

# Snyder Junior High School

7th and 8th Grade Elective Choices 2018-2019

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8th Grade	ELA Math Science American History Elective Choice Athletics or additional elective	Honors ELA Honors Math or Algebra I  **Students are placed in Honors ELA, Honors Math, or Algebra I based on a set of specific criteria.	Honors or STEAM ELA Honors or STEAM Math or Algebra I STEAM IPC Principles of Engineering American History AVID (by recommendation) Athletics or additional elective

# Requirements for Special Programs

Honors	STEAM Academy
<p>Students can request to be considered for Honors ELA or Math.</p> <p>Enrollment will be based on a set of criteria that includes grades, STAAR scores, and teacher recommendation.</p>	<p>Admission into the STEAM Academy is by application only and is based on work ethic, attitude, behavior, and attendance.</p> <p><b>**You must re-apply this year even if you were in the academy in 17-18.</b></p>

# Special Course Requirements

Algebra I	Honors ELA
<p>Students who are recommended for Algebra I must complete a summer learning program to be eligible for enrollment in the course.</p>	<p>Students who are recommended for Honors ELA will be required to complete a summer reading assignment. The reading assignments will be given to students before school releases for summer.</p>

# Band

In the band elective students build on basic music instruction from elementary school and learn to read music and play an instrument. Classes are divided up into brass, woodwind, and percussion, and are full year classes.



# Athletics or PE

Students are required to get at least one PE credit in either 7th or 8th grade. If a student is in athletics, this counts as their credit. Students who wish to play Football, Volleyball, Basketball, or Run Track should sign up for athletics. Students who wish to play Golf or Tennis should sign up for those individual sports.



# Choir

In the choir elective students build on basic music instruction from elementary school and learn to read music and sing with a group. Students learn to perform music in front of an audience as well.





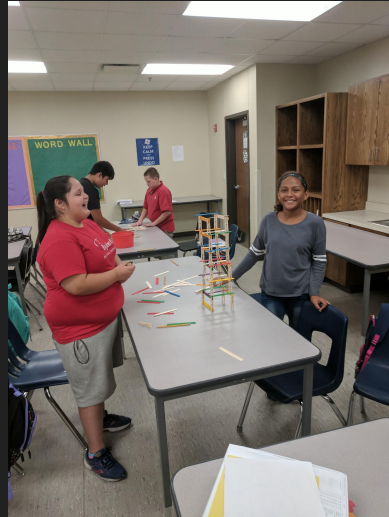
# Theatre

Theatre class teaches a student how to think about stories, understand the character, connect to the dramatic structure, and bring the character to life all while working together. They learn what goes into a production: costume, sounds, set, makeup, props etc. Other benefits of theatre is vocabulary development, memorizing and thinking fast when things don't go the way they should. (It's not just for actors!)



# STEAM Elective

In the STEAM elective, students use hands on investigation and inquiry to explore the basics of science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Students use project based learning and collaboration to solve real world problems with STEAM skills.



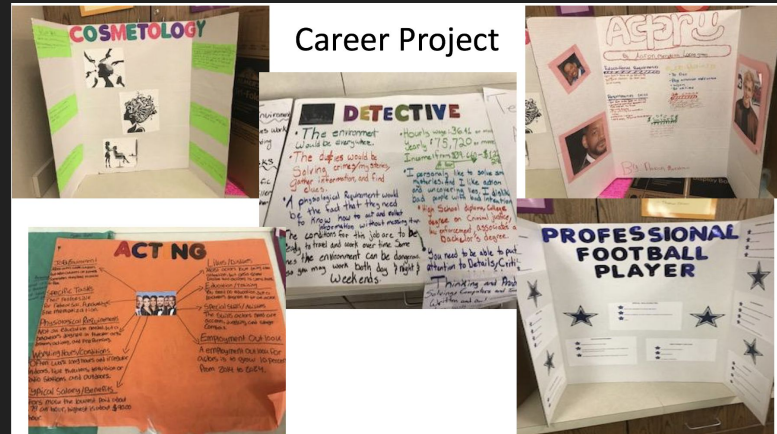
# Career Explorations

Career Explorations introduces students to a variety of career fields. Students learn about requirements and benefits of multiple fields. In addition, students explore their own personal preferences and aptitudes in order to help them make potential career matches.

## College Brochure Project



## Career Project



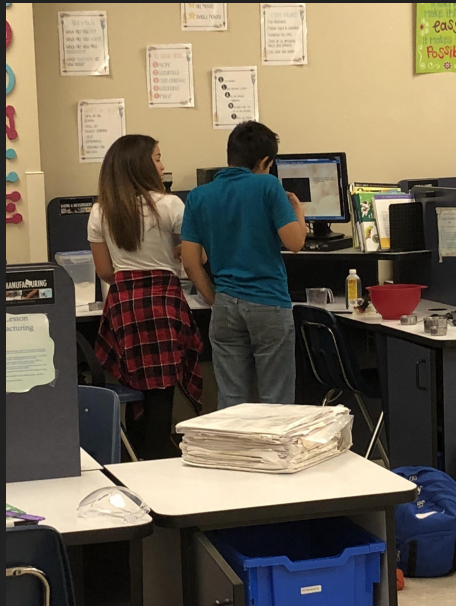
# Technology Elective

In the Technology Elective, students will begin with keyboarding instruction. Once they have mastered the keyboard, students will learn how to code and use the Google suite of apps for education.



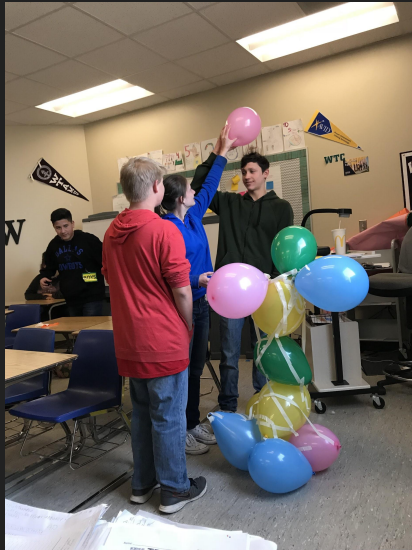
# Pitsco

In the Pitsco elective, students use hands on activities and collaborative learning to explore a variety of careers. The Pitsco labs use a combination of teacher centered and student-led rotations.



# AVID Elective - Application Only

AVID is a class designed to provide students the tools they need to be successful and prepared for college and career. In AVID students learn organization, inquiry, collaboration, and reading and writing skills and develop college knowledge and enthusiasm.



# Spanish I (8th Grade Only)

In Spanish, students learn the basics of verbal and written Spanish. Students who take this class will earn a high school credit.



8th Grade Only-

Can apply for the following:

- Yearbook Staff
- Office Aide
- Library Aide

Students will be selected based on work ethic, attitude, and behavior.



# Application Due Dates

STEAM Academy Applications will be due by Monday, May 7.

AVID Applications will be due by Monday, May 7.

**Turn in to your homeroom teacher.**

Yearbook and Library Aide Applications can be picked up in the library and will be due by Friday, May 18.

Office Aide applications can be picked up from Mrs. Terry and will be due on Friday, May 11.