

## 7th Grade Elective Courses 2025/2026

All courses are 1 year in length

### **CHOIR I**

**JMU982**

This course is a study of beginning music concepts: music reading skills with emphasis on solfege, vocal technique, and performance skills. No previous experience is required, and students will not be required to sing alone. The purpose of this course is to encourage students to have fun while studying different types of music, including traditional, musical theater, jazz, and popular styles, as well as music in foreign languages.

### **ORCHESTRA I**

**JMU730**

**Prerequisite: Previous string experience**

This course covers fundamental and intermediate orchestra skills including tuning, vibrato, scales and basic shifting. Repertoire for this class may include classical, fiddling, and pop music. Performance attendance is required.

### **BAND I**

**JMU760 Brass**

**JMU780 Woodwinds**

**JMU960 Percussion**

**Prerequisite: Previous band experience**

This course is a study of basic fundamental technical development and large ensemble performance. The major topics covered in this class will be Band Method II and traditional and contemporary band music. Other features of this course are participation in school assembly programs and evening concerts. This is for seventh grade students who have played their band instruments for more than one year.

### **THEATRE I**

**JCDR700**

Students taking this beginning course will study various genres of Theatre. Students will gain and demonstrate skills through acting, stage movement, pantomime, improvisation, Theatre history, script writing, and characterization. Students will learn and use Theatre vocabulary in activities, in addition to reinforcing their literacy skills.

### **UNIFIED FACS/ART - STUDENT MENTOR**

**JYUE902**

This course will provide inclusive opportunities for all students. Through interactive training, hands-on activities, and collaborative projects, mentors will inspire confidence, nurture talent, and build meaningful connections through the arts. This course consists of one semester of Art, and one semester of FACS.

### **MINI Courses**

**JBMT170 \* When requesting the MINI course, you only need to enter THIS course code. Enter only once. \***

**Students will rotate through and experience 4 of the courses listed below. Each "mini" course is 9 weeks in length. 9 week minis are randomly assigned.**

#### **INTRO to ART**

**9 weeks**

This course is a study of various media and techniques used in art today. Two-dimensional art is taught with an emphasis on creativity and an understanding of processes. Students may enter their artwork in the school's spring exhibit.

#### **INTRO to FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (FACS)**

**9 weeks**

This course is an introduction to Family and Consumer Science. This class introduces kitchen safety, sanitation, understanding recipes, and basic cooking methods. Other areas of study may include childcare, career introductions, hand-sewing techniques and cooperative learning.

#### **INTRO to THEATRE**

**9 weeks**

Students will be introduced to the basic concepts of Theatre Arts in this course. Students will use various creative techniques to build confidence and trust, stimulate imagination, and movement. Students will build and reinforce skills through group performance, games, improvisation, stage directions, and script writing.

#### **STEM/INTRO to APPLIED TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN**

**9 weeks**

This course introduces students to STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) experiences in a project-based environment and connects these experiences to the Arizona Mathematics Standards. Topics include the use of computers in mathematical problem solving, technical writing and drawing, applications of fluid power, coordinate geometry, data analysis and statistics. This course is centered on developing foundational skills in creative thinking, solving design-related problems, fostering teamwork, and ensuring safe practices when working with tools and machinery.

#### **INTRO to MUSIC APPRECIATION**

**9 weeks**

This course is a non-performance class that explores music of various styles through listening and discussion experiences. A variety of musical styles will be explored. Styles may include classical, folk, musical theater, jazz, pop, rock, and music of other cultures. Common activities include listening, discussion, projects, and presentations.