

2024-2025 Elective Course Descriptions

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

Grade Level: 6

Fee: \$10

Keyboarding: This course teaches students basic keyboarding skills. Students will be able to type the entire keyboard using basic typewriting techniques and apply proper keyboarding techniques to input data and produce personal and business documents.

Keyboard Applications: Emphasis is placed on basic computer concepts both hardware and software, word processing, and spreadsheet applications. Computer skills will be taught that could lead to the student's ability to obtain certification in basic information technology.

Title: Family and Consumer Science I (1 high school credit) (100402)

Grade Level: 7, 8

Fee: \$20

This course examines multiple life roles and responsibilities of individuals and family members. The focus is on the areas of personal and family living, wellness, nutrition and foods, financial management, living environments, appropriate child development practices, and transferring school skills to life and work. Skills in mathematics, communication, science, technology, and personal and interpersonal relationships are reinforced in this course. Laboratory experiences are included.

Title: Financial Literacy (1 high school credit)

Grade Level: 7, 8

Fee: None

This course will cover a variety of topics including types of bank accounts offered, opening and managing a bank account, and assessing the quality of a depository institution's services; balancing a checkbook; basic principles of money management, such as spending, credit, credit scores, and managing debt, including retail and credit card debt; completing a loan application; receiving an inheritance and related implications; basic principles of personal insurance policies; computing federal income taxes; local tax assessments; computing interest rates by various mechanisms; simple contracts; contesting an incorrect billing statement; types of savings and investments; and state and federal laws concerning finance.





Title: Art (Intro to Art/Intermediate Art) (030598)

Grade Level: 6, 7, 8

Fee: \$10

Intro to Art: This course is designed to teach students to become critical thinkers and visual problem solvers. Students will explore the creative process, which includes brainstorming, problem solving, analyzing, and evaluating art. Design problems are solved through studio project-based learning in a variety of media and techniques, emphasizing the student's own personal ideas and artistic style.

Intermediate Art: In addition to critically thinking and visual problem solving through a variety of media and techniques, students are expected to chronicle and display their portfolio projects on classroom web pages. This involves becoming competent in the use of available technology such as digital cameras, scanners, and a variety of Web tools. The value and importance of quality craftsmanship is a high priority. Students will acquire a working knowledge of design elements and principles.

Title: Band (Beginning/Advanced) (030299/030398)

Grade Level: 6, 7, 8

Fee: \$30; student must also rent or own an instrument. Rental fee from the district is \$25 per semester.

Beginning Band: This course is for all students who wish to initially study band from the traditional instrument families of brass, woodwind, and percussion, including proper body posture and oral placement for quality sound production, the reading of music, and proper breath control. Some practice and/or performance time may be required beyond the traditional school day.

Advanced Band: This course is for all 7th and 8th grade students who wish to continue to study band from the traditional instrument families of brass, woodwind, and percussion, including proper body posture and oral placement for quality sound production, the reading of more advanced music, and proper breath control and tonguing/sticking technique. Some practice and/or performance time may be required beyond the traditional school day.





Title: Orchestra (Beginning/Advanced) (030328/030398)

Grade Level: 6, 7, 8

Fee: Students must rent or own an instrument

Beginning Orchestra: This course is for all students who wish to initially study string orchestra instruments from the traditional string instrument family of instruments, including proper body posture and hand placement for quality sound production, the reading of music, and proper bowing techniques. Some practice and/or performance may be required beyond the traditional school day.

Advanced Orchestra: This course is for all 7th and 8th grade students who wish to continue to study string orchestra instruments from the traditional string instrument family of instruments, including proper body posture and hand placement for quality sound production, the reading of more advanced music, and proper bowing techniques, including stop bowing. Some practice and/or performance may be required beyond the traditional school day.

Title: Music Appreciation (030398)

Grade Level: 6, 7, 8

Fee: None

The Music Appreciation middle school course is designed for the student who wishes to study music not by playing/performing with an instrument or voice, nor the writing of music, but rather through the understanding of the use of music throughout time, throughout various cultures and societies of the world, and its various genres. The student wishes to study instruments but not necessarily how they are played, musical compositions and composers/artists but not necessarily how they are written, and the usage of styles in the context of the human condition throughout time.

Title: Speech/Drama

Grade Level: Although this course is open to all grade levels, it is most appropriate for 6th grade students

Fee: for field trips as announced

This course focuses on communication skills in the first semester where students will learn how to write, organize, prepare, and deliver quality public speeches. Students will study how to actively persuade, inspire, inform, and engage an audience through the art of public speaking. In the second semester, students learn communication skills through pantomime, dialogue writing, creating a character, role playing, script reading, memorization of written material, speech making, and oral reading. Improvisation and role-playing emphasize concentration and other skills that help students gain self-confidence. Students will be involved in stage production and various public speaking activities.





Title: Roman Technology

Grade Level: 6th, 7th, 8th

Fee: \$10

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 that 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. STEM + Classics = FUN and LEARNING!

Title: Pre-AP World History and Geography (1 high school credit)

Grade Level: 8

Fee: None

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

This course is built around three enduring ideas: history is an interrelated story of the world; history and geography are inherently dynamic; and historians and geographers are investigators. The Pre-AP World History and Geography course areas of focus prioritize the skills fundamental to the study of history and geography in high school, AP, and beyond. Areas of focus include evaluating evidence, explaining historical and geographic relationships, and incorporating evidence. Unit foundations for this course include the following topics: humans and the environment, governance, economic systems, culture, and society.

Title: Physical Science (1 high school credit) (150802)

Grade Level: 8

Fee: None

Prerequisite: Enrollment 8th grade math or higher; no grade lower than a B in previous year's Science class

This course provides an introduction to chemistry and physics topics such as the study of matter and the periodic table of elements as well as the study of forces, simple machines, electricity, light and sound. Lab activities and teacher demonstrations support individual learning.



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Title: Biology I (1 high school credit) (150301)

Grade Level: 7, 8

Fee: None

Prerequisite: No grade lower than a B in previous year's Science class.

This course provides the fundamental principles of biology, including the study of life, cell structure, biochemistry, taxonomy, genetics, patterns of change, bacteria, fungi, plants, protists, animals, adaptations, human anatomy, and ecology. Coursework is rigorous and relevant in preparation for End of Course (LEAP 2025) testing.

Title: Math Intervention

Grade Level: 6, 7, 8

Fee: None

Prerequisite: A score of unsatisfactory, approaching basic, or basic on the most recent LEAP assessment

This elective course will provide students with support and instruction to master grade-level math skills.

Title: Math Enrichment

Grade Level: 6, 7, 8

Fee: None

Prerequisite: A score of mastery or advanced on the most recent LEAP assessment

This elective course will provide students with support and instruction to master math skills beyond their current grade level.

Title: French A/B

Grade Level: 6, 7, 8

Fee: None

This course is intended for students who are interested in studying the basics of the French language and its cultural components. Students will be assessed through oral performances, quizzes, exams, and projects.



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Title: French I

Grade Level: 7, 8

Fee: None

Prerequisite: Successful completion of French A/B or teacher approval

A beginning course designed to give students the experience of learning a second language and gaining an appreciation of the cultures and places in which French is spoken. Listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing are included in the course curriculum while making connections to other academic disciplines, formally and informally. Students will perform at the novice-mid/novice-high level according to the Louisiana State Proficiency Targets.

Title: French II

Grade Level: 8

Fee: None

Prerequisite: Successful completion of French I

This course is a continuation of French I with emphasis on conversational skills, reading, listening, and writing. Upon completion of this course, students will have a basic command of elementary sentence patterns and grammatical structures. Students will perform at the novice-high level according to the Louisiana State Proficiency Targets.

Title: Latin A/B

Grade Level: 6, 7, 8

Fee: None

This course is intended for students who are interested in studying the basics of the Latin language and its cultural components. Students will be assessed through oral performances, quizzes, exams, and projects.

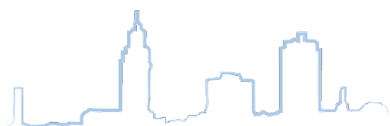
Title: Latin I

Grade Level: 7, 8

Fee: None

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Latin A/B

This course concentrates on the basics of the Latin language with an emphasis in grammar and translation. Roman history, legends, myths, religion, and customs are presented throughout the course to promote a greater understanding of the Romans.



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Title: Latin II

Grade Level: 8

Fee: None

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Latin I

This course continues Latin I. By the end of this course, students will have covered enough grammar to begin working with extended passages from ancient Roman cultures. Classical civilization topics (history, myth, culture, mottoes, Latin derivatives) are also covered.

Title: Spanish A/B

Grade Level: 6, 7, 8

Fee: None

This course is intended for students who are interested in studying the basics of the Spanish language and its cultural components. Students will be assessed through oral performances, quizzes, exams, and projects.

Title: Spanish I

Grade Level: 7, 8

Fee: None

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Spanish A/B or teacher approval

This course is a beginning level course designed to give students the experience of learning a second language and gaining an appreciation of the cultures and places in which Spanish is spoken. Listening, comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing are included in the course curriculum while making connections to other academic disciplines, formally and informally. Students will perform at the novice-mid/novice-high level according to the Louisiana State Proficiency Targets.

Title: Spanish II

Grade Level: 8

Fee: None

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Spanish I

This course continues to study Spanish vocabulary and grammar, including the past tenses. Students begin to attempt sustained conversation and the reading of narratives. Students must have mastered the use of regular and irregular present tense verb forms and agreements in nouns/articles/adjectives between their genders and numbers. Students will perform at the novice-high level according to the Louisiana State Proficiency Targets.

