



Apex Middle School 2020-2021 Seventh Grade Elective Information



Career & Technical Education

Course Name	Description
Introduction to Office Productivity Applications / Office Productivity (Semester)	Prerequisite: Keyboarding Students use application software common in the workplace: word processing, presentation, spreadsheet, database and desktop publishing and Google Applications.
Keyboarding & Basic Word Processing / Intro to Office (Semester)	Students learn the touch method of keyboarding, computer knowledge, basic word processing and document formatting skills. In 7th Grade, this is paired with Introduction to Office Productivity.
Exploring Engineering and Design I & II (Semester)	Workplace readiness skills including the process that is used to design and develop inventions and innovations. Students use 3D modeling, coding, and hands-on design processes to build prototypes using the Engineering Design Process.
Exploring Technology Systems I & II	Students are involved in activities and experiences where they learn about brainstorming, visualizing, modeling, constructing, testing, experimenting, and refining designs. Students also develop skills in researching for information, communicating design information, and reporting results.
Understanding Personal Finance-Hospitality (Semester)	CONSUMER FOCUS: Personal finance and resource management, food service and hospitality. This class is paired with Apparel and Finance.
Exp Interpersonal Relationships - Childcare (Semester)	FAMILY FOCUS: child development & education. Students are eligible to receive the American Red Cross babysitter certification. Basic food prep, nutrition, kitchen safety are taught. This class is paired with Exploring Nutrition and Wellness.
Exploring Economic Systems/ Business Activities (Semester)	Discover economic systems impact on businesses. Various components of business operations, marketing, and advertising. Students learn how to set realistic goals for their future.
Computer Science Discoveries/ Exploring Business & Entrepreneurship (Semester)	Introduction to computer sciences used as a medium for creativity, communication and problem-solving. Focus is on the visible aspects of computing and computer science. Learn the principles and risks of owning, operating your own business.

Fine Arts

Course Name	Description
Chorus (Semester)	Students apply correct singing technique and various elements of musical expression through developmentally appropriate and historic vocal literature. Students learn how to use traditional notation in order to learn music, and to respond correctly to conductors' gestures both in rehearsal and public performance. Students will study vocal music and its relationship to other cultures, eras and geographical locations. Students in this class should anticipate evening performances.
Concert Chorus (Year-Long Course)	Students will continue to apply correct singing technique, study vocal health issues and various elements of musical expression through developmentally appropriate and historic vocal literature. Students will use traditional notation in order to learn music, and to respond correctly to conductors' gestures both in rehearsal and public performance. Students in this class may be asked to represent the school in public performances and should anticipate some after-school practices and evening performances.
Intermediate Band (Year-Long Course)	This class is a continuation of the skills taught in Beginning Band with further development of tone production, breath support, and music reading. Students are introduced to performance skills and techniques. They are encouraged to perform as individuals and as members of an ensemble. Students should anticipate some after-school practices and evening performances.
Pottery Sculpture 18 Weeks (Semester)	Three-dimensional artwork using materials such as wire, wood, paper, clay, plaster, fabric, paper mâché and found objects to create sculptures.
Visual Composition 18 Weeks (Semester)	Learn about the elements and principles of art through creating two-dimensional artwork such as drawing, painting, mixed-media, and printmaking. Explore various cultures and art history.

World Languages

Course Name	Description
Beginning Spanish 18 Weeks (Semester)	Part 1 of the Spanish curriculum series for HS credit. Students will learn to introduce themselves and communicate important information about themselves including age, birthday, likes, dislikes, and personality/ physical description.

Elective Choices

Course Length	Choose
18 Weeks (Semester)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 - 18 week courses • 2 - 18 week alternates
1 Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 - year long class • 2 - 18 week alternates

***Elective classes are subject to change per district guidelines.**