

Clintondale Middle School Elective Courses

Art-Students will learn about the elements and principles of art and study the works of artists from a variety of world cultures. Students will experience different art processes, in a variety of media: drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed media, sculpture, and fiber.

Band- The Cadet Band consists of students who have played in the band in the elementary schools. The class focuses on playing as an ensemble and instrumental music fundamentals. Students who have not participated in elementary band must get permission from Mr. Hild. This class is held before the start of the day at 6:40 a.m.

Coding- This course aims to teach basic programming concepts to students with little or no previous coding experience. Students will develop confidence in their ability to apply programming techniques to problems in a broad range of units. This course uses the ITCH programming. Students will learn the basic concepts of coding and apply those concepts to create a number of different projects, from paper-rock-scissors to developing their own game.

Leadership- Students enrolled in the Leadership Class study past and present leaders in our country and around the world. They use what they've learned to create leadership opportunities in class and help support the High Five Program throughout the Middle School. Leadership students are often chosen as "helpers" throughout the year.

Music/Choir- In this class students will gain a better knowledge of music, which will allow them to create and listen to different styles of music with understanding and appreciation. Using instruments as well as their voices, the class will focus on these areas: popular music, elements of music, multicultural music, listening, and instrument families.

Physical Education- Students will learn about the elements and principles of health, sport, and fitness. Students will learn to work in teams and challenge themselves to explore many forms of exercise with an emphasis on sportsmanship.

Science Enrichment-Students will explore scientific concepts and properties through exploration, experimentation, and completion of a variety of hands-on activities.

HS Spanish I - Students will explore the culture and geography of a variety of Spanish speaking countries. However, emphasis will be on basic skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. This class is for High School Credit and offered only to students in the Honors Program.

MS Spanish -Students will learn about different cultures and be introduced to the Spanish language in this class. Through a multimedia approach, students will learn to conduct basic conversations in Spanish and obtain knowledge about the geography, history, culture, and traditions of the Spanish-speaking countries.