

7th Grade Electives

*Fees may be associated with elective courses.

21st CENTURY MEDIA II *Semester course. Beginning class for 7th/8th grade. Students will be using camcorders, tripods, microphones and audio/video editing software to create several video projects. Projects range from professional interviews, music videos, short films, commercials, and more. Continue developing 21st Century skills through project-based learning.

ART II *Semester course. Must have passed ART I. Students will continue their accomplishments/instruction from Art 1 as they work with a variety of processes and materials, such as painting, drawing, sculpture, and ceramic. Students will evaluate their own art and the works of other artists. \$15 supply fee and sketch book required.

BAND - INTERMEDIATE *Year-long course. Must have passed Beginning Band. This class is for students who would like to develop their playing in a full concert band. Students will continue to develop individual technique and ensemble skills necessary for a concert band. *Instrument Required if not eligible to rent from the school.

CHOIR - CONCERT *Year-long course. Concert Choir involves training in proper vocal technique, and refinement of musicianship skills such as sight-reading, ear training, musical interpretation, and expressions. Students are required to participate in extra-curricular performances in order to receive class credit. No audition is required.

CODING *Semester course. From smartphone apps to video games and everything in between—the world runs on code. Software jobs are predicted to grow 34% in the next few years, making coding the world's most in-demand skill. Whether you dream of becoming a website developer or want to launch your own mobile game startup, your coding path starts here.

CREATIVE WRITING: Explore ways to make your stories more exciting, and maybe even have one of your stories published! In this class we will discover techniques authors use to write the stories you love. We will challenge your creativity, writing both with and without prompts. We will also look at the process of becoming a published author, but most of all, we will get to do something we enjoy, writing!

GRAPHIC DESIGN II *Semester course. Beginning course for 7th/8th. This class could lead to a career in webpage and app development, video game design, digital illustration for movies, and so much more. Does any of this sound fun to you? If so, sign up to learn about the tools used to create digital art and animations. In addition to computer art programs, students will also learn basic hand-lettering and drawing techniques.

LEADERSHIP *Semester course. Application Required Students will develop leadership and collaboration skills while building a positive and invigorating school culture by participating in school and community service projects.

LIVING STEM II *Semester course. Beginning course for 7th/8th. Students explore the integration of STEM skills through a variety of topics: cooking, nutrition, health, budgeting, careers and other important skills that prepare you for adult life.

MUSIC MANIA *Semester course. This class is for music lovers that do not play an instrument—Music Appreciation. Music from all genres. Exploring all types of music and learning to listen.

ORCHESTRA - INTERMEDIATE *Year-long course. Students who have successfully completed the Beginning Orchestra course and would like to continue with their primary instrument. Students will continue to develop individual technique and ensemble skills for instrumental performance. *Instrument Required if not eligible to rent from the school.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) *Semester course. Students will focus on fitness and cooperative games. Students will dress out and participate in a variety of activities to prepare them for an active lifestyle. Students may choose TOTAL FITNESS as a PE class focusing more on physical fitness than games.

SOCIAL YOU *Semester course. A sociology class where we explore ideas of self-esteem, conflict resolution, life-skills, relationships, motivation, and goals. Implementing Social Emotional Learning and social media in our lives.

SPANISH 1 *Semester course. Beginning Spanish is an introduction to the Spanish language. You will learn basic vocabulary that will allow you to start speaking, reading and writing in Spanish. It's an action-filled class which requires a good attitude and lots of participation!! Spanish 1 is open to 7th grade students only.

STEM LAB II - General (Lift-Off) *Semester course. Engage in a more individualized interactive exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math through project-based data collection, hands-on activities, asking questions, and experimenting with lab equipment.

YEARBOOK *Application required – year-long course. This course helps produce the Sky Ranch Middle School yearbook. Students are tasked with producing a timeless, creative, and innovative keepsake which will record our school's community, memories and events. Expectations: Students will be challenged with real world projects and assignments. High quality work is expected at all times.