8th Grade Elective Course Selections

2025 -2026

# Required Semester Electives

## Semester Extreme Sports and Semester Wellness

Each student will have Wellness 1st semester and switch to Extreme Sports 2nd semester. PE waivers must be reviewed and approved by counselor and administration.

## Description

## PE – Extreme Sports: Emphasis on team sports, conditioning, sportsmanship, and healthy lifestyle.

**Wellness:** Students learn about mental health, healthy eating, and healthy lifestyle.

# Full Year Electives

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| Course | Description | Requirements |
| AVID 8th Grade | Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a college readiness program designed to help students develop the skills they need to be successful in college. The program places special emphasis on growing writing, critical thinking, teamwork, organization and reading skills. Students must meet certain criteria to apply. | Must have at least 1 High School course. Application required |
| Band 2 or 3 | Band 2: 2nd year students who wish to focus on wood wind, brass or percussion instruments. Band 3: 3rd year students who wish to focus on wood wind, brass or percussion instruments. | Recommended by teacher. Must have taken band 1 or 2 |
| Chorus 1, 2 or 3Music Theatre | Chorus 1 is the first-year choir class, open to students with no previous choral experience. Chorus 2 is the second-year choir and is open to all 7th and 8th graders. Chorus 3 is the advanced level choir and is for advanced students with demonstrated abilities in sight reading and knowledge of proper vocal tone quality. Music Theatre is for students to combine singing and acting. | For 1 none; for 2 &3 Requires recommendation Music Theatre – little to none experience |
| DIT – Digital Info Tech | This course provides an overview of current business and information systems and introduces students to the fundamental skills needed for today’s business and academic environments. Emphasis is placed on developing fundamental computer skills including, but not limited to the email, HTML, the internet and the Microsoft Office Suite. | Must have had ICT 1 and 2 |
| Gifted Advanced Academics | The course is designed for gifted students to enrich and challenge them with rigorous material. Student must have existing EP | Gifted students only: EP Required |
| Guitar 2 | This is a medium level course for students that have taken Guitar 1 or has experience in playing strings | Guitar 1 or experience with strings |
| ICT 1 and 2; DIT - Computers | A yearlong computer course that is an introduction to Core Computer Concepts, software, programming and lower-level certifications | none |
| Office Assistant | 8th grade students are assigned to offices throughout the campus to assist office staff. | none |
| Orchestra 1, 2 or 3 | Orch 1 is an introductory class for all grade level students interested in learning violin, viola, cello or string bass. Orch 2 is for students with one or more years’ experience, who are proficient in three basic scales and able to sight read Level E literature. Orch 3 performance- based ensemble is the culmination of all previous musical training. | For 1 none; for 2 & 3 Audition. Must have previous experience. |
| Spanish 1 or 2 | Spanish 1 Introduces students to the target language and its culture. Spanish 2 Advanced students to the target language and its culture. (HC) | none |
| STEM | Semester courses designed to be a hands-on, project-based class in which students develop problem-solving skills, a proper safety attitude, and basic skills in wood project construction and Electronics | None |
| 2D Studio Art 2 and 3 | Students are introduced to the rigor and routine of the art production process including planning, producing, and reflecting on art.  Projects may include but not be limited to drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, mixed media, pottery, and sculpture. | Recommend that student had Visual Art 1 |
| Pre-AP Visual Arts | Advanced level focused on the rigor and routine of the art production process including planning, producing, and reflecting on art.  Projects may include but not be limited to drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, mixed media, pottery, and sculpture. | Required that student had 2D Studio or Visual Arts |