as related to contemporary and historical art perspectives. Projects may include but not be limited to: drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, mixed media, pottery, and sculpture.

M/J Band 1

This year-long course will focus on developing foundational instrumental technique, foundational music literacy, and aesthetic musical awareness through rehearsal, performance, and study of high-quality band literature. Instrumentalists work on the fundamentals of music notation, sound production, instrument care and maintenance, and personal and group rehearsal strategies.

M/J Chorus 1

This year-long course will focus on developing beginning vocal technique and skills, critical and creative thinking skills, and an appreciation of music from around the world and through time.

M/J Theatre 1

This year-long course will focus on learning the basics of building a character through such activities as pantomime, improvisation, and effective speaking using articulation, projection, and breathing. Students also learn the importance of technical theatre and explore the use of such elements as costumes, props, and scenery.

Exploring Engineering Technology & Exploring Aerospace Technology

These two one-semester courses are combined in one year-long course to focus on exploring the areas of engineering and aerospace technology and its associated careers. Students will be given the opportunity to solve technological problems using a variety of tools, materials, processes and systems while gaining an understanding of the effects of engineering and aerospace technology on our everyday lives.

M/J AVID 6th (Application Required)

This year-long course focuses on utilizing a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum provided by AVID Center, tutor-facilitated study groups, motivational activities, and academic success skills. Students participate in activities that incorporate strategies focused on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading to support their academic growth.

Advanced Academics: 6-8 for Gifted Students

This year-long course focuses on exceptional students acquiring and applying the skills and abilities needed to enhance academic achievement through experiences which provide enrichment, in-depth learning, and /or accelerated study of academic curriculum requirements.

Information & Communications Technology (ICT) Essentials 1 (*Paired with Physical Education*)

This one-semester course introduces students to core concepts associated with computers and their use. The content includes hands-on opportunities to explore various software applications, including completion of Microsoft Word Expert industry certification.

Grade 7 Electives

M/J 3-D Studio Art 1 & M/J 3-D Studio Art 2

These two one-semester courses are combined in one year-long course focusing on exploration of the structural elements of art used when creating 3-D forms, along with the spatial relationships to create utilitarian forms or aesthetic structures. Additive and subtractive processes are used to manipulate and construct sculptural or ceramic forms in media that may include, but are not limited to clay, wood, plaster, found objects, and paper maché, with consideration of the workability, durability, cost, and toxicity of the media used.

M/J Digital Art & Design 1 & M/J Digital Art & Design 2

These two one-semester courses are combined in one year-long course focusing the fundamental concepts, terminology, techniques, and applications of digital imaging to create original work. Students produce digital still and/or animated images through the single or combined use of computers, digital cameras, digital video cameras, scanners, photo editing software, drawing and painting software, graphic tablets, printers, new media, and emerging technologies. The content includes hands-on opportunities to explore various software applications, including completion of Adobe Photoshop industry certification.

M/J Band 2

This year-long course will focus on building instrumental technique, music literacy, and aesthetic response through rehearsal, performance, and study of a variety of high-quality band literature. Instrumentalists expand their knowledge of music notation, music theory, sound production, and personal and group rehearsal strategies.

M/J Instrumental Band

This year-long course will focus on building instrumental technique, music literacy, and aesthetic response through rehearsal, performance, and study of a variety of high-quality band literature. Instrumentalists expand their knowledge of music notation, music theory, sound production, and personal and group rehearsal strategies.

M/J AVID 7th (Application Required)

This year-long course focuses on utilizing a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum provided by AVID Center, tutor-facilitated study groups, motivational activities, and academic success skills. Students participate in activities that incorporate strategies focused on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading to support their academic growth.

Advanced Academics: 6-8 for Gifted Students

This year-long course focuses on exceptional students acquiring and applying the skills and abilities needed to enhance academic achievement through experiences which provide enrichment, in-depth learning, and /or accelerated study of academic curriculum requirements.

M/J Chorus 2

This year-long course will focus on building choral experience to expand vocal, technical, musical, and ensemble skills through rehearsal, performance, and study of high-quality choral literature. Singers focus on increasing knowledge of music theory, music literacy, and aesthetic response.

M/J Theatre 2

This year-long course will focus on studying acting, design, and dramatic literature to increase the enjoyment and understanding of what is required to prepare plays for the public. Students explore theatre history, study the great American playwrights, examine the cultural and historical contributions to theatre, and begin to use the information to inform and improve their theatre knowledge and skills.

Information & Communications Technology (ICT) Essentials 2

This year-long course builds on the previous course and provides greater depth and more complex concepts and the skills/knowledge to master these concepts. Students will be provided opportunities to extend their skills with various software applications by creating more complex documents and using more complex functions. The content includes hands-on opportunities to explore various software applications, including completion of Microsoft Excel Expert and PowerPoint industry certifications.

Fundamentals of Manufacturing

This year-long course focuses on familiarizing students with related careers and developing fundamental technological literacy as they learn about the history, systems, and processes of manufacturing. In addition, the course will provide an overview of the safe use of tools and equipment used in industry.

IB MYP Spanish 1 (HS)

This year-long course introduces students to the Spanish language and its culture. Students will learn beginning skills in listening and speaking and an introduction to basic skills in reading and writing. Students will also learn about culture, connections, comparisons, and communities.

M/J Journalism 1 (Yearbook)

This year-long course focuses on developing fundamental skills in the production of the yearbook across print, multimedia, and web platforms and to become aware of journalism history, careers, ethics use, and management techniques related to the production of journalistic media.

M/J Creative Writing

This year-long course focuses on developing fundamental skills in the production of the newspaper across print, multimedia, and web platforms and to become aware of journalism history, careers, ethics use, and management techniques related to the production of journalistic media.

Grade 8 Electives

M/J 3-D Studio Art 1 & M/J 3-D Studio Art 2

These two one-semester courses are combined in one year-long course focusing on exploration of the structural elements of art used when creating 3-D forms, along with the spatial relationships to create utilitarian forms or aesthetic structures. Additive and subtractive processes are used to manipulate and construct sculptural or ceramic forms in media that may include, but are not limited to clay, wood, plaster, found objects, and paper maché, with consideration of the workability, durability, cost, and toxicity of the media used.

M/J IB MYP Graphic Design & M/J IB MYP Advanced Graphic Design

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Pre-AP Visual Art (HS)

This year-long course focuses on students deepening students' advanced artmaking practices through 2-D, 3-D, digital art and printmaking.

M/J Band 3

This year-long course will focus on building instrumental technique, music literacy, and aesthetic response through rehearsal, performance, and study of a variety of high-quality band literature. Instrumentalists expand their knowledge of music notation, music theory, sound production, and personal and group rehearsal strategies.

M/J Instrumental Band

This year-long course will focus on building instrumental technique, music literacy, and aesthetic response through rehearsal, performance, and study of a variety of high-quality band literature. Instrumentalists expand their knowledge of music notation, music theory, sound production, and personal and group rehearsal strategies.

Pre-AP Music (HS)

This year-long course focuses on deepening students' advanced musicianship through technical skill development, the purposeful refinement and revision of creative work, and reflection and communication about that work.

M/J Chorus 3

This year-long course will focus on building choral experience to expand vocal, technical, musical, and ensemble skills through rehearsal, performance, and study of high-quality choral literature. Singers focus on increasing knowledge of music theory, music literacy, and aesthetic response.

M/J Theatre 3

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IB MYP Spanish 1/2 (HS)

This year-long course introduces students to the Spanish language and its culture. Students will learn beginning skills in listening and speaking and an introduction to basic skills in reading and writing. Students will also learn about culture, connections, comparisons, and communities.

Digital Information Technology (HS)

This year-long course includes the exploration and use of databases, the internet, spreadsheets, presentation applications, management of personal information and email, word processing and document manipulation, HTML, web page design, and the integration of these programs using software that meets industry standards. The content includes hands-on opportunities to explore various software applications, including completion of Microsoft Outlook and Entrepreneurship & Small Business industry certifications.

Aerospace Technology 1 (HS)

This year-long course provides students with an introduction to the knowledge, human relations, and technological skills found today in Aerospace Technologies.

Fundamentals of Manufacturing

This year-long course focuses on familiarizing students with related careers and developing fundamental technological literacy as they learn about the history, systems, and processes of manufacturing. In addition, the course will provide an overview of the safe use of tools and equipment used in industry.

M/J Journalism 1 (Yearbook)

This year-long course focuses on developing fundamental skills in the production of the yearbook across print, multimedia, and web platforms and to become aware of journalism history, careers, ethics use, and management techniques related to the production of journalistic media.

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M/J AVID 8th (Application Required)

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Business Leadership Skills (Office Assistant) (Application Required)

This year-long course introduces and builds on the knowledge, skills, and communication demands of a fast-paced office atmosphere where organization, confidentiality, and professionalism are emphasized.