

Encore Offerings for 8th Graders at NWMS

Band 8 (Daily)

This class is open to all 8th grade students with previous band experience. Students begin a more advanced study of music, concepts and literature. Students are encouraged to participate in local, regional and statewide festivals. Except for large and expensive instruments, parents must secure instruments for their children.

Orchestra 8 (Daily)

Open to all 8th grade students with previous string experience. Students begin a more advanced study of music, concepts and literature. Students are encouraged to participate in local, regional and statewide festivals. Except for large and/or expensive instruments, parents must secure instruments for their children.

Chorus 8 (A/B day)

Open to all students, no matter the experience or proficiency. This is a vocal music course for middle school students who have a desire to learn, sing, and perform all types of vocal music. The goal of this course is to teach students the fundamentals of music, help create independence while learning and singing music, and to become confident singers and develop an appreciation for music.

Art (Daily or A/B day)

Open to all interested 8th graders. The major focus will be on individual exploratory involvement. Elements and principles of design are emphasized.

Theatre (Daily or A/B day)

Coursework includes voice, stage movement, playwriting, script analysis, scenic design, and improvisation. Through exercises, students learn to take risks in a safe environment, develop the ability to tell stories collaboratively, analyze multiple perspectives and enhance listening skills.

Spanish 1B (A/B)

This class completes the course sequence begun in Spanish 1A. Students will continue acquisition of language skills and further understanding of Spanish-speaking culture and civilization. (Students must successfully complete both Spanish 1A and this course, and demonstrate sufficient proficiency to be eligible for Spanish II in 9th grade)

Exploratory Spanish (A/B day)

Introduce students to awareness of Spanish language patterns and sounds. Will provide helpful background for future study of Spanish or another foreign language. Gain familiarity with traditions, customs, geography of the Spanish speaking world, as well as Hispanic influence in American culture. * This course is NOT for foreign language high school credit.

Exploring Business, and Entrepreneurship (A/B day)

Course will introduce the basics of business, marketing and entrepreneurship. Students gain awareness of career opportunities and practice business tasks. Students explore the nature of business, economics, business procedures, requirements for employment, leadership and team building skills.

Exploring Personal Finance and Hospitality (A/B day)

Continue the study of Family and Consumer Sciences focusing on developing additional personal finance skills, resource management, problem solving and decision making. Introduce students to an understanding of how finances work and what it means to manage resources.

Exploring Technological Systems (A/B day)

Course focuses on understanding of how technological systems work together to solve problems and foster innovation. The student receives a general background on the different types of systems, with concentration on the connection between these systems.

Computer Science Discoveries III (A/B day)

Students will explore the problem-solving process and different ways humans and computers solve problems. Classes will discover the languages powering the internet while building websites. Students will complete projects building interactive animations and games in JavaScript.