



ELECTIVE SELECTION

2024-2025

8TH GRADE

ELECTIVE FORM



Please complete with your parents!!

FORM –Due May 17th, 2024

Only 1 submission allowed!!

Additional information on website:

www.washoeschools.net/skyranch

8th Grade Electives 24-25

**Fees may be associated with elective courses*

21st CENTURY MEDIA II **Semester course. For 8th grade students who have never taken 21st Media. 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.*

21st CENTURY MEDIA III **Semester course. Must be enrolled or have passed 21st Century Media II. As an expert in digital media production, you will now be creating videos and news reports for our school newscast. You will have the chance to anchor, report, operate studio equipment, edit, and produce a news show seen by the entire school!*

ART II **Semester course. 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.*

ART III *Semester course. Students must have passed Art II. Students will continue their accomplishments/instruction from Art II 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 - ADVANCED *Year-long course. Must have passed Intermediate Band or with instructor approval. Students will work towards mastery of their instrument and concert band ensemble skills. Students will further develop their individual technique and ensemble skills needed for instrumental performance. Students are required to participate in co-curricular performances beyond the school day to receive class credit. *Instrument Required if not eligible to rent from the school.

ADVANCED CHOIR *Year-long course. Advanced choir is open to all 8th grade students interested in vocal performance. The choir sings classical, musical theater, and popular music. The class involves advanced training in proper singing technique, 3-part harmony, and advanced musicianship skills such as sight-reading, ear training, musical interpretation, and expression. Students are required to participate in co-curricular performances beyond the school day to receive class credit. No audition is required. No previous choir experience required.

DIGITAL MUSIC PRODUCTION *Semester course. This class is an introduction to digital recording concepts. We will cover the basics of sound adjusting, acoustics, frequency measurement, digital file management and DAW workstation basics. Through this course we will also cover general music theory and composition.

INTRO TO COMPUTER SCIENCE/CODING *Semester course. Computer Science Discoveries is an introductory course that empowers students to engage with computer science as a medium for creativity, communication, problem solving, and fun! Throughout the semester, students will create their own website, animation game, and creative computing. This class will be great for beginners and experienced coders alike!

BEGINNING GRAPHIC DESIGN *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.

ADVANCED GRAPHIC DESIGN *Semester course. Must have passed Graphic Design II. In this course students will expand their knowledge of Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop. Students will create complex 2D and 3D designs as well as simple animations to solve real-world visual problems. The students will also move to intermediate level application of Principles of Design such as Balance, Repetition, Movement, Scale, and Proportion.

LEADERSHIP *Year-long 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.

ORCHESTRA - ADVANCED *Year-long course. Students who have successfully completed Intermediate Orchestra or **with permission of instructor**. Students will further develop their individual technique and ensemble skills for instrumental performance while working towards mastery of their primary instrument. Students are required to participate in co-curricular performances beyond the school day to receive class credit. *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 various activities to prepare them for an active lifestyle. Students may choose Total Fitness for PE class focusing more on physical fitness than games.

POWER WALKING CLASS (PE) *Semester course. Students will participate in walking activities to prepare them for an active lifestyle.

SPANISH 2 *Year-long course. Must have passed Spanish 1. Taking Spanish in 7th and 8th grade consecutively will put you on track for honors and AP courses at the high school level. Spanish 2 is open to 8th 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.

STEM LAB III - Advanced (Soaring) *Semester course. Must have passed STEM LAB – General. 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.