



Apex Middle School

2020-2021

Eighth Grade Elective Information



Career & Technical Education

Course Name	Description
Exploring Engineering & Design (Semester)	Students use a series of steps to design and develop inventions and innovations. Students analyze the positive and negative impacts of these designs, including environmental impacts, cultural impacts, economic impacts, and more.
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.
Exploring Technology Systems (Semester)	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.
Exploring Interpersonal Relationships / Childcare (Semester)	FAMILY FOCUS: child development & education. Students are eligible to receive the American Red Cross babysitter certification. Basic food prep, nutrition, and kitchen safety. This class is paired with Exploring Nutrition and Wellness.
Keyboarding / Exploring Business Procedures and Leadership (Semester)	Students learn the touch method of keyboarding, computer knowledge, basic word processing and document formatting skills. Students will also learn business etiquette, communication skills, and employment trends.

Fine Arts

Course Name	Description
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.
Advanced Band (Year-Long Course)	A wide variety of band literature is studied to give the students experience in various musical styles. Technical drills, scale studies, rhythm studies, and sight reading exercises are used to advance the student's skills, knowledge, and reading ability in music. Students should anticipate some after-school practices and evening performances.
Pottery Sculpture (Semester)	Three-dimensional artwork using materials such as wire, wood, paper, clay, plaster, fabric, paper mâché and found objects to create sculptures.
Visual Composition (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
Advanced Spanish (Year-Long Course)	PREREQUISITE: Beginning Spanish. Students will continue to learn vocabulary and grammatical structures to allow them to communicate about themselves, their families, their school, their community and their food preferences. Students who complete this course successfully and pass the exit exam may take Spanish II at the HS level.

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**