



Shepherd Junior High Course Catalog

Year: 2022-2023
Report: CRS201

Introduction to Art

AR 01 Introduction to Art
Difficulty: Low 1 - 2 Sem.

A beginning course in art, introducing the student to basic principles and elements of design and exposing the student to a variety of media and techniques. These could include drawing, painting, sculpture, and ceramics.

AR01

AVID - 8th Grade

Second Semester of:
AV08 - AVID - 8th grade
Difficulty: Average

AVID is a junior through senior high school college readiness system designed to prepare self-determined students who have demonstrated average achievement for college readiness. The program enrolls students in rigorous courses and provides them with intensive support to ensure their success. The major component is a daily AVID elective class that students must attend. During this class, students receive training in effective note taking, organizational, and goal-setting strategies. Extensive writing and reading instruction is also provided. AVID students are academically capable students who would typically be the first in their families to attend college. Placement is done through an application process.

AV082

Drawing and Painting

AR 03 Drawing and Painting
Difficulty: Average 1 - 2 Sem.

Prerequisite: AR 01 Recommended

Students will develop skills in realistic drawings of figures, still life and landscape. Projects could include watercolor, scratchboard, acrylic and tempera paintings, printmaking and numerous drawing media.

AR03

Sculpture and Ceramics

AR 04 Sculpture and Ceramics
Difficulty: Average 1 - 2 Sem.

Prerequisite: AR 01 Recommended

Includes a wide variety of techniques and processes of three dimensional art forms. Projects could include plaster, clay, woodcarving, fibers, leather-tooling and copper enameling, paper maché and soft sculpture.

AR04

CB 05 Animation Studio

Prerequisite: CB 02

1 Sem.

Animation Studio explores the history, concepts and techniques of computer animation. From storyboarding to final production, students will create 2D and 3D animations and videos using graphics, animation, web editing, and digital video software.

Computer Graphics

AR 10 Computer Graphics
Difficulty: Average 1 - 2 Sem.

This course gives the student the opportunity to apply their art talents while learning the features of a computer graphics program. Topics in this project-based course include using the paint tools, working with objects in the draw layer, the effective use of color perspective drawing, three-dimensional figures, and the role of geometry in art. Projects could range from drawing a cartoon face to applying the principles of perspective in designing a cityscape.

AR10

Computer Programming & App Developm

CB06

New course beginning 16-17 school year
CB06 Computer Programming & App Development
Difficulty: Average - High

Prerequisite: CB02

Students will explore and learn foundational skills for computer science by focusing on creativity and the design process as they create their own basic apps using MIT App Inventor. In addition, students will venture into text programming through Python, and develop an app and video game which will build computational thinking and problem solving skills. This course is a great opportunity for students to explore the computer science field and create computer programs and video games that can be deployed on digital devices.

Introduction to Digital Photography

AR 19 Introduction to Digital Photography
Difficulty: Average 1 - 2 Sem.

Prerequisite: AR 10 Recommended

This course introduces students to digital photography and manipulation, including the use of a digital camera, an introduction to a photographic editing program, the use of a scanner, various tricks and techniques for editing digital photographs, design and composition.

AR19

Future Possibilities

CE02

New course 2019-2020
Course Title: CE 02 Future Possibilities
1 Semester

This course will give students hands-on learning opportunities to explore future possibilities in careers related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) fields such as engineering, information technology and healthcare. They will also learn and apply other skills necessary to be successful in school, college and career, such as collaboration, communication and problem solving

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AV081

Future Chefs

FS14

FS 14 Future Chefs
1 Sem.

This course is for students who are interested in developing cooking and baking skills. Students will learn about food choices, food preparation, nutrition, kitchen safety and careers. These future chefs will be able to manage kitchen responsibilities and prepare basic recipes.



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Foods, Cooking and Culinary Basics

FS15

FS 15 Culinary Basics

1 Sem.

Through cooking and baking, this course will offer students the opportunity to learn about the culinary arts industry and careers in hospitality. Students will learn about food selection, nutrition, kitchen management, and equipment use and safety through demonstrations and lab experiences.

Advanced Band

MU212

Second Semester of:

MU 21 Advanced Band

Difficulty: Average-High 2 Sem.

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation/audition

A performance-oriented class for the advanced band student with several years of performing experience. Advanced musical concepts and performance techniques will be reinforced through performance. This ensemble will prepare and perform concerts each semester, some of which may be other than during school hours. Special concert attire may be worn. Placement is by teacher recommendation/audition.

Novice Mixed Choir

MU03

MU 03 Novice Mixed Choir

1 - 2 Sem.

A performance-oriented course with emphasis on vocal music reading,

correct vocal production, and performance. Basic fundamentals of music are stressed. This ensemble will prepare and perform concerts each

semester, some of which may be other than during school hours. Special concert attire may be worn.

Concert Orchestra

MU251

First Semester of:

MU 25 Concert Orchestra

Difficulty: Average 2 Sem.

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation/audition

MU 25 is an orchestra class which reinforces correct string techniques.

Students will be introduced to shifting and vibrato skills.

The study of music theory is included. This ensemble will prepare and perform concerts each semester, some of which may be other than during school hours. Special concert attire may be worn.

Placement is by teacher recommendation/audition.

Novice Tenor/Bass Choir

MU05

MU 05 Novice Tenor/Bass Choir

1 - 2 Semesters

A performance-oriented course with emphasis on the basic fundamentals of music, vocal music reading, correct vocal production, and performance. This ensemble will prepare and perform concerts each

semester, some of which may be other than during school hours. Special concert attire may be worn.

Concert Orchestra

MU252

Second Semester of:

MU 25 Concert Orchestra

Difficulty: Average 2 Sem.

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation/audition

MU 25 is an orchestra class which reinforces correct string techniques.

Students will be introduced to shifting and vibrato skills.

The study of music theory is included. This ensemble will prepare and perform concerts each semester, some of which may be other than during school hours. Special concert attire may be worn.

Placement is by teacher recommendation/audition.

Beginning Guitar

MU08

Change from MU29 beginning 17-18

MU 08 Beginning Guitar

Difficulty: Beginning 1 Sem.

Prerequisites: Must have access to classical or acoustic guitar

MU 08 introduces the guitar and playing techniques for the instrument.

The course, designed for beginners, includes note reading, rhythms and basic guitar skills. Public performance is a possibility.

Musical Theatre

MU36

MU 36 Musical Theater

Difficulty: Average 1-2 Sem.

Prerequisites: Drama, Dance, or Chorus Class

This auditioned group is designed for students with previous performing arts experience. The course introduces the history of musical theater first semester and the opportunity to perform a musical second semester. Students will receive instruction in dance, drama, and singing (vocal techniques) throughout the course.

Beginning Dance

PE22

PE 22 Beginning Dance

Difficulty: Average 1 Sem.

Introduces a wide variety of dance styles. Each semester provides units in ballet, jazz, aerobic, popular and modern dance. Also included in this program is an emphasis on technique, body mechanics and composition. Participation in a fall or spring dance concert is highly encouraged.

Advanced Band

MU211

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Weight Training and Body Conditioning

PE25

PE 25 Weight Training and Body Conditioning

Difficulty: Average 1 - 2 Sem.

Designed for students who wish to improve their physical strength, appearance and well-being. Emphasis is on the use of weights, but the course will also include instruction in aerobic conditioning.



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Physical Education - General Elective PE30

PE 30 Physical Education - General Elective
1 Sem.

This course is designed to provide students instruction in specific areas of interest as an elective course at each junior high school. Elective offerings are based on interest of the students and training of the instructors.

Spanish Level A WL201A

New Course Starting 2011/2012

1st Semester of:

WL 20A Spanish Level A

Difficulty: Average 1 - 2 Sem.

Introduces students to the basic vocabulary and grammar of the language and components of the culture of the countries in which the language is spoken. Prepares student to begin to read, write, speak and understand the language. This course, when followed by Language Level B, is designed to meet level I course objectives.

Spanish Level B WL201B

New Course Starting 2011/2012

1st Semester of:

WL 20B Spanish Level B

Difficulty: Average 1 - 2 Sem.

Enhances basic vocabulary and grammar, as well as, components of the culture of the countries in which the language is spoken. Students refine their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills to prepare for the placement exam administered in the spring of 8th grade. This course, when preceded by Language Level A, is designed to meet level I objectives.