

**Lois and Jerry Tarkanian MS
Course Catalog
2023-2024**



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2. Take the ACT with Writing in eleventh (11th) grade, at no cost (or take the NAA for Alternative Diploma students)
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High School Graduation Diploma Credit Requirements	Advanced Diploma	College and Career Ready Diploma ^a	Standard or Alternative ^b Diploma
Area of Study	Credit(s)	Credit(s)	Credit(s)
English	4	4	4
Mathematics	4	4	3
Science	3	3	2
World History/Geography	1 ^c	1 ^c	-
United States History	1	1	1
United States Government	1	1	1
Physical Education	2	2	2
Health	½	½	½
Use of Computers	½	½	½
College and Career Flex Credit	-	-	2 ^d
Arts/Humanities/Occupational Ed	1	1	1 ^c
Electives	6	6	6
Total	24	24	23
GPA Requirement	3.25 unweighted	3.25 weighted	-

^a Additional College and Career Ready Diploma requirements:

- One (1) of the mathematics credits must be Algebra II or higher, and
- Proficiency in two languages, or two (2) credits in: AP* courses, IB* courses, Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit courses, a CTE* program of study, Work-Based Learning courses, or a world language course, and
- Earn a College-Ready endorsement or a Career-Ready endorsement, or earn both.

^b Students with significant cognitive disabilities may earn the Alternative Diploma through participation in the NAA* instead of the ACT. This diploma is included in a school's graduation rate, and students remain eligible for IDEA* services until their 22nd birthday.

^c CCSD students must take World History or Geography to earn either the Arts/Humanities/CTE credit for the Standard Diploma or the World History/Geography credit for the other diplomas.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

SCHEDULE CHANGES

To ensure students receive the required amount of instruction to earn credit, schools may only change courses until a predetermined specific date each semester, as determined by the school's schedule. The school will communicate with students and their families about these deadlines. Please contact your school counselor with questions.

Courses may only be changed with administrative approval. Distance learning and online coursework (e.g. Apex, Edgenuity) allow students to earn credit through digital instruction and are excluded from these guidelines.

A unit of credit is awarded for a course containing at least 120 hours of instruction or 60 hours per semester. Courses contain 120 hours of classroom instruction, excluding passing periods.

SOURCE: NAC 389.040

PROMOTION/RETENTION

Throughout middle school, a well-balanced educational program including mathematics, English, reading, science, social studies, career and technical education, fine arts or exploratory classes, health, and physical education is emphasized. Students who successfully complete all middle school coursework are prepared for the rigors of high school and the End-of-Course Exams. The Nevada State Board of Education and the Clark County School District have adopted promotion standards and regulations to ensure students are academically prepared.

STATE OF NEVADA REGULATION FOR PROMOTION TO HIGH SCHOOL

Students enrolled in Grade 8

Per CCSD Regulation 5123 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 389.445:

A pupil who enters Grade 8 must complete three semesters with a passing grade in mathematics, three semesters with a passing grade in English or reading, two semesters with a passing grade in science, and two semesters with a passing grade in social studies during the seventh- and eighth-grade years for promotion to high school. An eighth-grade student who does not meet promotion requirements may be promoted to high school on academic probation provided the student meets the criteria for academic probation as defined in Subsection F. A parent or guardian may elect not to place his/her child on academic probation but to remain in Grade 8.

High School Academic Probation

Per CCSD Regulation 5123 Subsection F:

Although a student may be promoted to high school on academic probation, summer school credit retrieval is recommended to improve academic skills and to prepare for success in high school. Successful completion of required summer school courses may remove a student from academic probation.

An eighth grade student who has not met the promotion requirements may be promoted to the ninth grade on academic probation provided at least one of the following criteria has been met:

1. CRT scores meet or exceed standards in the area(s) of credit deficiency; or
2. Credits have been earned in the core area(s): English or reading, mathematics, science, and social studies; however, the student is deficient in one semester of the five total credits required for promotion; or
3. A student reaches the age of sixteen before, on, or after the first day of school.

High School Academic Probation will consist of the appropriate remediation in the subject area(s) in which the student failed to pass in middle school. Remediation may include, but is not limited to a minimum of one semester of remedial instruction in the deficient subject area(s) during the ninth grade year. The student must earn a passing grade in the remediation

course(s) in order to be removed from academic probation. A student may be placed on academic probation for more than one semester.

An eighth grade student not meeting criteria for promotion to 9th grade and not meeting the criteria for academic probation may be retained in the eighth grade for the following school year without limitation.

A retained student may not be promoted mid-year.

Students enrolled in Grade 6 or Grade 7

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY AND REGULATION 5123

Clark County School District Policy and Regulation 5123 – Promotion, Retention, and Demotion of Students – sets the standard for promotion from Grade 6 to Grade 7 and from Grade 7 to Grade 8.

- A pupil in Grade 6 must complete one semester with a passing grade in mathematics, English or reading, and science for promotion to seventh grade. The principal has the authority to determine the course(s) which need to be repeated. No student may be retained more than once in the sixth grade.
- A pupil in Grade 7 must complete one semester with a passing grade in mathematics, English or reading, science, and social studies for promotion to eighth grade. The principal has the authority to determine the course(s) that need to be repeated. No student may be retained more than once in the seventh grade.

SOURCE: Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 389.445, CCSD Regulation 5123

ENROLLMENT EXPECTATIONS

The enrollment expectations for middle school students are listed below by grade level. Middle schools may vary the curriculum in an effort to provide additional opportunities for students to succeed within the school.

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Reading	Reading	English
English	English	Mathematics
Mathematics	Mathematics	Science
Science	Science	Social Studies
Physical Education (1 semester)	Social Studies	Health (1 semester)
Elective	Elective	PE (1 semester)
Elective		Elective
		*Computers (1 semester)

*Students who have not previously taken and passed Computer Science and Applications prior to the 2023-2024 school year will be required to take the course in Grade 8 with Health (1 quarter) and PE (1 quarter).

ACADEMIC PLANNING

THREE-YEAR COURSE PLANS

Each sixth grade student must have an approved three-year academic plan. The academic plan must set forth the specific education goals the student intends to achieve before promotion to high school.

The sixth-grade student and his/her parent or legal guardian are required to work in consultation with a school counselor to develop an academic plan. In addition, students in seventh and eighth grade are required to review the academic plan at least once each school year in consultation with a school counselor and revise the plan, if necessary.

SOURCES: CCSD Regulation 5123

EARNING CREDIT

Nevada law states that students may earn a unit of credit for successful completion of a course containing at least 120 hours of instruction or the equivalent. The Clark County School District (CCSD) has a variety of ways for students to earn credit. Internal credits are taken at a CCSD school, and external credits are taken outside of the school district. External credits are limited to 6.0 total credits for high school course work, and must be pre-approved by the school of full-time enrollment.

SOURCE: NAC 389.040

Accelerated, Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and International Baccalaureate (IB)

In middle school, accelerated course work is available to students who demonstrate above average proficiency in core course work. Each middle school may offer a different set of accelerated courses to benefit their students.

The CCSD Honors, AP, and IB course offerings are designed to challenge students to enroll in more demanding and rigorous coursework and to improve advanced academic achievement of students demonstrating accelerated educational potential.

Mastery of AP and IB course content shall be determined by participation in the AP or IB examinations sponsored by the College Board and International Baccalaureate. Students are required to take the AP or IB examinations for each course.

Parents or guardians may waive the testing requirement related to AP and IB by informing the school administration in writing.

SOURCE: CCSD Regulation 5127

High School Credit Taken in Middle School

Certain coursework taken in middle school (grades 6-8) may be counted as credit required to graduate from high school. Common courses include, but are not limited to:

- Computer Science and Applications
- Algebra I, Geometry Honors
- World Languages

Concurrent Credit

Concurrent credits are credits a student earns from another CCSD school while still attending the school of full-time enrollment. A student may not be enrolled in two or more instances of the same course concurrently. All concurrent course enrollments require prior approval from the student's school counselor. There is no limit on earning concurrent credits. See a school counselor for more information on the following concurrent programs:

Nevada Learning Academy

For specific information, including fees, call (702) 855-8435 or visit <http://nvlearningacademy.net/>

Summer School

Middle school students may earn middle school credit during the summer only as remediation for failed course work. Students who have finished their 8th grade year and are being promoted to high school may begin to take high school credit summer school coursework to accelerate their learning. Registration information is available in the counseling office in the spring. Additional information is available at <http://ccsd.net/schools/summer-school/>.

Duplicate Coursework – Repeating Courses

A student may repeat a course where the student took a course for high school credit but shall not receive additional credit for the repeated course. When repeated, the higher grade for the course shall be recorded on the permanent record and the lower grade replaced with a repeated course (RP) notation.

A student may repeat a high school failed course one time to improve a grade. Regardless of the number of times a course is repeated, a grade of an “F” will only be removed once. If applicable, all other “F’s” will remain on a transcript.

POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS**NEVADA UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS**

The Nevada Board of Regents set the requirements for admission to Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institutions.

- 3.0 GPA (weighted or unweighted) in 13 High School Courses:
 - 4 credits in English
 - 3 credits in math
 - 3 credits in social studies
 - 3 credits in natural science
- SAT or ACT Test Scores:
 - The new SAT Critical Reading and Math combined score of 1120
 - The ACT Composite score of 22
- Nevada Advanced Diploma

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

- A public or private educational institution where you can earn a bachelor's degree
- Schools vary in size, admissions criteria, academic standards, course offerings, student population, location, and cost
- In most colleges or university programs, you are expected to sample a variety of courses during the first two years and then focus on your major in the last two years
- Requirements for graduation differ, although most colleges require a certain number of credits in English and foreign languages

PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Ability to live at home while adjusting to college classes
- Simpler admissions requirements (High School Diploma or GED, Registration, Placement Test)
- Opportunity to sample college classes
- A chance to build a better academic record
- Lower tuition and other costs than at a typical four-year college

PRIVATE JUNIOR COLLEGE

- An opportunity to live away from home in a supportive environment
- Small classes with opportunities to improve academic skills
- Easier entrance requirements than a typical four-year college or university

CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES

- Provides a way to explore subject areas
- Opportunity to build academic study skills without worrying about grades
- Allows students to experience and explore college as an option

LIFE SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMS

- Learn necessary daily living skills
- Practice independent living
- Be part of a college or university

APPRENTICESHIPS

- Begin working immediately
- Receive training on the job and take classes
- Earn money and benefits when you work
- Learn skills that will make you employable anywhere

CAREER, VOCATIONAL, OR TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- Minimal admissions requirement (high school graduation may or may not be required)
- All classes relate to skills needed for jobs in a particular occupational area
- Learn marketable skills

JOB CORPS

- Vocational, academic and social skills training
- Room, board, and stipend
- Job/college support after leaving Job Corps

CITY YEAR AND AMERICORPS

- Monthly stipend
- Educational Award for a complete year of service
- Opportunity to gain job skills and work experience
- <http://www.cityyear.org/>
- <http://www.americorps.gov/>

MILITARY

- Learn valuable job skills
- Earn money for future education
- Army: <http://www.goarmy.com>,
- Navy: <http://www.navy.com>,
- Air Force: <http://www.airforce.com>,
- Coast Guard: <http://www.gocoastguard.com>,
- Marines: <http://www.marines.com/>,
- National Guard: <http://www.nationalguard.com/>

SOURCE: <https://www.heath.gwu.edu/awareness-postsecondary-options>

NEVADA SCHOLARSHIPS

MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP

The State of Nevada's Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program provides financial support to Nevada's high school graduates who attend an eligible Nevada community college, state college, or university. You may receive up to a maximum award of \$10,000 for undergraduate coursework during the six years following your high school graduation. There is no application form to complete. If you meet all Millennium Scholarship requirements upon high school graduation, the District will submit your name to the Office of the State Treasurer. You will receive an award notification in early August. A fact sheet on policy guidelines and requirements for eligibility can be obtained by calling 888-477-2667 or http://www.nevadatreasurer.gov/GGMS/GGMS_Home/. Please note that this information is subject to any changes in state law, policies adopted by the NSHE Board of Regents, availability of funding, and any related matters hereto.

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

CODE OF HONOR

There is a clear expectation that all students will perform academic tasks with honor and integrity, with the support of parents, staff, faculty, administration, and the community. The learning process requires students to think, process, organize, and create their own ideas. Throughout this process, students gain knowledge, self-respect, and ownership in the work that they do. These qualities provide a solid foundation for life skills, impacting people positively throughout their lives. Cheating and plagiarism violate the fundamental learning process and compromise personal integrity and one's honor. Students demonstrate academic honesty and integrity by not cheating, plagiarizing, or using information unethically in any way.

What is cheating?

Cheating or academic dishonesty can take many forms, but always involves the improper taking of information from and/or giving of information to another student, individual, or other source. Examples of cheating can include, but are not limited to:

- Taking or copying answers on an examination or any other assignment from another student or other source
- Giving answers on an examination or any other assignment to another student
- Copying assignments that are turned in as original work
- Collaborating on exams, assignments, papers, and/or projects without specific teacher permission
- Allowing others to do the research or writing for an assigned paper
- Using unauthorized electronic devices
- Falsifying data or lab results, including changing grades electronically

What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism is a common form of cheating or academic dishonesty in the school setting. It is representing another person's works or ideas as your own without giving credit to the proper source and submitting it for any purpose. Examples of plagiarism can include, but are not limited to:

- Submitting someone else's work, such as published sources in part or whole, as your own without giving credit to the source
- Turning in purchased papers or papers from the Internet written by someone else
- Representing another person's artistic or scholarly works such as musical compositions, computer programs, photographs, drawings, or paintings as your own
- Helping others plagiarize by giving them your work

All stakeholders have a responsibility in maintaining academic honesty. Educators must provide the tools and teach the concepts that afford students the knowledge to understand the characteristics of cheating and plagiarism. Parents must support their students in making good decisions relative to completing coursework assignments and taking exams. Students must produce work that is theirs alone, recognizing the importance of thinking for themselves and learning independently, when that is the nature of the assignment. Adhering to the Code of Honor for the purposes of academic honesty promotes an essential skill that goes beyond the school environment. Honesty and integrity are useful and valuable traits impacting one's life.

Questions or concerns regarding the consequences associated with a violation of the Code of Honor may be directed towards your child's school administration and/or the school district.

NON-DISCRIMINATION AND ACCESSIBILITY NOTICE

CCSD does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed/religion, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, marital status or age, in admission or access to, treatment or employment, or participation in its programs and activities, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups, pursuant to federal and state laws including, but not limited to, Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA), and the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act.



SIXTH GRADE COURSE CATALOG

Lois & Jerry Tarkanian Middle School
2023-2024 School Year

Required Core Classes

MATHEMATICS 6

This one-year course is designed to focus on four critical areas: 1) connecting ratio and rate to whole number multiplication and division and using concepts of ratio and rate to solve problems; 2) completing understanding of division of fractions and extending the notion of number to the system of rational numbers, which includes negative numbers; 3) writing, interpreting, and using expressions and equations; and 4) developing understanding of statistical thinking. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The use of manipulatives, mathematical tools, and technology, including calculators and computer software, is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the mathematics requirement for sixth-grade students.

MATHEMATICS ACCELERATED 6

This one-year course is designed to prepare students for the increased rigor of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Algebra I in middle school. This compacted course includes the grade six curriculum as well as a portion of the currently adopted CCSS grade seven curriculum. This course focuses on six critical areas: 1) connecting ratio and rate to whole number multiplication and division and using concepts of ratio and rate to solve problems; 2) completing understanding of division of fractions and extending the notion of number to the system of rational numbers, which includes negative numbers; 3) writing, interpreting, and using expressions and equations; 4) developing understanding of statistical thinking; 5) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; and 6) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations. Instructional practices incorporate integration of

diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The use of manipulatives, mathematical tools, and technology, including calculators and computer software, is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the mathematics requirement for sixth-grade students.

MATHEMATICS 6 DOUBLE ACCELERATED

This one-year course is designed to prepare students for the increased rigor of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Geometry H in middle school. This compacted course includes grade six and seven curriculum as well as a portion of the currently adopted CCSS grade eight curriculum. This course focuses on six critical areas: 1) connecting ratio and rate to whole number multiplication and division and using concepts of ratio and rate to solve problems; 2) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; 3) extending the properties of operations and the relationships between addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division to the system of rational numbers, which includes negative numbers; 4) understanding and analyzing expressions and linear equations; 5) working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; 6) developing understanding of statistical thinking. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The use of manipulatives, mathematical tools, and technology, including calculators and computer software, is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the mathematics requirement for sixth-grade students.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 6 BLOCK

This one-year course provides instruction in the English Language Arts strands identified by the

Common Core State Standards as reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language. This course is designed to build knowledge and critical thinking skills through close reading of texts; writing to support claims, to clarify ideas, and/or to develop ideas; and a range of collaborative discussions. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the sixth grade English requirement.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 6 ACCELERATED BLOCK

This one-year course provides instruction in the English Language Arts strands identified by the Common Core State Standards as reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language. This course is designated as accelerated by the faster instructional pacing and depth of content. This course is designed to build knowledge and critical thinking skills through close reading of texts; writing to support claims, to clarify ideas, and/or to develop ideas; and a range of collaborative discussions. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the sixth grade English requirement.

SCIENCE 6

This one-year course is designed to integrate science and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and core ideas from the life sciences, Earth and space sciences, and the physical sciences. The topics covered in Science 6 include Energy; Structure and Properties of Matter; Earth's Systems; Weather and Climate; Human Impact; Structure, Function, and Information Processing; Growth, Development, and Reproduction of Organisms; and Engineering Design.

Demonstrations and lab experiences that employ proper safety techniques are essential to this course. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the sixth-grade science requirement.

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This one-year course is designed to integrate science and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and core ideas from the life sciences, Earth and space sciences, and the physical sciences. This course is designated as accelerated by the enhanced instructional pacing and depth of content. The topics covered in Science 6 Accelerated include Energy; Structure and Properties of Matter; Earth's Systems; Weather and Climate; Human Impact; Structure, Function, and Information Processing; Growth, Development, and Reproduction of Organisms; and Engineering Design. Demonstrations and lab experiences that employ proper safety techniques are essential to this course. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the sixth-grade science requirement.

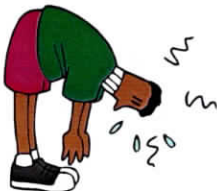
6th GRADE LEADERSHIP

This one-semester course is designed to provide students with fundamental life skills focusing on the foundations of leadership. Goal setting, problem solving, communication skills, and social skills will be included in the core elements of the class.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION*

This one-semester course focuses on the physical, mental, social, and emotional development of students in

cooperative and competitive settings. Students develop psychomotor skills and engage in movement and lifetime fitness activities at moderate to vigorous levels for a minimum of 50% of the instructional time. Students participate in movement experiences found in team, individual, and dual sports; dance/rhythms; and lifetime recreational activities. Health and skill-related fitness concepts are explored through personal goal setting and self-evaluation. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the physical education requirement for sixth grade students.



Elective Choices

Please be advised that any student who is not making adequate academic progress may be placed in Fundamentals of Reading and Writing or an additional Fundamentals of Math as their elective class.

BEGINNING BAND*

This one-year course is designed for any middle school student who desires to develop the ability to play a brass, wind or percussion instrument. The course involves applying the basic fundamentals of music reading to the particular technique of the instrument being studied. The course may be repeated and is considered a preparatory course for progression into Intermediate and Advanced Band. A limited number of instruments are available for loan through the school. Students are responsible for renting or buying those instruments not available through the school. Percussion students must rent or buy the percussion kit. Students in band will be required to pay fees for uniforms and student workbooks. Students who use school-owned instruments must also pay a cleaning fee when checking the instrument out and pay for all repairs before returning the instrument. Beginning band classes will be divided

into brass, woodwind, and percussion sections. Performances outside of the school day are mandatory.



BEGINNING ORCHESTRA*

This one-year course is designed for the student who is interested in learning to play a string instrument. It includes the development of skills necessary to become independent as a musician. This course emphasizes the place of string music in the Western musical heritage. It concentrates on the development of note-reading skills, aural skills, rhythmic patterns, intonation, and tonality inherent to Western string music. The importance of sustained group and individual effort is stressed. A progression of fundamental and technical proficiency is expected. Emphasis will be placed on having a variety of performing experiences. A limited number of instruments are available for loan through the school. Students are responsible for renting or buying those instruments not available through the school. Students in orchestra will be required to pay fees for uniforms and student workbooks. Students who use school-owned instruments must also pay a cleaning fee when checking the instrument out and pay for all repairs before returning the instrument. Performances outside of the school day are mandatory.



BEGINNING CHORUS*

This one-year course is designed as a study in vocal production of music fundamentals with opportunities to sing a variety of choral literature. Emphasis will be placed on providing each student with an array of performance experiences. This is an elective course open to boys and girls in sixth grade with little or no choral experience. Students will be required to pay uniform fees. Performances outside of the school day are mandatory.



BEGINNING ART*

This one-year course develops basic knowledge and skills in visual art techniques through the introduction of a variety of media and subject matter. Various styles and artists are considered within their historical context. Problem solving, creativity, and originality are developed through planning, art making, and reflection. Students learn principles and practices of aesthetics and critique. Through discussion and production, connections are made between visual art and disciplines outside of the arts. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation for all cultures and their important contribution to our society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This is an elective course appropriate for six through eight.

STUDENT CAFETERIA TRAINING

This one-year course is designed to allow students to train in the school cafeteria. Under the direction of a food supervisor and a certified educator, students will gain experience in food service and handling, in handling money, in being responsible for customer service, and following directions. This is an elective course for sixth grade students.

EXPLORATIONS

This one-year course will be separated into nine week rotations. Course focus may include poetry, creative writing, STEM basics, art, and math games. Course focus is subject to change based on staff availability and funding.

FUNDAMENTALS OF MATHEMATICS

This one-year intervention course in mathematics is designed to provide students with additional instruction and support to master necessary middle school mathematics concepts. This course provides additional instruction in conjunction with the student's required mathematics course of study in grades 6, 7, and/or 8. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including

appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The use of manipulatives, mathematical tools, and technology, including calculators and computer software, is an integral part of this course. This course is a repeatable elective course and does not fulfill the middle school mathematics requirement for promotion.

FUNDAMENTALS OF READING AND WRITING

This one-year, one- or two-period intervention course is designed for students who need additional instruction and support to master grade-level reading and writing skills and concepts. This course provides additional instruction in conjunction with the student's required reading and English course(s) of study in grades 6, 7, and/or 8. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology and digital media are integral parts of this course. This course is a repeatable elective and does not fulfill the middle school English or reading requirement for promotion.

Registration Fees

The starred (*) courses have fees associated with their programs.

- Registration Fees:
- Beginning Art - \$40
- Beginning Band - \$40
- Beginning Chorus - \$40
- Beginning Orchestra - \$40
- Physical Education Uniform - \$20
- Physical Education Lock - \$5
- Physical Education Lock Rental-\$3

Final curriculum and elective offerings will depend upon staffing and pupil enrollment at Tarkanian MS. Students are required to designate first, second, third, and fourth choices for electives. Students are not guaranteed an elective choice; however, every effort will be made to assign them to their first choice. Students will be required to remain enrolled in their assigned elective for the entire school year.



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SEVENTH GRADE COURSE CATALOG

Lois & Jerry Tarkanian Middle School
2023-2024 School Year

Required Core Classes

MATHEMATICS 7

This one-year course is designed to focus on four critical areas: 1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; 2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; 3) solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, and working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and 4) drawing inferences about populations based on samples. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The use of manipulatives, mathematical tools, and technology, including calculators and computer software, is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the mathematics requirement for seventh-grade students.

MATHEMATICS ACCELERATED 7

This one-year course is designed to prepare students for the increased rigor of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Algebra I in middle school. This compacted course includes grade seven curriculum as well as a portion of the currently adopted CCSS grade eight curriculum. This course focuses on six critical areas: 1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; 2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; 3) solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, and working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; 4) drawing inferences about populations based on samples; 5) formulating and reasoning about expressions and equations, including modeling an association in bivariate data with a linear equation,

and solving linear equations and systems of linear equations; and 6) analyzing two- and three-dimensional space and figures using distance, angle, similarity, and congruence, and understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The use of manipulatives, mathematical tools, and technology, including calculators and computer software, is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the mathematics requirement for seventh-grade students.

ALGEBRA I

This one-year course provides students with the necessary knowledge and skills for further studies in mathematics. It is intended to increase mathematical fluency in problem solving, reasoning, modeling, and effective communication in the study of number, algebra, functions, and statistics. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The use of technology, including calculators and computer software, is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the Algebra I requirement and one of the mathematics credits required for high school graduation.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 7 BLOCK

This one-year course provides instruction in the English Language Arts strands identified by the Common Core State Standards as reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language. This course is designed to build on knowledge and skills through close reading of texts, learning combining elements of different kinds of writing in support of analysis and reflection, and class discussions. Instructional

practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the seventh grade English requirement.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 7 BLOCK ACCELERATED

This one-year course provides instruction in the English Language Arts strands identified by the Common Core State Standards as reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language. This course is designated as accelerated by the faster instructional pacing and depth of content. This course is designed to build on knowledge and skills through close reading of texts, learning combining elements of different kinds of writing in support of analysis and reflection, and class discussions. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the seventh grade English requirement.

SCIENCE 7

This one-year course is designed to integrate science and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and core ideas from the life sciences, Earth and space sciences, and the physical sciences. The topics covered in Science 7 include Structure and Properties of Matter; Chemical Reactions; Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems; Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems; Earth's Systems; History of Earth; Human Impact; and Engineering Design. Demonstrations and lab experiences that employ proper safety techniques are essential to this course. Instructional practices incorporate integration

of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the seventh-grade science requirement.

SCIENCE ACCELERATED 7

This one-year course is designed to integrate science and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and core ideas from the life sciences, Earth and space sciences, and the physical sciences. This course is designated as accelerated by the enhanced instructional pacing and depth of content. The topics covered in Science 7 Accelerated include Structure and Properties of Matter; Chemical Reactions; Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems; Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems; Earth's Systems; History of Earth; Human Impact; and Engineering Design. Demonstrations and lab experiences that employ proper safety techniques are essential to this course. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the seventh-grade science requirement.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY 7

This one-year course examines the development of the Western Hemisphere with an emphasis on the Americas. Using appropriate technology, students develop an understanding of current world issues and relate them to geographical, historical, political, economic, and cultural contexts. Students will develop, research, and answer compelling questions using various and cross-disciplinary source material. Students will construct organized arguments for various audiences and purposes

using researched evidence and reasoning. Students will participate in rigorous academic discussions, emphasizing multiple viewpoints in which claims and evidence are acknowledged and critiqued. Students will take action on local, regional and global problems at various times and places. This course fulfills the seventh-grade social studies requirement.



Elective Choices

Please be advised that any student who is not making adequate academic progress may be placed in Fundamentals of Reading and Writing or Fundamentals of Math as their elective class.

BEGINNING BAND*

This one-year course is designed for any middle school student who desires to develop the ability to play a brass, wind or percussion instrument. The course involves applying the basic fundamentals of music reading to the particular technique of the instrument being studied. The course may be repeated and is considered a preparatory course for progression into Intermediate and Advanced Band. A limited number of instruments are available for loan through the school. Students are responsible for renting or buying those instruments not available through the school. Percussion students must rent or buy a percussion kit. Students in band will be required to pay fees for uniforms and student workbooks. Students who use school-owned instruments must also pay a cleaning fee when checking the instrument out and pay for all repairs before returning the instrument. Beginning band classes will be divided into brass, woodwind, and percussion sections. Performances outside of the school day are mandatory.

INTERMEDIATE BAND 7*

This one-year course is designed for students who have achieved beyond the beginning band level. It includes guidance and direction in solving psychomotor problems relating to

instruments and the techniques for producing and evaluating pitch, tone, rhythmic patterns, and dynamic levels within a variety of musical styles. The importance of sustained effort and practice is stressed for technical proficiency. This course may be repeated. A limited number of instruments are available for loan through the school. Students are responsible for renting or buying those instruments not available through the school. Percussion students must rent or buy a percussion kit. Students in band will be required to pay fees for uniforms and student workbooks. Students who use school-owned instruments must also pay a cleaning fee when checking the instrument out and pay for all repairs before returning the instrument. Performances outside of the school day are mandatory.

ADVANCED BAND*

This one-year course is designed for students who have achieved beyond the intermediate band level. It includes guidance and direction in solving psychomotor problems relating to instruments and the techniques for producing and evaluating pitch, tone, rhythmic patterns, and dynamic levels within a variety of musical styles. The importance of sustained effort and practice is stressed for technical proficiency. This course may be repeated. A limited number of instruments are available for loan through the school. Students are responsible for renting or buying those instruments not available through the school. Percussion students must rent or buy a percussion kit. Students in band will be required to pay fees for uniforms and student workbooks. Students who use school-owned instruments must also pay a cleaning fee when checking the instrument out and pay for all repairs before returning the instrument. Teacher recommendation is required and performances outside of the school day are mandatory. The student may be asked to pass an audition by the director.

BEGINNING CHORUS*

This one-year course is designed as a study in vocal production of music fundamentals with opportunities to sing a variety of choral literature. Emphasis will be placed on providing each student with an array of performance experiences. This is

an elective course for seventh and eighth grade students. Students will be required to pay uniform fees. Performances outside of the school day are mandatory.

INTERMEDIATE CHORUS*

This one-year course is designed as a study in vocal production of music fundamentals with opportunities to sing a variety of choral literature. Emphasis will be placed on providing each student with an array of performance experiences. This is an elective course for seventh and eighth grade ladies having the desire and interest to sing in a choral group. Students will be required to pay uniform fees. Performances outside of the school day are mandatory.

ADVANCED CHORUS*

This one-year course is designed as a study in vocal production of music fundamentals with opportunities to sing a variety of choral literature. Emphasis will be placed on providing each student with an array of performance experiences. Students will be required to pay uniform fees. Teacher recommendation is required and performances outside of the school day are mandatory. The student may be asked to pass an audition by the director.



BEGINNING ORCHESTRA*

This one-year course is designed for the student who is interested in learning to play a string instrument. It includes the development of skills necessary to become independent as a musician. This course emphasizes the place of string music in the Western musical heritage. It concentrates on the development of note-reading skills, aural skills, rhythmic patterns, intonation, and tonality inherent to Western string music. The importance of sustained group and individual effort is stressed. A progression of fundamental and technical proficiency is expected. Emphasis will be placed on having a variety of performing experiences. This is an elective course that may be repeated. A limited number of instruments are available for loan through the school. Students are responsible for renting or buying

those instruments not available through the school. Students in orchestra will be required to pay fees for uniforms and student workbooks. Students who use school-owned instruments must also pay a cleaning fee when checking the instrument out and pay for all repairs before returning the instrument. Performances outside of the school day are mandatory.

INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA*

This one-year course is designed for the student who has developed skills beyond those outlined in the Beginning Strings Orchestra Procedural Guide. It includes further development of those skills necessary to become independent as a musician. This course emphasizes the place of string music in the Western musical heritage. It concentrates on the development of style, articulation, dynamics, rhythmic ability, and tone inherent to string music performance. The importance of sustained group and individual effort is stressed. A progression of technical proficiency is expected. Emphasis will be placed on having a variety of performing experiences. This course may be repeated. A limited number of instruments are available for loan through the school. Students are responsible for renting or buying those instruments not available through the school. Students in orchestra will be required to pay fees for uniforms and student workbooks. Students who use school-owned instruments must also pay a cleaning fee when checking the instrument out and pay for all repairs before returning the instrument. Performances outside of the school day are mandatory.

ADVANCED ORCHESTRA*

This one-year course is designed for the student who has developed skills beyond those outlined in the Beginning Strings Orchestra Procedural Guide. It includes further development of those skills necessary to become independent as a musician. This course emphasizes the place of string music in the Western musical heritage. It concentrates on the development of style, articulation, dynamics, rhythmic ability, and tone inherent to string music performance. The importance of sustained group and individual effort is stressed. A progression of technical proficiency is

expected. Emphasis will be placed on having a variety of performing experiences. This course may be repeated. A limited number of instruments are available for loan through the school. Students are responsible for renting or buying those instruments not available through the school. Students in orchestra will be required to pay fees for uniforms and student workbooks. Students who use school-owned instruments must also pay a cleaning fee when checking the instrument out and pay for all repairs before returning the instrument. Teacher recommendation is required and performances outside of the school day are mandatory. The student may be asked to pass an audition by the director.

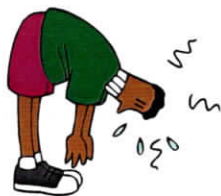


INTERMEDIATE ART*

This one-year course is for students who have successfully completed beginning art, and will expand skills in visual art techniques through a variety of media and subject matter. Various styles, artists and historical periods will be investigated and demonstrated. Students will continue to develop problem solving skills, creativity and originality through art making and discussion. Students will apply knowledge of principles and practices of aesthetics and critique. Through collaboration and production, connections will be made between visual art and disciplines outside of the arts. Instructional practices will incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation for all cultures and their important contribution to our society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course will fulfill one elective credit.

EXPLORATIONS

This one-year course will be separated into nine week rotations. Course focus may include poetry, creative writing, STEM basics, art, and math games. Course focus is subject to change based on staff availability and funding.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION 7*

This one-year course focuses on the physical, mental, social, and emotional development of students in cooperative and competitive settings. Students develop psychomotor skills and engage in movement and lifetime fitness activities at moderate to vigorous levels for a minimum of 50% of the instructional time. Students participate in movement experiences found in team, individual, and dual sports; dance/rhythms; and lifetime recreational activities. Health and skill-related fitness concepts are explored through personal goal setting and self-evaluation. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the physical education requirement for sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students.

LEADERSHIP

The one-year course will provide middle school students with the opportunity to develop leadership skills. Time will be used in and out of class for students to implement projects associated with their responsibilities. This course requires a minimum grade point average and satisfactory citizenship.

PUBLICATIONS – YEARBOOK

This one-year course is an introduction to journalism and layout design. Concepts of journalism are applied through publication of the school newspaper and yearbook. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology and digital media are integral parts of this course. This is an elective course for seventh-grade students. This course requires a minimum grade point average and satisfactory citizenship.

STUDIO PRODUCTION

This one-year course is designed for the study and practice of the basic elements of broadcasting technology, with a major emphasis on script writing, video recording and editing, and publication of news and other information through television and/or radio. This class may be performance-based, requiring the production of a video yearbook, morning announcements, or student-teacher created videos. This course requires a minimum grade point average and satisfactory citizenship.

FUNDAMENTALS OF READING AND WRITING

This one-year, one- or two-period intervention course is designed for students who need additional instruction and support to master grade-level reading and writing skills and concepts. This course provides additional instruction in conjunction with the student's required reading and English course(s) of study in grades 6, 7, and/or 8. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology and digital media are integral parts of this course. This course is a repeatable elective and does not fulfill the middle school English or reading requirement for promotion.

FUNDAMENTALS OF MATHEMATICS

This one-year intervention course in mathematics is designed for students who need additional instruction and support to master necessary middle school mathematics concepts. This course provides additional instruction in conjunction with the student's required mathematics course of study in grades 6, 7, and/or 8. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The use of manipulatives, mathematical tools, and technology, including calculators and computer software, is an integral part of this course. This course is a repeatable elective course and does not fulfill the middle school mathematics requirement for promotion.

Registration Fees

The starred (*) courses have fees associated with their programs.

Registration Fees:

Intermediate Art - \$40
 All Chorus Classes - \$40
 All Band Classes - \$40
 All Orchestra Classes - \$40
 Physical Education Uniform - \$20
 Physical Education Lock - \$5
 Physical Education Lock Rental-\$3

Final curriculum and elective offerings will depend upon staffing and pupil enrollment at Tarkanian MS. Students are required to designate first, second, and third choices for electives. Students are not guaranteed an elective choice; however, every effort will be made to assign them to their first choice. Students will be required to remain enrolled in their assigned elective for the entire school year

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EIGHTH GRADE COURSE CATALOG

Lois & Jerry Tarkanian Middle School
2023-2024 School Year

Required Core Classes

PRE-ALGEBRA 8

This one-year course is designed to focus on three critical areas: 1) formulating and reasoning about expressions and equations, including modeling an association in bivariate data with a linear equation, and solving linear equations and systems of linear equations; 2) grasping the concept of a function and using functions to describe quantitative relationships; and 3) analyzing two- and three-dimensional space and figures using distance, angle, similarity, and congruence, and understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness, including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The use of manipulatives, mathematical tools, and technology, including calculators and computer software, is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the mathematics requirement for eighth-grade students.

ALGEBRA I

This one-year course provides students with the necessary knowledge and skills for further studies in mathematics. It is intended to increase mathematical fluency in problem solving, reasoning, modeling, and effective communication in the study of number, algebra, functions, and statistics. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The use of technology, including calculators and computer software, is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the Algebra I requirement and one of the mathematics credits required for high school graduation.

GEOMETRY HONORS

This one-year course provides students with a rigorous study of Euclidean geometry including advanced topics. It incorporates problem solving, reasoning, modeling, and effective communication in the study of transformational geometry, trigonometry, measurement, and probability. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The use of mathematical tools and technology, including calculators and computer software, is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills one of the mathematics credits required for high school graduation.

ENGLISH 8

This one-year course provides instruction in the English Language Arts strands identified by the Common Core State Standards as reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language. This course is designed to build on knowledge and skills through close reading of texts, learning combining elements of different kinds of writing in support of analysis and reflection, and class discussions. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the eighth grade English requirement.

ENGLISH ACCELERATED 8

This one-year course provides instruction in the English Language Arts strands identified by the Common Core State Standards as reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language. This course is designated as accelerated by the

enhanced instructional pacing and depth of content. This course is designed to build on knowledge and skills through close reading of texts, learning combining elements of different kinds of writing in support of analysis and reflection, and class discussions. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the eighth grade English requirement.

SCIENCE 8

This one-year course is designed to integrate science and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and core ideas from life sciences, Earth and space sciences, and the physical sciences. The topics covered in Science 8 include Forces and Interactions; Energy; Waves and Electromagnetic Radiation; Space System; Growth, Development, and Reproduction of Organisms; Natural Selection and Adaptations; and Engineering Design. Demonstrations and lab experiences that employ proper safety techniques are essential to this course. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the eighth-grade science requirement.

SCIENCE ACCELERATED 8

This one-year course is designed to integrate science and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and core ideas from life sciences, Earth and space sciences, and the physical sciences. This course is designated as accelerated by the

enhanced instructional pacing and depth of content. The topics covered in Science 8 Accelerated include Forces and Interactions; Energy; Waves and Electromagnetic Radiation; Space System; Growth, Development, and Reproduction of Organisms; Natural Selection and Adaptations; and Engineering Design. Demonstrations and lab experiences that employ proper safety techniques are essential to this course. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the eighth-grade science requirement.



HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY 8

This one-year course examines the development of the Eastern Hemisphere with an emphasis on global studies. Using appropriate technology, students develop an understanding of current world issues and relate them to geographical, historical, political, economic, and cultural contexts. Students will develop, research, and answer compelling questions using various and cross-disciplinary source material. Students will construct organized arguments for various audiences and purposes using researched evidence and reasoning. Students will participate in rigorous academic discussions, emphasizing multiple viewpoints in which claims and evidence are acknowledged and critiqued. Students will take action on local, regional and global problems at various times and places. This

course fulfills the eighth-grade social studies requirement.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY ACCELERATED 8

This one-year course examines the development of the Eastern Hemisphere with an emphasis on global studies. Using appropriate technology, students develop an understanding of current world issues and relate them to geographical, historical, political, economic, and cultural contexts. Students will develop, research, and answer compelling questions using various and cross-disciplinary source material. Students will construct organized arguments for various audiences and purposes using researched evidence and reasoning. Students will participate in rigorous academic discussions, emphasizing multiple viewpoints in which claims and evidence are acknowledged and critiqued. Students will take action on local, regional and global problems at various times and places. This course fulfills the eighth-grade social studies requirement.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 8*

This one-semester course focuses on the physical, mental, social, and emotional development of students in cooperative and competitive settings. Students develop psychomotor skills and engage in movement and lifetime fitness activities at moderate to vigorous levels for a minimum of 50% of the instructional time. Students participate in movement experiences found in team, individual, and dual sports; dance/rhythms; and lifetime recreational activities. Health and skill-related fitness concepts are explored through personal goal setting and self-evaluation. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the physical education requirement for eighth-grade students.

HEALTH 8

This one-semester course provides students an introduction to the mental, physical, social, emotional, and environmental aspects of human wellness. Goal setting and decision making processes are the foundation of this course. Topics include wellness, nutrition and physical activity, body systems, substance use and abuse, communicable and non-communicable diseases, violence prevention, safety, and consumer health. Sex education and sexually transmitted infectious disease education, within established guidelines, is an integral part of this course. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to our society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the health requirement for eighth-grade students.

Elective Choices

Please be advised that any student who is not making adequate academic progress may be placed in Fundamentals of Reading and Writing or Fundamentals of Math as their elective class.

BEGINNING BAND*

This one-year course is designed for any middle school student who desires to develop the ability to play a brass, wind or percussion instrument. The course involves applying the basic fundamentals of music reading to the particular technique of the instrument being studied. The course may be repeated and is considered a preparatory course for progression into Intermediate and Advanced Band. A limited number of instruments are available for loan through the school. Students are responsible for providing those instruments not available through the school. Students in band will be required to pay fees for uniforms and student workbooks. Students who use school-owned instruments must also pay a cleaning fee when checking the instrument out and pay for all repairs before returning the instrument. Beginning band classes will be divided into brass, woodwind, and percussion sections.

Performances outside of the school day are mandatory.

INTERMEDIATE BAND*

This one-year course is designed for students who have achieved beyond the beginning band level. It includes guidance and direction in solving psychomotor problems relating to instruments and the techniques for producing and evaluating pitch, tone, rhythmic patterns, and dynamic levels within a variety of musical styles. The importance of sustained effort and practice is stressed for technical proficiency. This course may be repeated. A limited number of instruments are available for loan through the school. Students are responsible for providing those instruments not available through the school. Students in band will be required to pay fees for uniforms and student workbooks. Students who use school-owned instruments must also pay a cleaning fee when checking the instrument out and pay for all repairs before returning the instrument. Performances outside of the school day are mandatory.

ADVANCED BAND*

This one-year course is designed for students who have achieved beyond the intermediate band level. It includes guidance and direction in solving psychomotor problems relating to instruments and the techniques for producing and evaluating pitch, tone, rhythmic patterns, and dynamic levels within a variety of musical styles. The importance of sustained effort and practice is stressed for technical proficiency. This course may be repeated. A limited number of instruments are available for loan through the school. Students are responsible for providing those instruments not available through the school. Students in band will be required to pay fees for uniforms and student workbooks. Students who use school-owned instruments must also pay a cleaning fee when checking the instrument out and pay for all repairs before returning the instrument. Teacher recommendation is required and performances outside of the school day are mandatory. The student may be asked to pass an audition by the director.

BEGINNING CHORUS*

This one-year course is designed as a study in vocal production of music fundamentals with opportunities to sing a variety of choral literature. Emphasis will be placed on providing each student with an array of performance experiences. This is an elective course for seventh and eighth grade students. Students will be required to pay uniform fees. Performances outside of the school day are mandatory.

INTERMEDIATE CHORUS*

This one-year course is designed as a study in vocal production of music fundamentals with opportunities to sing a variety of choral literature. Emphasis will be placed on providing each student with an array of performance experiences. This is an elective course for seventh and eighth grade ladies having the desire and interest to sing in a choral group. Students will be required to pay uniform fees. Performances outside of the school day are mandatory.

ADVANCED CHORUS*

This one-year course is designed as a study in vocal production of music fundamentals with opportunities to sing a variety of choral literature. Emphasis will be placed on providing each student with an array of performance experiences. Students will be required to pay uniform fees. Teacher recommendation is required and performances outside of the school day are mandatory. The student may be asked to pass an audition by the director.

BEGINNING ORCHESTRA*

This one-year course is designed for the student who is interested in learning to play a string instrument. It includes the development of skills necessary to become independent as a musician. This course emphasizes the place of string music in the Western musical heritage. It concentrates on the development of note-reading skills, aural skills, rhythmic patterns, intonation, and tonality inherent to Western string music. The importance of sustained group and individual effort is stressed. A progression of fundamental and technical proficiency is expected.

Emphasis will be placed on having a variety of performing experiences. This is an elective course that may be repeated. A limited number of instruments are available for loan through the school. Students are responsible for providing those instruments not available through the school. Students in orchestra will be required to pay fees for uniforms and student workbooks. Students who use school-owned instruments must also pay a cleaning fee when checking the instrument out and pay for all repairs before returning the instrument. Performances outside of the school day are mandatory.



INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA*

This one-year course is designed for the student who has developed skills beyond those outlined in the Beginning Strings Orchestra Procedural Guide. It includes further development of those skills necessary to become independent as a musician. This course emphasizes the place of string music in the Western musical heritage. It concentrates on the development of style, articulation, dynamics, rhythmic ability, and tone inherent to string music performance. The importance of sustained group and individual effort is stressed. A progression of technical proficiency is expected. Emphasis will be placed on having a variety of performing experiences. This course may be repeated. A limited number of instruments are available for loan through the school. Students are responsible for providing those instruments not available through the school. Students in orchestra will be required to pay fees for uniforms and student workbooks. Students who use school-owned instruments must also pay a cleaning fee when checking the instrument out and pay for all repairs before returning the instrument. Performances outside of the school day are mandatory.

ADVANCED ORCHESTRA*

This one-year course is designed for the student who has developed skills beyond those outlined in the Beginning

Strings Orchestra Procedural Guide. It includes further development of those skills necessary to become independent as a musician. This course emphasizes the place of string music in the Western musical heritage. It concentrates on the development of style, articulation, dynamics, rhythmic ability, and tone inherent to string music performance. The importance of sustained group and individual effort is stressed. A progression of technical proficiency is expected. Emphasis will be placed on having a variety of performing experiences. This course may be repeated. A limited number of instruments are available for loan through the school. Students are responsible for providing those instruments not available through the school. Students in orchestra will be required to pay fees for uniforms and student workbooks. Students who use school-owned instruments must also pay a cleaning fee when checking the instrument out and pay for all repairs before returning the instrument. Teacher recommendation is required and performances outside of the school day are mandatory. The student may be asked to pass an audition by the director.

EXPLORATIONS

This one year course will be separated into nine week rotations. Course focus may include poetry, creative writing, STEM basics, art, and math games. Course focus is subject to change based on staff availability and funding.

LEADERSHIP

This one-year course will provide middle school students with the opportunity to develop leadership skills. Time will be used in and out of class for students to implement projects associated with their responsibilities. The goals of this class are to develop and demonstrate effective communication skills, increase the student's understanding of group processes, gain an understanding of managerial skills needed to plan and implement projects, increase understanding and awareness of self and one's abilities, develop skills in problem solving and develop an understanding of the importance of promoting a positive school and community climate. This course

requires a minimum grade point average and satisfactory citizenship.

PUBLICATIONS – YEARBOOK

This one-year course is an introduction to journalism and layout design. Concepts of journalism are applied through publication of the school newspaper and yearbook. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology and digital media are integral parts of this course. This is an elective course for eighth-grade students. This course requires a minimum grade point average and satisfactory citizenship.

INTERMEDIATE ART*

This one-year course is for students who have successfully completed beginning art, and will expand skills in visual art techniques through a variety of media and subject matter. Various styles, artists and historical periods will be investigated and demonstrated. Students will continue to develop problem solving skills, creativity and originality through art making and discussion. Students will apply knowledge of principles and practices of aesthetics and critique. Through collaboration and production, connections will be made between visual art and disciplines outside of the arts. Instructional practices will incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation for all cultures and their important contribution to our society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course will fulfill one elective credit.



ADVANCED ART

This one-year course is for students who have successfully completed beginning and intermediate art and will apply advanced skills in visual art techniques through an expanded variety of media and subject matter.

Diverse styles, artists and historical periods will be analyzed and incorporated into production. Students will implement creativity, originality and innovation through problem solving and art making. Students will demonstrate an extended knowledge of aesthetics and will effectively critique their own work and the artwork of others. Through collaboration and production, connections will be made between visual art and disciplines outside of the arts. Instructional practices will incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation for all cultures and their important contribution to our society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course will fulfill one elective credit.

STUDENT AIDE 8

This one-year course offers eighth grade students an opportunity to be a student aide for either a classroom teacher or for the main office. As a classroom aide, the student will be assisting teachers with various duties such as filing, creating bulletin boards, running errands, etc. As an office aide, the student will be assisting in a designated office by greeting adult visitors, conducting tours, using copy machines, working effectively with fellow employees and proper office etiquette. Good attendance, discipline record, citizenship, and at least a 2.5 GPA as well as teacher recommendations are required for this course.

STUDIO PRODUCTION

This one-year course is designed for the study and practice of the basic elements of broadcasting technology, with a major emphasis on script writing, video recording and editing, and publication of news and other information through television and/or radio. This class may be performance-based, requiring the production of a video yearbook, morning announcements, or student-teacher created videos. This course requires a minimum grade point average and satisfactory citizenship.

FUNDAMENTALS OF READING AND WRITING

This one-year, one- or two-period intervention course is designed for

students who need additional instruction and support to master grade-level reading and writing skills and concepts. This course provides additional instruction in conjunction with the student's required reading and English course(s) of study in grades 6, 7, and/or 8. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology and digital media are integral parts of this course. This course is a repeatable elective and does not fulfill the middle school English or reading requirement for promotion.

FUNDAMENTALS OF MATHEMATICS

This one-year intervention course in mathematics is designed for students who need additional instruction and support to master necessary middle school mathematics concepts. This course provides additional instruction in conjunction with the student's required mathematics course of study in grades 6, 7, and/or 8. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The use of manipulatives, mathematical tools, and technology, including calculators and computer software, is an integral part of this course. This course is a repeatable elective course and does not fulfill the middle school mathematics requirement for promotion.

Registration Fees

The starred (*) courses have fees associated with their programs.

Registration Fees:
Intermediate Art - \$40
All Chorus Classes - \$40
All Band Classes - \$40
All Orchestra Classes - \$40
Physical Education Uniform - \$20
Physical Education Lock - \$5
Physical Education Lock Rental-\$3

Final curriculum and elective offerings will depend upon staffing and pupil enrollment at Tarkanian MS. Students are required to designate first, second, and third choices for electives. Students are not guaranteed an elective choice; however, every effort will be made to assign them to their first choice. Students will be required to remain enrolled in their assigned elective for the entire school year.