

Grade 9 Electives

Art/Survey/Appreciation

One Semester - 9th Grade Art students learn art theory and art history integrated with studio production using a wide variety of professional materials in drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking. The curriculum, which is designed to emphasize creativity and provide opportunities for individual development, includes some tests and homework.

Band

Year Long - Designed for students who have playing experience. Students will play all types of music from pops to classics. Public performances in concerts, contests and parades are also required.

Chorus

Year Long - This introduces you to the different styles of singing, especially as part of a group. The enjoyment of singing will be emphasized. Concerts will be scheduled.

Economics

One Semester - This class is a one semester graduation requirement. It develops skills needed to become a competent consumer. It covers such areas as making wise choices in the market place-including buying food and clothing, choosing savings programs, using banking services and using credit.

Foods/Nutrition

One Semester-This class will focus on nutritional needs, food preparation, cultural aspects, food and kitchen safety and food science. Students can obtain their Idaho Food Safety and Sanitation certificate through this class.

Guitar

One Semester-Guitar or musical knowledge not required. An acoustic, nylon string guitar is preferred. Students will learn the principles of reading, writing and playing music. No outside performance required at this time.

Jazz Band

Year Long - Audition is required. Students will learn a number of jazz styles through playing and listening. In addition to reading music, students are taught and participate in improvisation. This class will meet from 7:15 to 8:12 each morning.

Physical Fitness

One semester - This class will provide students with lifelong physical fitness skills including aerobic and resistance training techniques.

Spanish I

Year Long- Designed to provide the student with the fundamental grammar and vocabulary to understand, to speak and to read and write the language. Computer assisted instruction is used.

Speech

One semester required class (9-12) - This course focuses on public speaking and interpersonal communication skills. Students will develop 3-8 minute speeches with various purposes. In addition, students will identify and use nonverbal communication, appropriate listening skills, effective human relations strategies, and learn job interview skills

Teacher Aide (One Semester) – includes the following:

Office Aide

One semester - Designed to offer practical experience in telephone etiquette, clerical skills, handling money, office machines and greeting the public.

Peer Tutor

One semester - Students will be involved in tutoring of elementary students at an elementary school.

Library Aide

One semester - Students perform a variety of tasks such as shelving books, delivering materials to classrooms and assisting students.