

Spring Canyon Middle School

6th Grade Elective Course Descriptions

Fine Arts (Students must choose 1.0 credit from Fine Arts)

6th Grade Introduction to Fine Arts - Full Year

This is four fantastic classes in one! - This introduction to the fine arts rotation is intended to give a broad introductory experience to students across the visual and the performing fine arts disciplines. In this course, students will have their first taste of the many fine arts classes that will be available for them to take later in 7th grade as well as junior high and high school. It is intended to help students explore what they enjoy and what their interests may be in different areas. It will also help students develop rudimentary skills in the various fine arts fields giving them a foundation to build upon in 7th grade. (1.0 Fine Arts Credit - Fee Required)

Orchestra I - Beginning orchestra for those with minimal or no playing experience - Full Year

This course provides opportunities for students to develop musical skills through learning to play violin, viola, cello, or string bass. Students will love learning many different types of music while developing tone quality, playing in tune, rhythm, bowing and interpretation skills. The group will perform several times throughout the year in concerts, and regional string festivals. Violin and viola students will need to provide their own instruments. Quality instrument rentals or purchases are available through local music stores. Cello and string bass students may provide their own or rent instruments through the school. (1.0 Fine Arts Credit - Fee Required)

Orchestra 2 - Second year orchestra for those with previous playing experience - Full Year

This course is for students who have taken Orchestra I (or have previous strong playing experience). The course will expand musicianship skills on the violin, viola, cello and string bass through the second year of development. Violin and viola students will need to provide their own instruments. Quality instrument rentals or purchases are available through local music stores. Cello and string bass students may provide their own or rent instruments through the school. (1.0 Fine Arts Credit - Fee Required)

Band 1 - Beginning Woodwinds - Flute, Clarinet - Full Year

Come be a part of a fun and friendly class while learning how to play an instrument at the same time! No matter what grade you are in, everyone can join and become a part of one of the coolest groups ever! You don't need any experience playing instruments or reading music. Beginning Band classes are sorted into instrument type. If you take this Beginning Woodwinds class you will be signing up to play Flute or Clarinet. You can choose which instrument you play out of those 2 options. A select number of school instrument rentals are available to rent for an additional rental fee. So... if you like music, having fun, and being a part of something great, join Band! (1.0 Fine Arts Credit - Fee Required)

Band 1 - Beginning Brass - Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba - Full Year

Come be a part of a fun and friendly class while learning how to play an instrument at the same time! No matter what grade you are in, everyone can join and become a part of one of the coolest groups ever! You don't need any experience playing instruments or reading music. Beginning Band classes are sorted into instrument type. If you take this Beginning Brass class you will be signing up to play Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, or Tuba. You can choose which instrument you play out of those 4 options. A select number of school instrument rentals are available to rent for an additional rental fee. So... if you like music, having fun, and being a part of something great, join Band! (1.0 Fine Arts Credit - Fee Required)

Band 1 - Beginning Percussion - Full Year

Come be a part of a fun and friendly class while learning how to play an instrument at the same time! No matter what grade you are in, everyone can join and become a part of one of the coolest groups ever! You don't need any experience playing instruments or reading music. Beginning Band classes are sorted into instrument type. If you sign up for a Percussion class you will be playing Practice Pad, Snare, Marimba, Bells, Tambourine, Triangle, and other Auxiliary Percussion Instruments. All Percussionists will learn all the Percussion instruments and be expected to have a Bell Kit (or Piano) and Practice Pad at home. A select number of school instrument rentals are available to rent for an additional rental fee. So... if you like music, having fun, and being a part of something great, join Band! (1.0 Fine Arts Credit - Fee Required)

Band 2 - Concert Band (Second year band for those with previous playing experience) - Full Year

This course is for students who have taken Band 1 (or have previous strong playing experience). Band 2 will expand and develop the skills and concepts learned in Band 1. Plan to play the same instrument you started in Band 1 unless you audition for an instrument switch with Ms. Olson. Woodwind players have the opportunity to audition for Alto Saxophone, Oboe, or Bassoon. Brass players have the opportunity to audition for French Horn. This course will prepare you for Junior High Concert Band, Junior High and High School Jazz Band, and The Springville High School Marching Band. This class includes Brass (Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, and French horn), Woodwinds (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, and Bassoon), and Concert Percussion (Marimba, Bass Drum, Snare Drum, etc.). A select number of school instrument rentals are available to rent for an additional rental fee. (1.0 Fine Arts Credit - Fee Required)

Additional Electives (Students may choose ONE 0.5 credit from this category)

Dance - Half Year

This class is a one semester class for the beginning dancers with no previous dance experience required. Students will learn basic dance skills in flexibility, technique and all genres of Jazz dance. Styles taught will include Hip-Hop, Contemporary, Jazz and others. Grading is based on participation. (0.5 Elective Credit)

Aerobic Conditioning - Half Year

This co-ed class focuses on fitness concepts and an overall fitness/conditioning program to help students increase their fitness knowledge and levels. Students will be introduced to flexibility training, cardiovascular activities, and weight training. Fitness activities include (but are not limited to) walking, distance running, sprinting, circuit training, plyometric, speed and agility training, core training, yoga, and sports. If you want to become a better athlete, dancer, or just want to improve your overall health while having a fun time, then this class is for you! (0.5 Elective Credit)

Debate - Half Year

Do you like to argue? In debate, students will learn the skills needed to argue effectively and respectfully. We will learn the importance of understanding both sides of an argument before debating. We'll look at the structure of an effective argument and how to research to find evidence to support your argument. Students will learn how to identify misinformation and fake news. Finally, we will learn how to present arguments in the most persuasive way. Each day we start with a daily debate where we discuss fun topics as a class. We learn different debate formats and how to confidently present in front of an audience. Come debate with us! (0.5 Elective Credit)

Communications – Half Year

This semester long course will explore the broad field of communications. We start on the inside with self-talk and motivation and the messages we communicate to ourselves. Then we move on to one-on-one communication where we learn the skills of talking on the phone, emailing and interviewing. From one-on-one settings, we grow larger and look at group talk or communicating to a group. Students will learn about presentation skills and present a speech to the class. Finally, we explore the expanding field of mass media. Students will learn the basic principles of graphic design to create a poster, they'll record and edit a podcast and finally use all their skills to produce a video. There is something for everyone in communications! (0.5 Elective Credit)

STEM Science - Project Learning - Half Year

You will enjoy designing and building science, technology, engineering and math projects. This class is intended to expand your creativity and higher order thinking skills as you design and complete hands-on projects. Students will investigate and respond to authentic, engaging and complex questions and challenges set around real-world problems. This class also explores coding, 3D print design and robotics. For 6th graders, one semester of STEM is required. This class would be an extension giving students a full year of STEM. (0.5 Elective Credit – Fee Required)