

SSMS Elective Courses 2021-2022

The following courses are being offered next year for 7th and 8th graders.

7/8 Grade Honor Choir - Audition Only (Semester 1 AND 2) (MUST participate for BOTH semesters!)

Auditions have already taken place. If you are interested in this class please contact Mr Davis to arrange an audition. Students in this class will be held to a high standard. Students will perform frequently throughout the year both at school and on field trips. Music Theory and Sight-singing skills will be very important in this class.

LOCATION: Choir Room

HOUR: 1st hour

Leadership 8th grade only (semester course): (In order to Register for Leadership Class, students must have submitted a Leadership Class Application to Mrs. Ames by the deadline. Students will be placed in Leadership after they have been accepted into the class.) This course explores many different leadership skills and styles through an exploration of history, art and literature. The students in this class are also responsible for planning and carrying out many different school wide activities. The Leadership class also helps mentor younger students at the school.

Video Editing 7 / 8 (semester course)

In the video editing class we will learn how to Vlog. In order to take this class you must have access to a device that takes videos. A phone or a camera that takes video is perfect. We will use Premiere Pro from Adobe. We will cover video editing, adding audio, rendering and all the aspects of vlogging.

Anthropology 7 / 8 Anthropology is the study of human societies and cultures. In this class, we explore how common themes such differ from one culture to another. With each unit, we not only explore these themes, but also experience food, beauty, art and music of different cultures.

Mock Trial 8th grade only 2nd semester

During the 3rd quarter, students will prepare for and participate in the statewide Utah Mock Trial Competition where they analyze a case, give opening and closing statements and cross examine/direct examine witnesses.

Pop Culture 7 / 8

In this class, we will explore how symbols in Pop Culture such as superheroes, memes, music videos, etc. became important to the Pop Culture of America.

Introductory Art. 7 / 8

This class will use a variety of art mediums and hands-on experience to teach you about the elements of art. Creativity, problem-solving, personal expression, teamwork, and presentation skills will all be emphasized. Students often refer to this class as their "Zen Hour", but it is NOT a "cake-walk".

Art 2: Must Have taken Introductory Art in 7th grade

In Art 2 we will go beyond what we learned in introductory Art. You will have an opportunity to work with watercolor, chalk, and acrylic paints. This class will go more in depth in the 6 elements of art. With a heavy emphasis on drawing. This will not be an easy class unless you love art.

Events in your world 7 / 8

"Blessed are the curious for they shall have adventures"-Lovelace Drachman.

Are you curious about the greater world that we live in? In this class, we will adventure through the current issues facing our community, our state, our country, and our world.

PE Traditional 7 / 8.

This class will be a PE class focused on team sports and activities. Students will learn rules of games and other skills associated with games like kickball, dodgeball, speed ball etc....

Yoga 7 / 8

This class will focus on mindfulness, stretching, yoga, and other activities to help students with their daily stressors.

STEAM Activities 7 / 8 semester course

Students will be given challenges, projects, or investigations that will deepen their understanding of science and math while using technology, art, and engineering that apply to real life.

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Reading 7 / 8

This class is for students who would like to improve their reading comprehension and fluency.

Math Content Help 7 / 8

This class is for students who struggle with a few (or many) math concepts and would benefit from extra re-teaching or extra practice time.

MS Beginning Band: This band is for students new to their instruments. Open to all grades. Typical instruments will be Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone or Tuba (Brass) or Flute or Clarinet (Woodwinds). Saxophone, Percussion, guitar, or piano are not included. Practice outside of class is required, as is acquiring an instrument (assistance may be provided).

MS Concert Band: This band is for the average, music-loving student who wants to play their instrument in school. Basic beginning-level instrument proficiency is required (decent tone, basic note names, 3 full-octave scales). Students will play and learn music in class and perform in three or four concerts and a festival. Very little work outside of class will be required. Standard "band" instruments accepted.

MS Advanced Band: This band is for advanced students. They must demonstrate an acceptably advanced level of proficiency on their instrument, including at least 8 scales, basic sight-reading, and beautiful, consistent tone. These students must be willing to learn and practice music independently and be prepared to have regular assignments both in and out of class. This class may or may not have traditional "band" instrumentation and music selected. This group will be our premier "performing" group, performing beyond the basic concerts. This group may also include guitar, electric bass, and piano.

Beginning Orchestra (Strings).Year long

This is a course for students who have never played a stringed instrument but wish to start.

Intermediate Orchestra. (Strings) year long

This course is for those students who have successfully completed Beginning Orchestra

Introduction to Spanish 7 / 8

This class is for those with no prior Spanish exposure. Students will introduced to conversational phrases, numbers, greetings, and other basic words and phrases in the Spanish language.

Possible Courses

We are currently looking for a Coding teacher. If you know of someone interested in a part-time position please contact the Middle School office. If we can find an instructor, the following courses will be offered

Creative Coding 7th semester course

Creative Coding is a course of introductory computer programming for seventh-grade students. The course is designed to attract and reach a broad and diverse range of students, including those who may have never considered programming. Students learn to code by working in a real software development environment to design, program and publish mobile apps and games.

Coding 2 8th grade semester course

Coding 2 is a second-level, semester-long course intended to build upon concepts students learned in the prerequisite Creative Coding class. This course provides eighth-grade students with a rigorous hands-on curriculum combining electrical, mechanical and engineering principles. Students learn to design, build, program, and control robotic devices in both digital and physical environments.