

FISHER MIDDLE SCHOOL



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7th Grade
2023 - 2024 Enrichments

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Band (full year, previous experience required)



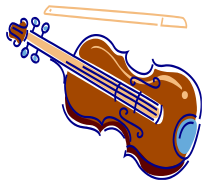
Membership is open to all students who have successfully completed Grade 6 Band Class and receives a teacher recommendation. The primary focus is on the expansion of the techniques introduced in 6th grade. All students will attend a weekly group lesson. There are two required performances for this ensemble (winter concert and spring concert).

Choir (full year)

Any student interested in singing a variety of music from classical and folk to jazz and pop is invited to join Choir. Focus is also given to developing good singing technique, music theory, performance technique, and ear training. There are two required performances for this ensemble (winter concert and spring concert).



Orchestra (full year, previous experience required)



Membership is open to all students who have successfully completed Grade 6 Orchestra class with teacher recommendation. Students will develop and polish technical skills related to their string instrument through a variety of repertoire. All students are required to attend a weekly lesson. There are two required performances for this ensemble (winter concert and spring concert).

Honors Symphony Orchestra (full year)

Prerequisite: Audition - Teacher Recommendation

This is the advanced ensemble which is made up of students who have attained a high degree of proficiency on their instrument. Student's selection to this class will be greatly influenced by the student's past record of personal discipline, dedication, sense of commitment and their ability to function as a member of a team. Elements of music are approached through exercises of increasing difficulty which present challenging, interesting, and enriching performances. All students will attend a weekly group lesson. All students are required to perform in all scheduled concerts. All students are required to be a member of their grade level band/orchestra to participate.



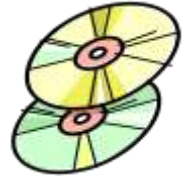
Exploring Musical Theatre



This class will explore famous Broadway musicals while students discover the people and processes involved in the production of a musical. Students will learn about the history of musicals, jobs in musical theatre, acting and stage terms and watch select famous musicals. Students will participate in acting exercises, improvisation, performing short scenes, as well as writing and starring in their own creations. This class is recommended for students who are considering participation in the Spring Musical at FMS.

Music Technology

During the semester, students will learn about the science of sound and music. Students will also learn how to use editing program BandLab to create original music, and other projects such as podcasts. Students will also learn basic music theory for use with the Samsung M25 MIDI keyboard, which works directly with BandLab.



Guitar I



This course is available to any student who has an interest in learning how to play the guitar, how to read music and how basic music theory works.

Coding 7

Students will learn computer science fundamentals and basic coding concepts. In addition to learning about programming and algorithms, students build career awareness, recognize the role and impact of programming, and strengthen their digital skills.

Digital Content Creation

Students will learn how to apply existing knowledge to operate and manipulate new tools to efficiently and effectively produce and share content. They will demonstrate the ability to use different techniques and technical skills to create and communicate.

2D Art

In this course, students will explore the Studio Habits of Mind to apply the elements of art and principles of design to create two-dimensional and digital works. Students will use their creative problem solving skills to create paintings, drawings, collages, and digital artwork. They will develop an understanding of art history, art appreciation, and art analysis.

3D Art

In this course, students will explore the Studio Habits of Mind to apply the elements of art and principles of design to create three-dimensional designs as well as larger-scale installations. Students will put their creativity to the test in this class when they build product models, clay and recycled sculptures, and transform the spaces around them. They will develop an understanding of art history, art appreciation, and art analysis.

You and the Law



This course provides an opportunity for students to examine legal issues that impact the lives of United States citizens today. Issues can range from civil liberties, gun control, censorship, immigration reform, and speech. Students will also examine the role government has on an individual. Does the government have too much control? Does the government do too much? Does the government not do enough for its citizens? Students will debate, research and discuss both historical and current topics which are relevant.

****All 7th Grade students must take one of the following World Language courses. ****

Spanish I - Part 1A

This course is offered as part one of a two-part series. This course is designed for the students that have chosen to study the Spanish language at Fisher Middle School. Each unit consists of a new vocabulary theme and grammar concept, reading and listening comprehension activities, speaking and writing activities, multimedia cultural presentations, and interactive activities and practices which reinforce vocabulary and grammar. Use of the target language in the four modalities of speaking, reading, writing, and listening will be required so that students can begin their journey on the path to second language acquisition and proficiency. Students who pass Spanish I- Part 1 with 80% or higher are eligible for the full-year Spanish - Part 2 in 8th grade.

French I - Part 1A

This course is offered as part one of a two-part series. This course is designed for the students that have chosen to study the French language at Fisher Middle School. Each unit consists of a new vocabulary theme and grammar concept, reading and listening comprehension activities, speaking and writing activities, multimedia cultural presentations, and interactive activities and practices which reinforce vocabulary and grammar. Use of the target language in the four modalities of speaking, reading, writing, and listening will be required so that students can begin their journey on the path to second language acquisition and proficiency. Students who pass French I- Part 1 with 80% or higher are eligible for the full-year French I- Part 2 in 8th grade.