

PreAp (Advanced Placement)

Advanced placement courses are designed to challenge motivated students by providing rigorous instruction and will provide students with a greater depth of understanding in subject matter. The coursework requires students to engage in independent and analytical assignments, projects, and presentations. Students taking PreAp Math will engage in 6th and 7th grade curriculum.

Choir

Students learn basic music fundamentals the first semester. Review of basic note/rest values, along with basic musical terms. Each day, through their repertoire and warm-ups, students practice proper breathing and good vocal techniques. In the second semester, students begin to learn basic music intervals. The notation of music melody and rhythm is also introduced. Reinforcement of good vocal production, posture, and breathing is a daily study.

Band

Students will learn how to play a band instrument and read music. They will learn the fundamentals of playing in an ensemble and will perform at a number of concerts throughout the year. Students will be responsible for attending all concerts. Participation in band is designed to develop leadership and responsibility, cooperation, self-discipline, diligence, and cultural awareness.

Media/Video

This course covers the use of computers for creating, accessing, manipulating, utilizing, and publishing information. The student will become computer literate in general knowledge and practical application of computer software skills. Topics include photography, media, movie making, and editing.

Art

Designed as an introductory course in the field of visual art. The focus is on the development of visual/spatial perception and analysis and evaluation of artworks. Assessment of progress is acquired both by written vocabulary as well as studio work. Opportunities for artistic expression are achieved through a variety of media including drawing, painting, and sculpture.

AVID

AVID (Advancement for Individual Determination) targets students in the academic middle; B, C, even D students who have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. AVID classes are for acceleration, not remediation and are designed to increase the number of students who enroll and succeed in college. AVID trained educators teach students academic and social skills to help them develop the habits and behaviors needed to succeed in middle school, high school, and college. AVID develops students as writers, teaches strategies for critical thinking, and provides support to the students for success in all of their classes.

Engineering Concepts

Engineering Concepts provides students with a hands-on approach to learning basic engineering concepts associated with careers of the future. Through the use of efficient design processes, students will work cooperatively with classmates to assess and solve "real-world" problems. Practical application of mathematics, science, and the use of professional technology/software allows students to begin preparation for a highly competitive job market.

Theater Arts

Theatre is a course designed to introduce students to the knowledge of acting, directing, and collaboration techniques and to create a foundation of those skills. Basic public speaking techniques are addressed. This course is equally balanced between high-energy movement and quiet work.