

# Fairview Middle School

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Course Descriptions 2019-2020

*Courses are subject to change at any time.*

### **Business Technology**

**Grade 7:** Students will develop basic skills in introductory keyboarding, word processing, electronic presentation, computer hardware, internet, business applications, and worth ethic & workplace skills. Assistance in decision making in respect to academic & career goals will be emphasized. Internet permission forms are required for this course.

**Grade 8:** The CIW Internet Business Associate course prepared you to work effectively in today's computer-driven business environments. In this course, you will learn about the tasks involved in various Web technology job roles, and you will learn the skills & technology to perform them. This is a certification course.

### **Guitar**

**Grades 7 & 8:** This class is designed to introduce students to the basics of guitar technique and music reading through the study of a wide variety of musical styles. Guitars are provided.

### **Art**

**Grades 7 & 8:** This class is designed to enable students to develop a basic knowledge of artistic expression through the use of two and three dimensional media and the study of the history of art. This enables students to develop an appreciation and understanding of art, as well as an ability to produce and critique works of art.

### **Physical Education**

**Grades 7 & 8:** This course satisfies the 50-hour PE requirement for middle school students. It may include, but is not limited to, the opportunities to gain skills and knowledge in the following areas of Physical Education: knowledge of fitness concepts, body management skills, personal health and wellness, and physical activity.

### **Band**

**Grades 7 & 8:** Course level is dependent upon experience and/or audition. Students will be placed in leveled bands upon director recommendation and course availability. Basics of tone, rhythm, and music details and literature will be introduced and/or developed. **Performances, festivals, practice and rehearsals are required at all levels. Students must provide their own instruments.**

### **String Orchestra**

**Grades 7 & 8:** Designed for string students with playing experience: not a beginner course. This class emphasizes the fundamentals of string technique, ensemble playing, and music reading. Students should have at least 6 months playing experience to join; teacher recommendation is required. **All students must own or rent their instrument. Performances and rehearsals outside of the school day are required.**

### **Chorus**

**Grades 7 & 8:** Course level is dependent upon experience and/or audition. Students will be placed in leveled choirs upon director recommendation and course availability. Students will develop performance, music reading and listening skills, along with an understanding of vocal performance technique. **Performances, festivals, practice and rehearsals are required at all levels.** Students will be grouped by gender if scheduling allows.

### **French 1 / Spanish 1 / Chinese 1 (HSC)**

**Grades 7 & 8:** The purpose of each course is to enable students to begin to acquire proficiency in the chosen language through a linguistic, communicative, and cultural approach to language learning. Emphasis is placed on the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills and on acquisition of the fundamentals of applied grammar. Cross-cultural understanding is fostered and real-life applications are emphasized throughout the course. **Recommendation of current Foreign Language teacher or Language Arts teacher is required.**

### **French 2 / Spanish 2 / Chinese 2 (HSC)**

**Grade 8:** The purpose of this course is to enable students to enhance proficiency in the chosen language through a linguistic, communicative, and cultural approach to language learning. There is continued emphasis on the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills and on acquisition of the fundamentals of applied grammar. Cross-cultural understanding is fostered and real-life applications are emphasized throughout the course. **Pre-requisite is successful completion of Spanish 1 / French 1 / Chinese 1 (HSC) and recommendation of current Foreign Language teacher.**

### **Game & Computer Programming (HSC)**

**Grades 7 & 8:** Students in this course encounter the fundamental concepts and processes involved in various stages of creating their own video games. Students will become familiar with coding and programming through this certification course.