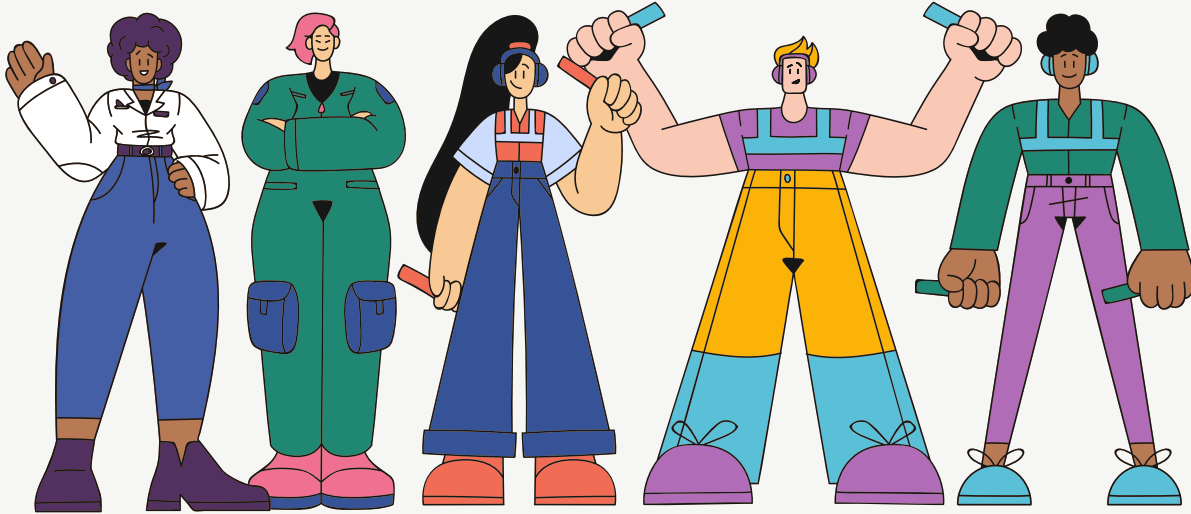


# MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVE COURSES

ELECTIVE COURSE OFFERINGS FOR THE 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR



## 2D STUDIO ART GRADES 6-8

Do you like to draw, paint, or take pictures? Whatever medium you prefer, this course will teach you the design elements and principles needed to create a work of art and explore your artistic inspirations. You'll also travel back in time to look at art in different cultures and learn about the art of critiquing. Let's turn your creative dreams into reality!

## ANIMATION GRADES 6-8

Across the decades, there have been many legendary animated characters, but now is the time for YOU to breathe life into the next great animation! In this course, you will explore the history of animation to understand it's evolution. You'll also learn the essentials of character development, color theory and design, and the principles of animation while applying your unique animation style to your own animated character. All of your hard work will culminate in your artist's portfolio so you can show off your hard work. Let's create a new life!

## DRAMA GRADES 6-8

Welcome to Middle School Drama, where creativity takes center stage! Students dive into acting, improv, and storytelling, building confidence and teamwork through fun games and performances. They explore the magic of character creation and behind-the-scenes stagecraft. Every class is an adventure, culminating in exciting performances that showcase their newfound skills. Get ready to shine and have a blast on stage!

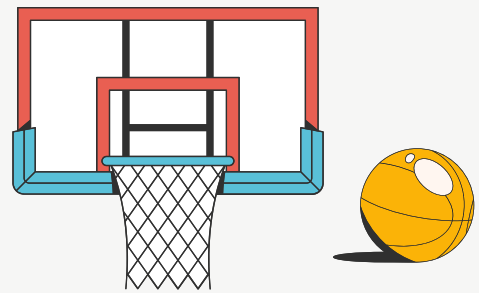
## MUSIC GRADES 6-8

What comes to mind when you hear the word 'music'? Do you think about your favorite band or artist? In this course, you'll learn about how we hear music; how music affects our lives; essential elements of music like rhythm, pitch, and harmony; different musical genres; singing and your voice; various instruments; music composition; and the history and culture of music over the years.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADES 6-8

Jump into our middle school PE course, where students explore dance, team sports, and lifetime fitness activities. They'll learn essential health principles and fun fitness concepts like strength training and aerobics, building skills for an active lifestyle. Each class is an adventure, with activities that students can enjoy today and carry into the future. Through goal setting and fitness tests, they'll track progress and celebrate accomplishments. By the end, students will be fit, confident, and ready to stay active for life!



## PHYSICAL FITNESS GRADES 6-8

In our fun and engaging PF course, students will learn essential fitness skills and make positive decisions to stay active and safe. They'll set fitness goals through exciting lessons and activities and track their progress with daily Fitness Plans and Logs. This course introduces important aspects of physical health, ensuring students are informed and confident in their fitness journey. By the end, they'll be equipped to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle as teenagers and beyond. Get ready to stay active, set goals, and have a blast!

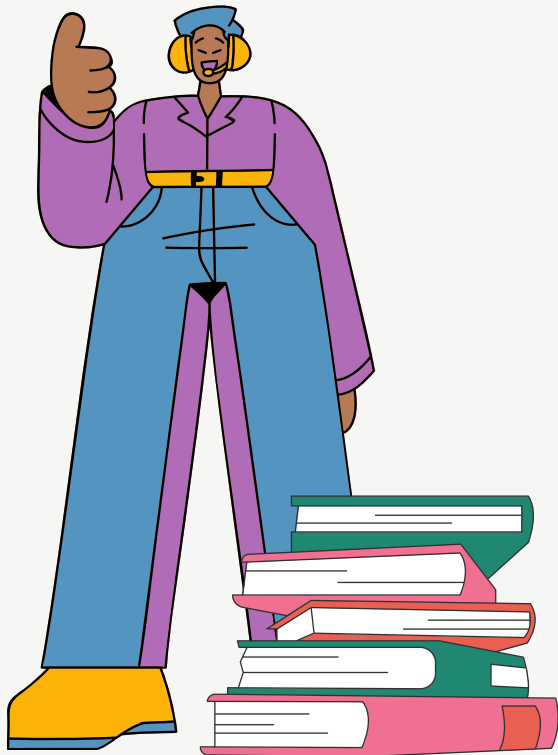
## HEALTH FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to our Middle School Health Course for high school credit, where students embark on a journey to understand and improve their overall well-being! This engaging course covers essential topics like nutrition, mental health, personal hygiene, and substance abuse prevention. Students will learn valuable life skills, such as stress management, decision-making, and effective communication, preparing them for a healthy and balanced life. Interactive lessons, group discussions, and practical activities make the learning experience fun and relevant. By the end of this course, students will earn high school credit while gaining the knowledge and skills to make informed, positive health choices throughout their lives.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL CAREER EXPLORATIONS 1 & 2

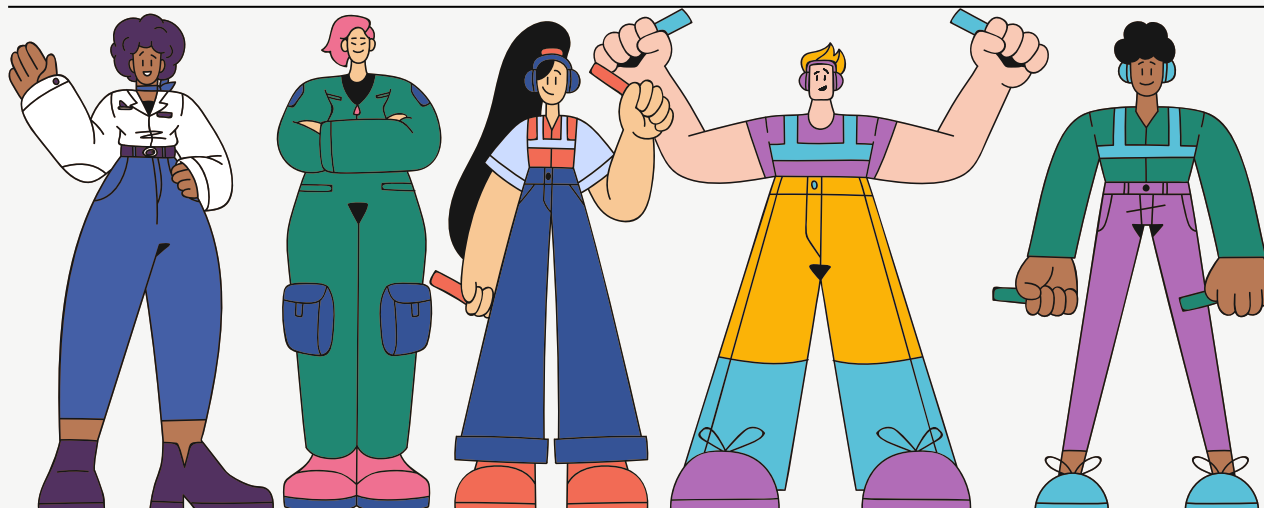
How do you pick a career path when you're not sure what's even out there? This course allows you to begin exploring options in fields such as teaching, business, government, hospitality, health science, IT, and more! You'll align your interests, wants, and needs to career possibilities, including the required education for each. Let's find a pathway that works for you.

Concluding their investigation of Middle School Career Explorations 2, students will: Identify their strengths and turn them into possible career choices. Learn to set goals and create a game plan from them. Learn about improving their workplace skills. Experiment with careers in different industries. Learn how to gain experience in a career field. Learn how to get the training required in a career field. Learn how to prepare for a job.



## MS JOURNALISM

Who? What? When? Where? Journalism provides us with the answers to these questions for the events that affect our lives. In this course, students will learn how to gather information, organize ideas, format stories for different forms of news media, and edit their stories for publication. The course will also examine the historical development of journalism and the role of journalism in society.



## COMPUTER LIT GRADE 6-8

This course is dedicated to ensuring learners of all ages can not only navigate our digital world but thrive in it. This course provides an overview of core computing characteristics and introduces the use of word processing, presentation, database applications, and digital communication. Students will learn to identify core computer components and understand the use of storage and operating system software and manage files and folders. In addition, students will acquire knowledge about using Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel, creating text and shapes, and using transitions and effects.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL WIN

Welcome to the Middle School WIN (What I Need) Class, where success stories are made! This is your personalized pathway to academic triumph. In WIN, you'll get the targeted support you need in a fun, encouraging environment. With dynamic lessons tailored to your unique learning style, interactive activities, and hands-on help from passionate teachers, you'll turn challenges into victories. Plus, you'll join a community of fellow students who are all in it together, cheering each other on. Get ready to boost your confidence, master those tricky subjects, and discover just how awesome learning can be!

## SPANISH

Middle School Spanish I has been carefully aligned to national standards as set forth by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). Students in Middle School Spanish I focus on the four key areas of world language study: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

## AGRICULTURE

A middle school agriculture class is a hands-on adventure where students dive into the exciting world of farming, gardening, and animal care. They get their hands dirty planting and growing their own gardens, learning the secrets of soil and the magic of photosynthesis. With fun projects and interactive lessons, students discover how to care for animals, understand where their food comes from, and explore sustainable farming practices. It's a dynamic and engaging class that connects kids to nature and sparks a love for the environment!

## WEB DESIGN GRADES 7 & 8

Web Design is a CodeHS course that teaches students how to build their own web pages. Students will learn the languages HTML and CSS, and will create their own live homepages to serve as portfolios of their creations. By the end of this course, students will be able to explain how web pages are developed and viewed on the Internet, analyze and fix errors in existing websites, and create their very own multi-page websites. Each lesson includes at least one formative short multiple-choice quiz. At the end of each unit, students take a summative multiple choice unit quiz that assesses their knowledge of the concepts covered in the unit.

## CODING FUNDAMENTALS: INTRO GRADE 8

This course is designed as an exploration of career pathways in Computing. In this course students explore basic concepts in the broad areas within the National Career Clusters® Framework, as well as career option. Students study the concepts of digital life, how coders write programs, programming languages, the development life cycle, security, and more. They also complete a Capstone Project.



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