



7th and 8th Grade Course Descriptions 2019-2020

Title: Physical Education (required)

Fee: \$16.00 for a Physical Education uniform

The Physical Education department at Glasgow Middle School provides a diversified program of developmentally appropriate activities, team sports, non-traditional games, movement, and rhythms suited to the capacities and limitations of all students, regardless of size, coordination, body type, or other physical capabilities. Our program is designed to promote students' physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being.

Title: Journey to Careers (1 high school credit)

Fee: \$5.00

In Journey to Careers, students explore careers and become aware of the required educational experiences necessary to achieve their academic, social, and career goals. As the facilitator, the teacher will lead students to understand themselves and to use self-knowledge to explore post-secondary and career options that maximize their abilities. Through this course, students answer three essential questions: What are My Interests? (Who Am I?), What are My Goals? (Where Am I Going?), and How Do I Achieve My Goals? (How Do I Get There?).

Title: Keyboarding (0.5 high school credit)/ Keyboarding Applications (0.5 high school credit)

Fee: \$5.00

This course focuses on keyboarding and formatting skills most important for career success. Keyboarding and Keyboarding Applications will guide users from the basics of new-key learning to business documents using the commands of Microsoft® Word. Lessons are clearly focused on skill building, communication skills, proofreading activities, and document formatting. Emphasis will include the basics of document and word processing formats including business letters, memos, e-mails, tables, graphics, newsletters, and Excel.

Title: Family and Consumer Science (1 high school credit)

Fee: \$20.00

In this class, students will gain knowledge and skills useful for the efficient and productive management of home and personal life. Units of study may include sewing, childcare, clothing care, cooking, nutrition, and careers in the food industry.

Title: Physical Science (1 high school credit)

Fee: \$5

Prerequisite: Enrollment in a high school credit math course

This course focuses on the study of matter and its interactions; motion, stability and forces; and energy, waves, and their applications. Students will participate in exciting problem-based/project-based labs in order to facilitate meaningful learning.

Title: World Geography (1 high school credit)

Fee: None

Prerequisite: No grade lower than a B in previous year's Social Studies class

In World Geography, students will look at the physical geography of the world including land and water features. Students will also learn about the human geography of the world including how humans interact with their environment, positive and negative effects of human interaction on the environment, and actions taken to improve the environment. Students will also look at major cultural features of various countries to determine how culture has an impact on economics and politics. This is a project based course.

Title: Art

Fee: \$10.00

This is a basic art class exploring the creative process using the elements and principles of design. The class provides an introduction to art appreciation through study of individual artists and critique of student artwork. Students will participate in hands-on activities that allow for personal growth and creative expression in art.

Title: Speech/Drama I

Fee: for field trips as announced

INTRO TO PUBLIC SPEAKING (SPEECH): This class increases student knowledge about the speaking process. The course covers the purposes of public speaking, overcoming stage fright, topic selection, audience analysis, audience goals, and how to create and deliver different types of speeches. Students will research, cite, write, memorize, and give 5 major speeches throughout the semester. **INTRO TO DRAMA (DRAMA I):** This class focuses on the development of personal resources, self-confidence, and the ability to work well with others. Students learn basic acting skills such as improvisation, characterization, and stage movement. Students will perform in two plays, write and perform an original play, and memorize and perform a monologue.

Title: Speech/Drama II

Fee: for field trips as announced

Prerequisite: Completion of Speech/Drama I or teacher approval

This course will strengthen the skills developed in Speech/Drama I (team work, movement, scene work), as well as include scene and play analysis and scene work including an emphasis on objectives, obstacles, and acting techniques.

Title: Choir

Fee: \$20.00 + uniform

This class provides students the opportunity to learn music theory, sight read, sing, and develop their voices. The choir will perform on a winter field trip to Buchanan Elementary School & Southside Assisted Living, sing in front of the student body, compete in district festival, and prepare some popular songs for the pop concert at the conclusion of the school year. Students will wear all black and closed-toe black dress shoes for formal performance events. For field trips, students will wear the Glasgow Middle School Choir shirt, which will be sold for \$15.

Title: Beginning Band

Fee: \$25; student must also have an instrument to play in class

The Glasgow Middle School Beginning Band is the starting group for students interested in participating in the school band. In this class, students will select an instrument, learn to read and notate music, and learn how to read simple and complex rhythms. Students will participate in the school's annual winter and spring concerts. Students wishing to participate in the group must pay a \$25 band fee and also must either provide their own personal instrument, rent an instrument from a music store, or rent an East Baton Rouge Parish School System instrument.

Title: Advanced Band

Fee: \$25; student must also have an instrument to play in class

Prerequisite: Prior middle school band experience or teacher approval

This course is intended to focus on the development of performance skills in preparation for concerts and competitions. The elements of more complex music theory and interpretation will be addressed, and a higher level of technical playing proficiency will be developed. Students will participate in the school's annual winter and spring concerts. Students wishing to participate in the group must pay a \$25 band fee and also must either provide their own personal instrument, rent an instrument from a music store, or rent an East Baton Rouge Parish School System instrument.

Title: Beginning Strings

Fee: Students must rent or own an instrument

Membership is open to all students who wish to extend their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of music by learning how to play a stringed instrument. Instruction in violin, viola, cello, and bass will be offered in this class. Guitar instruction will not be offered. Students will perform in at least two concerts during the year. After-school rehearsals may be required prior to each concert.

Title: Advanced Strings

Fee: Students must rent or own an instrument

Prerequisite: Prior middle school string orchestra experience or teacher approval

This course is intended to focus on the development of string orchestra performance skills in preparation for concerts and competitions. The elements of more complex music theory and interpretation will be addressed, and a higher level of technical playing proficiency will be developed. Guitar instruction will not be offered. Students will perform in at least two concerts during the year. After-school rehearsals may be required prior to each concert.

Title: Introduction to Robotics

Fee: \$20.00

Prerequisite: Enrollment in Introduction to Algebra or any high school credit math course

Students will learn robotics basics, including but not limited to the following topics: basic computer programming using EV3 Robots, creative design, and problem-solving/trouble shooting skills. In addition, students will learn the basics of game design. Students may also have the opportunity to compete in robotics competitions.

Title: Musical Theatre

Fee: To be announced

In musical theatre, students will have the chance to experience what it is like to be a part of a musical production. They will be guided through the entire process, from auditions and learning lines to theatre knowledge and performances. Students gain acting and singing experience through hands-on participation in the production process. At the end of the year, students will present a musical performance.

Title: Music Technology

This course is designed to explore the ways technology plays a role in music consumption, creation, and distribution. Students will acquire basic audio editing/engineering skills, learn about the science of sound (acoustics), and create their own songs using various forms of technology.

Title: Introduction to Coding

Fee: \$10.00

No previous programming skills are required, but students should be comfortable managing files and using a computer and browser. Students are expected to be familiar with standard computer operations (e.g., login, cut & paste, email attachments, etc.). Students will learn computer programming basics. The course will include but not be limited to using the graphical program languages HTML, Scratch, Logo, Python, and JavaScript. Students will learn fundamental programming concepts such as variables, loops, conditional statements, and event handling. Students will have the opportunity to construct digital projects, create games, and create websites.

Title: Anatomy and Physiology

Fee: \$10

This course aims to provide students an opportunity to explore and learn about the parts and functions of the human body. The students will be introduced to the organization of the human body from the simplest structures to more complex structures, as well as how the structures function to regulate body processes. The parts and functions of the different body systems will be discussed as well as what affects them and how to care for them. Students will also create models of the different human body systems and perform basic dissection.

Title: Roman Technology

Fee: \$10.00

This course will explore the methods, materials, and products of ancient Roman daily life. The Romans created one of the most advanced civilizations in history – come learn about how they achieved this. How did the Romans make concrete that worked underwater? How did they build aqueducts to move water from mountains to cities? How did they use needles and yarn to create elaborate hairstyles which stayed in place for days? How did they craft musical instruments out of wood? How did they tell time using the sun? This course will explore these questions and many more through hands-on project-based learning - you'll be building and crafting almost every day.

Title: Classical Mythology

Fee: \$10.00

This course will explore the myths of the ancient Greeks and Romans through storytelling, drama, art, movie making, and creative projects. Why did Zeus throw thunderbolts? How did Mercury fly on winged sandals? Why did Athena get so angry at Arachne? We will learn about all the major Olympians (including Percy Jackson's dad), the Trojan War, and even the founding of Rome. Come discover how classical mythology is everywhere around us and why it's important for you to know it to understand your world! Students will take the National Mythology Exam in February.