

9TH GRADE ELECTIVE DESCRIPTIONS

VISUAL ART

Creating 2-D Art:

This is a half-year course that is an introduction to two-dimensional art making. Using drawing and painting materials, students will explore the elements and principles of design in many creative ways. Students will work with both representational and abstract subjects. It is recommended to take Creating 2-D in the other semester. *MUST BE PAIRED WITH CREATING 3D ART*

Creating 3D Art:

This is a half-year course that is an introduction to three-dimensional art making. Cardboard, paper, wire, and clay are the primary materials used. Students will work with both representational and abstract subjects as they explore the elements and principles of art. *MUST BE PAIRED WITH CREATING 2D ART*

Digital Art Imaging 1:

Digital arts have been described as the place where artistry and technology meet. If you are a creative person who loves technology, digital arts could be the right choice for you. You'll learn how to use Adobe programs, Photoshop, Illustrator, & Animate. Using the computer, drawing tablets, or personal iPads you'll study the Elements & Principles of Art through digital media and work on perfecting basic art skills such as drawing, design, and color theory to create original pieces of Digital Art.

Creative Photography 1:

This is a full year course that explores the approach and structure of Creative Photography. Using any Digital camera, Students will learn about the 7 Elements of art (Line Shape Form Color Texture and Space) and the Principles of Design. Knowing these Elements and Principles will help the Beginning photographer create images more successful and thoughtful images in both design and meaning. Students will learn entry level Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom Skills.

THEATRE ART

Theatre 1:

This is a performance-based class, but students will also learn and design for all aspects of theatre. You do not need any experience to join theatre, but you need to be willing to be in front of the class and willing to try new things. We learn the basics of performance in both plays and musicals. We learn about early theatre and how the past influences theatre today. We learn about technical aspects of theatre. We create theatre and have a lot of fun along the way.

Theatre, Cinema and Film Production:

In this class students will be tasked with observing and analyzing different film genres and creating critical reviews. First semester will focus on specific film genres and second semester focuses on the history and evolution of film. During film observations cell phones must be stored away in the classroom holder. Students will write weekly film reviews, participate in online and in person discussions and research elements relating to the film productions. Students will also draft and create their own film proposals and marketing designs. In addition, students will learn how live theatre translates into live action films. Students will be expected to attend at least one live theatrical performance outside of class. This is not a production class.

DANCE

Dance Technique 1:

Through the exploration of Dance, we make connections with many styles and techniques of Dance. Dancers have the opportunity to experiment with and create movement. "Dance, dance; otherwise, we are lost."- Pina Bausche

MUSIC EDUCATION

Band 1:

Band is geared towards Freshman band students participating in high school band. Auditions for ensemble placement will be held in coordination with your middle school band director in the spring. This course is open to all students with prior experience on brass, woodwind, or percussion instruments. Any student not having prior band experience should contact the high school band directors prior to enrolling to arrange a meeting to discuss.

Orchestra 1:

Orchestra is geared towards Freshman orchestra students participating in high school orchestra. Auditions for ensemble placement will be held in coordination with your middle school orchestra director in the spring. This course is open to all students with prior experience on violin, viola, cello, or string bass. Any student not having prior orchestra experience should contact the high school band directors prior to enrolling to arrange a meeting to discuss.

Jazz Ensemble 1:

Jazz Band is geared towards Freshman band students participating in high school jazz band. Auditions for ensemble placement will be held in coordination with your middle school band director in the spring. This course is open to all students with prior experience in band on saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, guitar, bass, or drum set. Prior experience in jazz band is not required.

Chorus 1:

This class is for beginning and experienced singers. In Chorus you learn to sing and also perfect your vocal range. Chorus is one big family, and they enjoy performing in Pop Up Concerts and the Musical Performance (MPAs) locally and at the state level.

Music of the World:

Students will explore and experience the musical traditions of the 20th & 21st century both in America and other global communities. This is not a performance class, but students may be asked to attend performances to extend their learning.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

French:

As you learn French, you will have many opportunities to explore the language, life, and culture of the Francophone world. You will gain knowledge of the French language, culture, and traditions.

German:

Students learn how to communicate in the German language and learn about culture. The course covers vocabulary, useful everyday phrases in real life situations, grammar and German traditions and celebrations. This course will inspire students to travel to Germany and experience the language and culture on their own.

JROTC/MILITARY TRAINING

JROTC:

This is more than a leadership course and allows cadets to be involved through extracurricular activities such as Raider and Drill Team or through taking advantage of the numerous available leadership positions that help them build skills and confidence. The program also gives many opportunities that allow the cadets to gain volunteering hours and be more involved in their community, from our annual Breast Cancer 5K with the American Cancer Society, to participating in the Family Days Parade. Of course, all of this is meant to fulfill our mission statement: To motivate young people to be better citizens. Hooah!

CTE/COMPUTER EDUCATION

Accounting Applications 1:

This is an honors course where you will learn how to perform the financial recording, financial reporting, and money management of a company. These skills can be applied to any industry. You will also have an opportunity to get certified in QuickBooks Online which is a bookkeeping software used by over 29 million businesses in the U.S.

Nutrition & Wellness/Principles of Food Prep:

These courses will allow students to explore the link between food and wellness. It will also help them to learn to develop nutritious meals, make good food choices and give them an awareness of healthy food preparation. THESE CLASSES MUST BE PAIRED TOGETHER

Culinary 1:

This course will provide students with the skills, knowledge and exploration of the food service industry. This is the beginning course for students who are interested in our hospitality program and will give them the foundation to be able to become a server in the Black Hawk Inn restaurant we have on campus.

Custom Promotional Design Layout:

Interested in design and printing merch? This course will help you to develop computer skills, layout and digital imaging skills you need to create a portfolio for the merchandise industry. This class is taught in a Mac lab and is the beginning class for our Promotional Enterprise Program.

Digital Video Technology 1:

This is a class where students get to record and edit a variety of different types of video projects, such as short movies or news stories. You will learn to use video basic video cameras, how to tell a story through video, and how to use editing software to put your videos together, among other things. This course is needed to take the advanced video classes, including IB Film.

Foundations of Web Design:

This is a beginning course which includes the basics of the language behind the web, HTML and CSS, along with planning and visual design aspects of web design.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

First Aid and Safety:

In this class you will learn about CPR/AEDs and choking for Adults, Children and Infants. We also go through the Red Cross Participant First Aid Manual and learn about a variety of topics including the History of First Aid, Asthma, Diabetes, Anaphylaxis, Burns and many more. MUST BE PAIRED WITH CARE AND PREVENTION

Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries:

This is a semester course. We start this class with learning about Lightning Safety and Heat. We read positions statements from the NATA (National Athletic Trainers' Association) on these issues. As the year goes on, we work our way from the Skull to the Feet and learn the Anatomy and Injuries that occur. MUST BE PAIRED WITH FIRST AID

Volleyball 1 & 2:

These are beginning volleyball courses open to anyone wanting to learn to play volleyball, no experience necessary. THESE CLASSES MUST BE PAIRED TOGETHER

Basketball 1 & 2:

These are beginning basketball courses open to anyone wanting to learn to play basketball, no experience necessary. THESE CLASSES MUST BE PAIRED TOGETHER

Individual & Dual Sports 1 & 2:

In these semester courses students will learn sportsmanship and the way to play four different individual and dual sports during this course. The activities vary from year to year, but may include and not limited to flag football, basketball, kickball, Newcomb ball, volleyball, blooper ball, gatorball, capture the rings, cabbage ball and frisbee games. THESE CLASSES MUST BE PAIRED TOGETHER.