

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Course Descriptions...2020-21 School Year

Some elective choices require teacher approval and/or interviews. *We are deeply committed to academic success and high school readiness for every Crusader, it is possible that your student will be placed in a support class as their elective instead of an option below. This decision will be based upon their standardized test scores, grades, and teacher/counselor recommendation. Please review and discuss these courses with your student, they will be able to prioritize their first, second, and third choices. These choices will be taken into consideration*

**ASB Leadership**—(1 yearlong) Requires Teacher Approval. The Associated Student Body (A.S.B.) class is designed for those students who wish to develop their leadership skills. Students will be involved in planning, organizing, and leading activities designed to encourage school spirit and academic success. Leadership instruction will educate students on how to be influential, inclusive, and support their peers as positive role models. *Application required*

**AVID** (1 yearlong) Application Required. Advancement Via Individual Determination is an elective that prepares students for high school and college. Students participate in study groups, team building activities, field trips, and goal setting. Acceptance is based on a combination of teacher recommendation, test scores, grades, and motivation.  
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**TV & Video Production CTE** Students produce Crusader News and learn the fundamentals of film making using a fully equipped studio. Students represent Crusader Pride and Spirit on campus. Space is limited as the class is offered only during first period. Note: This class has a modified start time. Students must be at school early.

**Studio Art** Based on the California Visual and Performing Arts Standards. Students draw, paint, do printmaking, 3-dimensional designs, and collage. Abstract and Modern Art History from the 20<sup>th</sup> century is emphasized.

**Technology CTE** Project based learning with technology to prepare for college and careers. Including: research/presentation skills, coding/analytics, graphic communications, and digital arts. Students complete projects using Adobe Creative Cloud in a Windows/Mac lab.

**Graphic Arts/Yearbook CTE** (1 yearlong) This class is responsible for the Yearbook. Students will learn principles of graphic arts and, produce the yearbook and submit projects to local and national competitions. Those interested are encouraged to apply! See Ms. Hobbs for more information. Space is limited.

**Computer Application CTE**(1 yearlong) This class will learn advanced topics in information and communications technology including programming microprocessors, building and programming autonomous robots, 3D design and printing, game design and theory, web technologies and the internet of things. An "A" or "B" in math is required.

**Advanced Art** (1 yearlong) Requires Teacher Approval. The full-year advanced 8<sup>th</sup> grade art program is a comprehensive study of the California Visual Arts Standards. Placement requires completion of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Studio Art program. Students will study Renaissance Art up through the Modern Abstract Art of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Advanced drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, and collage are emphasized. Students are required to keep a journal recording each project, concepts taught, and personal reflections.

**Intermediate Band** (1 yearlong) Requires Band Teacher Approval and at least one year of playing your instrument. Intermediate Band is an elective that prepares students for advance band. Students build on prior years of music techniques. Students participate in large group ensemble performance, developing sight-reading abilities, individual technical development, goal setting and participation in several field trips. Daily/weekly practice is required for success.

**Advanced Band** (1 yearlong) Requires Band Teacher Approval and one to two years of band experience. Advance Band is an elective that prepares students for high school and the possibility of participation in marching band activities in the future. Students participate in large group ensemble, sight-reading abilities, individual technical development, goal setting and participation in several performances and field trips. Daily/weekly practice is required for success.

**Spanish I** (1 yearlong) Requires Teacher Approval. Equivalent to high school course. Students receive an introduction to the language, culture, geography, and lifestyles of people throughout the Spanish-speaking world. Emphasis on listening, speaking, reading and writing skills provide the foundation for Spanish II. An "A" or "B" in Language Arts is required.

**Spanish Spk I** (1 yearlong) Requires Teacher Approval. Equivalent to high school course. Students who already speak and understand Spanish will develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in their native language. The course provides a more formal command of the native language, a higher level of proficiency in communication, and an appreciation of the Hispanic cultures and social heritages. An "A" or "B" in Language Arts is required.

**Photography CTE** (1 yearlong) An introduction to digital photography using digital cameras and basic image editing software. This course explores the elements of art, principles of design, and photographic composition. This course also explores lighting techniques, digital image manipulation, and career skills. Students will learn to analyze visual media critically and to communicate with intention through their photographs.

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