

Medea Creek Middle School

Electives (Incoming 7th and 8th Graders)

2021-22

-Please review all information on this document before completing your Google Form and Student Connect.

-Students may NOT repeat an elective class and must follow the prerequisite requirements. Placement in electives is dependent upon staffing, student interest, and availability of classes. Students are NOT guaranteed to receive their top choice(s).

-Rank your top six choices (1=1st choice, 2=2nd choice, etc., 6=last choice) on the Google form. You should also enter your elective choices into Student Connect.

-Student ranking of preferable electives may include a combination of year-long and/or semester-long electives.

Year-long Classes: If a student selects a year long elective, they will only be enrolled in one elective for the year.

-Beginning Band (6-8): No previous experience is necessary to enroll; limited number of school instruments may be available; mandatory minimum of one evening performance per semester.

-Intermediate Band (7-8): Prerequisite: Band Director's Approval; mandatory minimum of one evening performance per semester.

-Advanced Band (7-8): Prerequisite: Band Director's Approval; mandatory minimum of one evening performance per semester.

-String Orchestra: Musical ensemble open to all playing levels of student on violin, viola, cello or string bass; limited number of school instruments may be available. Emphasize teaching basic string instrumental skills and music reading; mandatory minimum of one evening performance per semester.

-Chorus: mandatory minimum of one evening performance per semester.

-Spanish 1: A high school level academic class; equivalent to taking (paced the same) as first year of Spanish at OPHS. Prerequisite: "B" or better in English 7 and Pre-Algebra/Algebra 7, OR "B" or better in Intro. to Spanish AND students must possess a strong work ethic. Successful completion will put students in Spanish 2 as OPHS freshman.

-ASB 7/8: Students interested in this leadership class need to complete an application. Students will be programmed upon acceptance.

Semester Classes: Students will be enrolled in TWO classes if they select semester classes (remember to rank classes 1-6).

-Intro to Art 7/8: This class is for students who have NOT taken art at MCMS; beginning painting and drawing.

-Art 2 7/8: Prerequisite: Intro to Art. More advanced techniques of painting, drawing and other media.

-New Media Art 7/8: Students will be introduced to a variety of graphic arts such as Photography, graphic design, digital illustration, and other media arts. Students will learn about the history of each art and related careers.

-Art Showcase 7/8: Prerequisite: Art 2 and recommendation from the teacher; MCMS's most advanced art class. This class is focused on painting and developing a concentrated drawing portfolio.

-Beginning Robotics 7/8: This is an introduction to LEGO Mindstorms EV3 Robotics System; students build and program them!

-Beginning Computer Programming 7/8: with Scratch, students learn to create games, animation and stories by programming.

-Video Production 7/8: Students have hands-on experience in this project based class as they learn both photography and cinematography. A variety of different productions will be explored and produced ... lights, camera, action!

-3D Design Products and Architecture 7/8: Explore building design using hands-on building and 3D design software, including Sketchup and Tinkercad; use computer programs to design objects to be printed on 3D printers.

-Teen Entrepreneur 7/8: Students learn and apply an entrepreneurial mindset as they embark on their own entrepreneurial journey, taking an idea from start to finish. As Shark Tank asks, "Are you in or are you out?"

-Animation 7/8: Students investigate the principles of animation by using their own creative imaginations to create flip books, thaumatropes, stop-motion, computer-generated animation, and more. Disney and Anime enthusiasts highly encouraged!

-Intro to Spanish 7/8: An introductory course of the Spanish language.

-Rockets! Rockets! 7/8: A history of rockets and how they work through hand-on activities, learning, building and launching rockets. Cannot repeat if taken in 6th grade.

-Environmental Explorers 7/8: Students explore environmental topics like food, energy, biodiversity, and conservation through a wide range of activities, teamwork, and projects, including hands-on lab investigations, plus helping the school to be "greener!"

-Heroes and Villains 7/8: What makes a hero? Come examine our favorite heroes from books, TV, movies, comic books & graphic novels! Ancient Greece to fairy tales to King Arthur. Percy, Bugs & Mickey, Batman & DC, Luke Skywalker, James T. Kirk and more. And of course, what is a hero without a villain? Bring a love of reading, creative projects and adventure!