

7th Grade Year Long & Exploratory Course Descriptions

Beginning Band Code: **MUI101** Length of course: **36 weeks**

The beginning band course is designed to introduce students to the following: basic instrumental music techniques such as tone production, articulation, breath control, pitch discrimination; melodic and rhythmic concepts and patterns; practice skills and habits; solo, ensemble and full group rehearsals; a variety of instrumental repertoire; opportunities for private instruction; experiences in performing; and sound practice habits. This course is offered to students in grades 6-7.

Intermediate Band M Code: **MUI102** Length of course: **36 weeks**

The intermediate band course is designed to acquaint students with intermediate to advanced instrumental music skills which include, but will not be limited to, the following content: intermediate to advanced level sight-reading skills; discrimination of pitch; absolute essentials for playing in tune; intermediate to advanced rhythm concepts and patterns; techniques for achieving the essentials of unity, balance, and contrast in performing instrumental music; the study of all major and minor scales; the opportunity of performing a variety of good musical repertoire; and listening skills development. This course is offered to students in grades 7-8.

***AVID** Code: **LAV101** Length of course: **36 weeks**

AVID is a class for 7/8th graders who meet certain criteria, apply and are accepted into the program. AVID is a program whose goal is to see that students eventually enroll in college. AVID candidates may not have always been successful in school or they have struggled because of poor organizational skills. They are students who have ability and who now want to develop the skills and behavior needed to be successful in challenging classes with the goal of going to college after high school. AVID class and special tutors support the students. AVID students take challenging mathematics and are encouraged to take a foreign language.

Creative Thinking Code: **AACE04** Length of course: **36 weeks**

Creative Thinking is a yearlong course for identified sixth grade talent pool (talented and gifted) students. TAG/Creative Thinking may be taken for just one semester or all year. The course emphasizes research methods and the completion of investigations and projects based on individual interests. The course is designed to teach independence and organizational skills and to develop the higher-level thinking skills of analysis, synthesis, and evaluation. Creative

Spanish I M Code: **FLS101** Length of course: **36 weeks**

German I M Code: **FLG101** Length of course: **36 weeks**

Read180 Code: **RED105** Length of course: **36 weeks**

Reading is a program designed to improve reading achievement for students reading below grade level. Read 180 combines reading instruction with effective use of technology. It offers students an opportunity to achieve reading fluency through a combination of instructional, modeled, and independent reading components.

Family & Consumer Science Code: **PTZ103** Length of course: **18 weeks**

The home economics course designed to provide students with basic skills needed in the home and as a basis for selection of future home economics courses. The course will acquaint students with laboratory safety, food preparation, basic nutrition, family relationships, housing and environmental resources, care giving for children and elderly, introduction to sewing machine, and basic sewing skills.

Art AB Code: **ARA103** Length of course: **18 weeks**

The Art 8 course is designed to develop essential art skills and to expand art experiences. This introduction to the elements and principals of design and art appreciation; focuses on a variety of media including painting, drawing, sculpture, and printmaking.

Computer Applications AB Code: **PTI103** Length of course: **18 weeks**

This class is focused on learning the essential computer skills needed in a student's future. A hands-on approach is used to create word processing documents, spreadsheets, charts and presentations using Microsoft Office as well as practicing file management and improving keyboarding skills. Other programs that may be explored are Adobe Photoshop Elements, Inspirations, and Geometers Sketchpad.

Humanities AB Code: **HUS103** Length of course: **18 weeks**

Students explore various areas of humanities, such as music, the fine arts, cultures, dance, and history. Students compare and contrast their experiences and life patterns with those of different times and cultures. Students work towards and appreciation of the many forms and areas of human achievement throughout a number of time periods and places. Students engage in hands on learning and projects and presentations.

Business Enterprise Code: **PTB 102** Length of course: **18 weeks**

Students learn aspects of business by improving keyboarding skills, using Word, Excel, Desktop Publishing, participating in a Stock Market Game, Street Law, and an introduction to accounting,.