

6th-8th Grade Electives: Students May Choose 1

2D Studio Art

Journey inside the art studio and learn to bring your 2D art visions to life. Whatever medium you prefer, painting or drawing, this course will help you hone your 2D art skills. Learn the elements and principles needed to logistically create art; explore your artistic inspirations; view art from different ages and cultures; gain insight about the art of critiquing.

Required Materials:

- Various sizes of white drawing paper
- Various sizes of colored paper
- Paintbrushes in varying sizes
- Empty cans or jars to wash paintbrushes
- Ruler and/or protractor
- Erasers
- Scissors
- Miscellaneous household objects to use for still life art
- Digital camera, camera phone, or other type of camera
- Paint: (two or more of the following)
 - Tempera Paint, Acrylic Paint, Watercolor, Ink Wash, Oil Paint
- Drawing Tools: (two or more of the following)
 - Pastels, Charcoal, Markers, Colored Pencil, Crayons

Journalism: Tell Your Story

Who? What? When? Where? Journalism provides us with the answers to these questions for the events that affect our lives. In this course, students will learn how to gather information, organize ideas, format stories for different forms of news media, and edit their stories for publication. The course will also examine the historical development of journalism and the role of journalism in society.

9th Grade Credit Bearing Electives: Students May Choose 1

Introduction to Stem

This semester-long course introduces students to the four areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics through an interdisciplinary approach that will increase awareness, build knowledge, develop problem solving skills, and potentially awaken an interest in pursuing a career in STEM. Students are introduced to the history, fundamental principles, applications, processes, and concepts of STEM. Students are exposed to several computer applications used to analyze and present technical or scientific information. Finally, students explore the kinds of strategies frequently used to solve problems in these disciplines. Throughout the course, students discover their strengths through practical applications and awareness of the various STEM careers.

Introduction to Manufacturing: Product Design and Innovation

Think about the last time you visited your favorite store. Have you ever wondered how the products you buy make it to the store shelves? Whether it's video games, clothing, or sports

equipment, the goods we purchase must go through a manufacturing process before they can be marketed and sold. In this course, you'll learn about the types of manufacturing systems and processes used to create the products we buy every day. You'll also be introduced to the various career opportunities in the manufacturing industry including those for engineers, technicians, and supervisors. As a culminating project, you'll plan your own manufacturing process for a new product or invention! If you thought manufacturing was little more than mundane assembly lines, this course will show you just how exciting and fruitful the industry can be.

Forensics: Using Science to Solve a Mystery

Forensics: Using Science to Solve a Mystery is a semester-long high school course that overviews modern-day forensic science careers at work using science concepts to collect and analyze evidence and link evidence to the crime and suspects in order to present admissible evidence in courts of law. Projects in this course include simulated crime-scene investigation, actual DNA separation, development of a cybersecurity plan, and the identification of specific forensic skills used during the course of a very large murder case. The focus of this course is to assist students in making career choices. The overview of careers includes job descriptions and availability, educational and training requirements, licensing and certification, and typical annual salaries. Students who take this class will become equipped to make more informed career choices regarding the forensic, computer science and medical science fields. At the same time, students will survey the history and scope of present-day forensic science work.