

SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023
8TH GRADE RAIDERS ELECTIVE DESCRIPTIONS

Studio Art 1 (0101300M): This course is designed for the student wishing to continue in Art Studies in High School / Art School. Students are **required** to compete in county, state and national competitions and complete a school mural. Students are required to provide a portfolio for review. **Mrs. McKinstry's signature is required. This is a High School Credit course (not an Honors course) and the grade achieved will affect the student's High School GPA.** A High School Course Agreement form will be signed by the student and parent/guardian the first week of school.

Band Beginning (13020000): Students who have little or no experience. Students will choose instruments with the aid of the band director at the beginning of the year. They will participate in school concerts/events and may perform at district/state levels. Thirty minutes a day of home practice is expected. There will be a limited amount of school instruments available for rent.

Band Advanced (1302000A): Students who have taken Band Beginning and want to continue in Band. **Mr. Nista will decide what level the student will be in and if new to the school, an audition will be required.**

Band 2nd Instrument (1302000B): Students who already play an instrument and want to take a 2nd instrument. The student will have 2 band classes.

Chorus 1 (13030000): Students will learn the fundamentals of music, sing a variety of repertoire, and learn how to read music. They will perform in school concerts/events and may perform at district/state levels.

Chorus 2 (13030100): Students who have taken Chorus for at least one year. Students will continue to build upon the foundation of basic musicianship, sight-reading and performing a vast array of mixed repertoire. They will perform in and outside of the county for district/state events. **Ms. Jock's signature on course card required.**

Debate 1 LH (1007330M): Students will be required to achieve 25 NSDA points by participating in monthly debates (held from 1pm until 8pm) and mentor 6th grade students. **This is a High School Credit course (Local Honors course) and the grade achieved will affect the student's High School GPA.** A High School Course Agreement form will be signed by the student and parent/guardian the first week of school.

Digital Discoveries (90096000): Introductory Computer Science Information Technologies course that includes web development using HTML/CSS Animation along with JavaScript. The course requires students to complete large projects, work independently and collaborate in a group. The students will have an opportunity to earn Digital Tool and Industry Certifications. This course may be offered for High School credit in the fall. **Ms. Mejia's signature on course card required.**

Journalism (10060200): Students will be the leader of their team that will build, edit and finalize sections of the yearbook. They need to be able to coordinate deadlines, be a collaborator, and an organizer.

Nutrition & Wellness / Principal Food Prep (8500355M): This course is designed for students wishing to continue with culinary studies in high school. **This is a High School credit course (not an Honors course) and the grade achieved will affect the student's High School GPA.** A High School Course Agreement form will be signed by the student and parent/guardian the first week of school. **Mrs. Marhefka's signature on course card required.**

Orchestra Beginning (13020400): This course is offered to students who have little or no experience playing "string" instruments (violins, violas, cellos). Students will receive instruction in string techniques including proper posture, note reading, and ensemble techniques. They will participate in school concerts/events and may perform at district/state levels. Thirty minutes a day of home practice is expected. There will be a limited amount of school instruments available for rent.

Orchestra Advanced (13020500): For students who have 1 year+ experience on a string instrument. They will perform in school concerts/events and may perform at district/state levels. **Ms. Jock's signature on course card required.**

Peer Counseling (14000000): Peer counselors act as conflict mediators, peer tutors, and will work with students individually and in groups. They will provide classroom presentations on teen issues such as substance abuse prevention and other projects. Any student interested will need to have an interview with the Peer Counselor teacher prior to being placed in the course.

Physical Education (1508070A): Students will be provided a foundation of knowledge, skills, and values necessary for the development of a physically active lifestyle through fitness activities and team sports.

Spanish 1 (0708340M): The student will engage in speaking, reading, listening, and writing activities to gain proficiency in the Spanish language. **This is a High School Credit course and the grade achieved will affect the High School Academic Core GPA.** A High School Course Agreement form will be signed by the student and parent/guardian the first week of school.

Spanish 2 (0708350M): Students taking this course must have completed course 0708340M Spanish 1 with proficiency. Students will continue with growing their knowledge of the Spanish language along with learning it's culture. **This is a High School Credit course (not an Honors course) and the grade achieved will affect their High School Academic Core GPA.** A High School Course Agreement form will be signed by the student and parent/guardian the first week of school.

Tech Thea DE&PR (04002000): Students will learn all fields of tech theatre which include prop making and design of; sets, costumes, and make-up. There is a requirement of passing the safety test given the first week of class.

Theatre 1 (04000000): Students will role-play, improvise, and work in groups. They may participate at district and state levels. They may take this course more than once.

Theatre Performance (04000100): Students will learn the aspects of performance and production. The focus of this class is to learn the skills necessary to be on stage. They will be required to participate in competitions & spring musicals. **An audition is required to enter the course and Mr. Wright's signature on course card required.**