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**The Roaring 20s**— Learn about how North Carolina was affected by national changes during this tumultuous time in history! The Great Depression, Immigration, Suffrage, and other topics, as well as cultural changes that were happening at the time will be studied.

**Youth and the Law**— How does the law affect you? Through “peer simulations” of trials, video examples, and guest speakers, you’ll get a taste all the different aspects of the legal system. Learn about civil and criminal law, the court system, youth rights and responsibilities and consequences of actions or decisions.

### **Support**

*Courses in this category are by teacher nomination ONLY.*

**Guided Study**—A class period within the school day to benefit students who are struggling with skills such as organization, note taking, study skills, test taking skills, and more. Students are identified by teacher teams as needed.

### **Math Support**

- **Math Acceleration**— A course designed for students who need additional instruction and support in grade level math skills, problem-solving strategies, and mathematical thinking. Activities focus on using manipulatives, cooperative work, and technology to help students gain knowledge and confidence in mathematics.
- **Math Lab**—This course supports students in CC 6+, CC 7+, and CCM 1 courses. Students may practice foundational concepts critical to mastery coursework, preview concepts before they are presented in class, and/or receive additional support with class work. The ultimate goal of this support course is to enable students to maintain growth and progress in their math course without the support of Math Lab.

**Reading Acceleration**—A course designed for students who need additional instruction and support in comprehension, vocabulary, and reading skills. Students will have extra opportunities to self-select texts and set individual goals for reading fiction and nonfiction texts.

**SucceSSS: Super Student Study Skills**—This course incorporates foundational academic skills into one elective that’s fit for all levels of learner! Improve your organization. Build better study habits and test-taking strategies. Learn and practice effective ways to collect information, develop research projects, take notes, and review material. Learn how to manage your time so your time doesn’t manage you!

## **Theatre Arts**

### **Magnet Acting**

- **Level I**—(Formerly called Introduction to Acting) In this course, students will explore characters and situations through their creative resources using theatre games and extended improvisational situation and prepared scripts. They begin to understand the proper use of voice and diction. This course includes an overview of the historical development of the actor’s art.

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- **Level II**—*Successful completion of Level I and/or previous theatre experience required.* Students continue developing their acting skills with more challenging projects in dialogue, pantomime, improvisation, speech, diction, and role play. They develop specific skills that allow them to study and create characters for the stage. Students should anticipate some after-school practices and evening performances.

**Magnet Introduction to Theatre**—Learn the basics of all aspects of theatre production! In this course you will study acting, directing, design, and playwriting. Most activities are hands-on and participation every day is expected—from Greek Theatre to a behind the scenes look at *The Lion King*—you will collaborate and create multiple projects while learning to develop creative skills as a theatre artist.

**Magnet Playwriting**—*Previous theatre experience required.* Learn the craft of playwriting! In this course you will study plot, characterization, theatricality, and other elements of the playwright's craft. You'll examine great playwrights Arthur Miller, Henrik Ibsen, August Wilson, Anna Devere Smith, Anton Chekhov, Wendy Wasserstein, Tennessee Williams, and others. The course functions as a playwriting workshop as students present exercises in class to be discussed by their peers. Utilizing techniques learned, students will begin work on short plays to be featured in staged performances at the end of the course.

### **Magnet Technical Theatre**

- **Level I**—*Limited to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students only.* Learn the basic concepts of technical theatre including stagecraft, lighting, and sound. See how the backstage work makes the onstage magic happen!
- **Level II**—*Successful completion of Level I required.* Continue the study of stagecraft with more hands-on experience with scenic design and construction. An active course where students build the world of the play!
- **Level III**—*Successful completion of Level II required.* The real magic of theatre is created by the lighting and sound magicians...seeing and hearing is believing! Learn to make it happen!

### **Video Production**

- **Beginning**—In this course you will learn different aspects of how video is created and produced and for what purposes. Critical view is emphasized. Historical aspects of video production will be studied. Writing, research, and storyboard techniques will be used throughout the class. Hands-on learning is blended with reflective opportunities to study for next steps in projects.
- **Advanced**—*Successful completion of Beginning Level.* This course expands on skills learned in the Beginning Level to support production of the daily news broadcast, MMS News.

## **Visual Arts**

**Magnet Advanced Design 2-D**—*By nomination only.* This advanced level course emphasizes the principles of art and design to achieve strong compositions. Advanced work will feature multiple approaches to creative problem-solving using a variety of two-dimensional mediums such as collage, graphic design, painting, and photography. Students will be challenged to work with others and contribute to the collaborative process. They will