



Desert Wind Middle School

Pre-Registration 8th Grade

2019-2020

Elective Registration

Core Classes: Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies.

8th grade students will have 2 electives each semester. You may choose from 4 semester (1/2 year) electives, 2 year long electives or a combination of 2 semester (1/2 year) and 1 year long elective.

Please rank your top 4 choices 1 to 4: (1 top choice and 4 last choice)

Year Long Classes

_____ Beginning Band Instrument _____
_____ Advanced Band
_____ Orchestra
_____ Choir
_____ Advanced Choir (Teacher signature required) Ms. Jenkins _____

Semester (1/2 year) Classes

_____ Physical Education
_____ Beginning Spanish
_____ Computer Applications
_____ High School Prep
_____ Drama
_____ Art
_____ Advanced Art (Teacher signature required) Ms. Legendre _____

If interested in being an Office Aide or Teacher Assistant, please complete the application. These positions are based on school performance and discipline records.

Print Student Full Name _____ Current Grade 7th

Print Parent Name _____ Email _____

➔ Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form to your Science Teacher by Monday, March 4th.

2019-2020 Elective Course Descriptions

Beginning Band (Tiger Band)- Membership is open to all students, any grade level, who wish to extend their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of music by learning how to play a wind or percussion instrument. Attention is focused on introductory music fundamentals, technical achievement, and acquisition of performance and rehearsal skills through exposure to a variety of literature. The Tiger Band class will perform in two concerts throughout the year. One or two after school rehearsals may be required prior to each performance. It is expected that students in this course will also attend Desert Wind Music concerts.

Advanced Band (Symphonic Band)- Membership is based on audition for students, any grade level, who wish to extend their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of music by developing their skills on their wind or percussion instrument. The Symphonic Band classes will perform in concerts, events, and festivals throughout the year. After school rehearsals may be required prior to each performance to prepare or combine classes. It is expected that students in this course will also attend Desert Wind Music concerts.

Orchestra- Membership is open to all students, any grade level, who wish to extend their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of music by learning how to or developing skills on a stringed instrument. Attention is focused on introductory music fundamentals, technical achievement, and acquisition of performance and rehearsal skills through exposure to a variety of literature. The Orchestra class will perform in concerts, events, and festivals throughout the year. After school rehearsals may be required prior to each performance to prepare. It is expected that students in this course will also attend Desert Wind Music concerts.

Choir- Membership is open to all students, any grade level, who wish to extend their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of music by learning fundamental vocal tone production (singing) and ear training (listening). Attention is given to introductory music fundamentals, understanding of musicianship and musical contexts, and acquisition of rehearsal and performance skills through exposure to a variety of literature. The Chorus class will perform in concerts or events throughout the year. After school rehearsals may be required prior to each performance.

Advanced Choir-This advanced course will be a continuation of Choir fundamentals in an advanced format. Membership is based on teacher approval from Ms. Jenkins. The Chorus class will perform in concerts or events throughout the year. After school rehearsals may be required prior to each performance.

Physical Education- Course involves the acquisition of knowledge and skills that provide the foundation for sport, a physically active lifestyle, and social development through physical activity. Activities typically include those that increase strength, endurance, and flexibility. The course reinforces safe techniques and teaches the rules and conventions of games and sports.

Beginning Spanish- This course is an introduction to the language and the culture of the Spanish-speaking world. Students will learn vocabulary and grammar through listening, speaking, reading and writing. Emphasis is on simple conversation skills.

Computer Applications- This course provides students with skills in the appropriate use of word processing, spreadsheets and presentations. Work will emphasize understanding of computer systems, networks, internet research strategies and safety in the world-wide-web (www) as well as proper keyboarding techniques. This course provides a foundation of skills that are used in both personal and classroom computer-based activities.

High School Prep- This course introduces 7th & 8th grade students to the skills and strategies helpful in becoming more focused, productive individuals. These courses typically emphasize goal setting; decision making; management of time, energy, and stress; and identification of alternatives and coping strategies. They may also allow students to explore various career and lifestyle choices.

Drama- Course designed to focus on the study and performance of drama, including musical theatre. Course reviews a wide range of scripted materials, such as plays, screenplays, teleplays, reader's theatre scripts, dramatic criticism, creation of original dramatic works, and the role of dramatic arts in society.

Art- This course introduces students to how to use various art mediums such as watercolor, charcoal, chalk, and oil pastels to communicate as an artist. Students learn to develop their own artistic style.

Advanced Art- The advanced class will continue to develop student's skills in composition and design using various art mediums. The prerequisite for this course is Art and requires teacher approval from Ms. Legendre.