

Montford Middle School

Elective Course Descriptions



- **Agriculture 1** -- Students earn an industry level certification in Agriculture. They learn to farm, grow vegetables in a garden, go on nature hikes, and learn about sustainability. This course is a full year course.
- **Agriculture 2** – For students who have successfully completed Agriculture 1 and want to continue the agriculture progress. This is a full year course.
- **Art** - This course is designed to allow students with a basic understanding of the artistic expression of ideas through 2D and 3D media. We offer a semester long art class for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.
- **Art 3D***- This course is a full year course. This high school credit course allows students to experiment with media and techniques used to design and construct 3D artworks, including sketching, casting, carving, modeling, and assembling in such medias as wire, wood, clay, papier-mâché, and found objects. **This elective requires an application and selection process.**
- **Band**- Band is for all students who wish to learn how to play a wind or percussion instrument. There are three levels of band. Beginning Band (or Band 1) requires no prior experience, and all first-time band students will be placed in Band 1. Band 2 and 3 require experience with the band program. Band involves group and solo playing, as well as a few performances outside of the school day. This course may require some additional costs or fees such as instrument rentals, instrument supplies, and a method book. Contact the director with any questions or financial concerns. This course is a full year course
- **Chorus**- The choral program develops performance skills in voice, ensemble singing, and self-expression. Chorus members participate in small and large group performances throughout the year. They can also participate in District and State competitions if interested. This course is a full year course that may have additional costs or fees to offset uniform rentals, music and transportation.
- **Drama (7 & 8th Only)**- The drama course provides the study of theater in performance, dialogue, improvisation, confidence building and more. Drama is open to any 7-8th grader and can be taken more than once since no class is exactly the same and the experience is different with new classmates.
- **Guitar (7 & 8th Only)**– This course is designed to provide students (no experience necessary) with the fundamentals of playing the acoustic guitar and perform in a concert setting. The guitars are provided, however, a fee may be required. This course is only one semester long.
- **Piano (7 & 8th Only)**- This course is designed for students to develop electric piano and keyboarding skills in a lab setting. The basics of music reading will be taught, along with some more modern approaches to piano playing. No prior experience is required as this is a beginning level piano course. Students may be asked to purchase a method book for the class. This course is only one semester long
- **Music Theatre 1 or 2***- This is a high school credit elective focusing upon all aspects of music theatre production, including singing, set design, costume creation, action, direction, and cultivating an appreciation for the art of music theatre. This class is a combination of

Advanced Chorus and Drama. Requires an application with an audition. Music Theatre I is for first year students and Music Theatre II is for 2nd year students. A fee will be required. Auditions usually are the week after Spring Break. Please contact the teacher for any questions. **This elective requires an audition.** This course is a full year course.

- **Orchestra**- Students with no experience or some instructional experience in playing stringed instruments are provided with further skills of their instrument and receive practice in playing together as a group (limited to violin, viola, cello, and bass.) Students are placed according to their ability on their chosen instrument. This course may come with some additional costs or fees for instrument and uniform rentals. This course is a full year course.
- **Physical Education**- The physical education program (P.E.) provides exposure to a variety of motor skills, and knowledge of fitness concepts related to movement patterns and performance. Students will learn how the value of physical activity enhances health, wellness, challenge, self-expression, and appropriate social interaction. Students will be required to dress in a functional physical education uniform to participate. Uniform and lockers are required. This course is only one semester long, but students can choose to take it for the full year.
- **6th Grade Spanish** - This is an introduction to Spanish basics and culture. This course is only one semester long.
- **Spanish 1*** - This course follows the high school curriculum requirements of first year Spanish. Students must have qualifying score on the FSA Reading, the signature of their current Language Arts teacher. **This elective requires a passing Spanish Prognosis Test.** This course is a full year course.
- **Spanish 2*** - This course follows the high school curriculum requirements of second year Spanish. Students must earn a B or higher in Spanish 1 to qualify for this course. This course is a full year course.
- **Digital Tools*** – (7th Grade Only)** Students earn digital tool certificates in Gaming Essentials, Multimedia Essentials, and Web Design Essentials. After completion of certificates, students will explore the basics of computer programming. This course is a full year course.
- **Weight Training (7th & 8th Grade only)** – This course is a semester long and meets the requirement for Physical education. This course will focus on strength training and proper weight lifting technique.
- **WordPress** - (8th Grade only)** WordPress Certified Editor Certification is an industry recognized credential that helps aspiring web-editing professionals improve their hiring potential by building knowledge with one of the most powerful web builder tools on the market today. WordPress is designed for you to create media-rich pages and posts and to control their layout with ease.
- **Yearbook**- A team of students who compile, organize, and complete the MMS yearbook under the careful observation of the yearbook advisor. Students will take pictures, create layouts, write text, sell advertisements, create a yearbook sales drive, etc. **This elective requires an application and acceptance by Ms. Bell.** This course is a full year course.

* Signifies a course which is a High School Credit course. It will be included on the high school transcript and the grade will be included in the high school GPA calculation. ** Signifies a course which earns an industry level certification. *** Signifies a course which earns a digital tool certification.