

DEERLAKE COURSE ELECTIVES FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Please note that some course are application-only. You will need to contact the school for an application if you need. High School Credit courses have grade criteria and performance criteria. Not all courses are available to all grade levels. Please refer back to the list sent out of electives by grade level for more information.

BAND 1, 2 or 3 - The band program offers instruction at the beginning, intermediate, and advanced level of instruction. Beginning Band requires no prior experience. Recommendation by the instructor is required for levels 2 and 3. This course may require some additional costs or fees and includes performances.

CHORUS 1, 2, or 3 - The choral program develops performance skills in voice, singing and self-expression. Chorus members participate in small and large group performances throughout the year. No audition or experience is necessary. Recommendation by the instructor is required for levels 2 and 3. This course may require some additional costs or fees

ORCHESTRA 1, 2, or 3- Students with or without instructional experience in playing stringed instruments are provided with further skills of their instrument and practice playing together as a group. (Limited to violin, viola, cello, and bass.) Recommendation by the instructor is required for levels 2 and 3. This course may require some additional costs or fees and includes performances.

GUITAR 1, 2, or 3- This course is designed to provide students (no experience necessary) with the fundamentals of playing the acoustic guitar and perform in a concert setting. Recommendation by the instructor is required for levels 2 and 3. This course may require some additional costs or fees.

ACTING 1 – High School Credit – Any eighth grader can take High School Credit Acting 1. There are no prerequisites. There are several production/performance opportunities, but they are all voluntary or in class.

THEATRE 1 or 2 - This course provides for the study of drama in performance, dialogue and improvisation. A lab fee may be required. Any 6th grader can take the Basic Theatre semester class. There will be a short performance at a chorus/beginning theatre showcase night at the end of the semester. All rehearsals and commitment are in class or voluntary. Any seventh grader can take Theatre 2, and there are no prerequisites necessary. There is a production opportunity for all students, but it is voluntary.

CREATIVE WRITING 1, 2, or 3 - Fantasy Literature - This class focuses on studying a range of classic fantasy novels at each grade level. Level 1: 6th grade includes: Mary Poppins, Peter Pan, The Children of Green Knowe, Pinocchio, and Fortunately the Milk. Level 2: 7th grade includes: Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland, Coraline, Narnia, and The Red Pyramid. Level 3: 8th grade includes: Harry Potter, The Wonderful Wizard

of Oz, The Lightning Thief and The Graveyard Book. No prerequisite, recommendation or fee is required.

ART 2D & 3D – High School Credit - This year-long high school credit course allows students to experiment with media and techniques used to design and construct 2D and 3D artworks.

ART = *Art World Cul-* The 6th grade semester-long art program focuses on learning how to properly use the more common materials in the Art room: scissors, glue, paper, markers, colored pencils, clay, glaze, yarn. We investigate craft and design with mandala inspired radial designs, sculptural cylinder creatures, ceramic pinch pots, paper masks, five pattern pictures, color theory, weaving, and word pictures. Art history is incorporated into project production when appropriate.

Expl 2D Art - The 7th grade semester-long art program builds on the skills and knowledge learned in the 6th grade program. An emphasis is placed on learning advanced drawing and coloring techniques and viewing design choices in a more mature way. Typical projects might include ceramic taco fish, American Hero artwork, tessallations, printmaking, weaving, paper maché, color theory, and pamphlet bookmaking.

JOURNALISM 1 or 2 – High School Credit - This is yearbook and Students will take pictures, create layouts, write text, sell advertisements, create a yearbook, sell and distribute yearbooks and meet deadlines. This class is a high school level journalism class and may require work outside of class covering sports and activities as well as design work that may occur during winter and spring breaks. This is an application-only course.

MATH RESEARCH 1, 2, or 3 - This is a math competition course by grade level: 1 is for 6th grade, 2 is for 7th grade, and 3 is for 8th grade. Students will learn higher level mathematics than what they learn in their regular math class and subjects that may not be covered in their regular class like: probability, number theory, algebra, geometry, problem solving strategies and tricks.

Students are selected for this course based on math competitions scores and is an application only course.

SPANISH 1- High School Credit - This course follows all high school curriculum requirements of first year of high school Spanish. Students must have a qualifying score on the FSA Reading, and the recommendation of their current language arts teacher.

SPANISH 2- High School Credit - This course follows the high school curriculum requirements of second year Spanish.

STEM –(1)STEM/WORLD for 6th grade, and (2) STEM/Expl ART 2D for 7th grade. Through science, technology, engineering and math students solve real world problems.

Students will develop their teamwork, collaboration, logical reasoning and communication skills through project-based learning. Appears as *INTRO ED & TRAIN* (6TH grade) or *CAREER RES & DEC* (7th grade)

STEM – STEM 3 - 8th grade students will investigate real world scenarios while building and programming robots, developing 3D design and printing skills, as well as exploring different programming languages. Collaboration skills are expanded by participating in groups where ideas can be generated and shared. Appears as *STEM PHYSIC SCI*

VIDEO PRODUCTION - Students will learn video production skills creating videos for the morning announcements as well as other Deerlake events. Students will learn technology skills through a variety of digital programs. This is an application only course. Appears as *PERS CAR SCH3*

INTERNET BUSINESS - This course is designed to teach students how to efficiently use a computer for education. Topics including: Typing Skills, Working on Word Processing software (Word), Working on Presentation software (PowerPoint), Using Cloud based software (Office 365 mainly), How to email professionally, and Internet Etiquette (netiquette). Appears as *ORIEN CAR & TECH OCCS*

PHYSICAL EDUCATION- The physical education program (P.E.) is designed to develop competencies in physical fitness, body-management skills, skills related to throwing, catching, and striking with the body, striking with objects and strategies. Uniform and lockers are required.