



RJHS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA

Grade 7 Credit: 1.0
Prerequisite: Beginning Orchestra
Requirement: Rental or purchase of an instrument, and book used in class.
This course is open to 7th grade students who are interested in developing their musical skills on violin, viola, cello, or bass through orchestra. Students will review proper posture, note reading, and rehearsal techniques. Students will participate in at least four concerts during the school year. They will also learn how to participate in a small ensemble.

ADVANCED ORCHESTRA

Grade 8 Credit: 1.0
Prerequisite: Two years of orchestra
Requirement: Rental or purchase of an instrument, and book used in class.
Advanced Orchestra is open to students who would like to develop their musical skills on violin, viola, cello or bass, through orchestra. Students in this class will develop sight-reading, listening, and performance skills. Students will participate in at least four concerts during the year. Students will have the opportunity to go on an overnight trip to participate in a state junior high school festival.

BEGINNING GUITAR

Grades 7-8 Credit: 0.5
Prerequisite: None
Requirement: Rental or Purchase of a guitar.
This course is open to 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in playing the guitar. Students will learn how to read music, use

proper posture, and technique in playing the guitar.

INTERMEDIATE BAND

Grade 7 Credit: 1.0
Prerequisite: One year of Band
Requirement: Rental or purchase of an instrument, and book used in class.
This course is open to students who are interested in developing their musical skills on Piccolo, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Horn, Trumpet, Baritone, Tuba, and Trombone in Band.

Students will review proper posture, note reading, and rehearsal techniques. Students will participate in at least four concerts during the school year. They will also learn how to participate in a small ensemble.

ADVANCED BAND

Grade 8 Credit: 1.0
Prerequisite: Two years of Band or teacher approval.
Requirement: Rental or purchase of an instrument, and book used in class.
This course is open to students who are interested in developing their musical skills on Piccolo, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Horn, Trumpet, Baritone, Tuba, and Trombone in Band. Students in this class will develop sight-reading, listening, and performance skills. Students will participate in at least four concerts during the year. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a state junior high school festival.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Grades 7-8 Credit: 1.0
Prerequisite: One or two years of Band Experience.
This class is for students who want to receive percussion specific instruction and practice. You will learn more in this class to improve your technique on the wide range of percussion instruments. We will perform together as the RJHS Percussion Ensemble. You will also have opportunities to play percussion for the Intermediate and Advanced bands as needed.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Grades 7-8 Credit: 1.0
Prerequisite: One or two years of Band Experience.
Our jazz band consists of trumpets, trombones, saxophones, piano, drum set, bass, and guitar. With the exception of the guitar player, students in this ensemble also are required to be enrolled in another band class (or orchestra class for the bass). This ensemble will focus on creating music of different genres and styles, with an emphasis on jazz styles.

INTERMEDIATE CHORUS

Grades: 7-8 Credit: 0.50
This course is open to students who are interested in developing their musical skills through singing. Students will learn vocal techniques, how to read music, and choral performance skills. Students will participate in a concert each quarter.

FOUNDATIONS OF ART I



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Grades 7-8 Credit: 0.50
Prerequisite: None
The course is designed to give students the opportunity to explore fundamentals of art. They will learn how artists use the 7 Elements of Art to create unique and diverse artworks by practicing and applying them into their work. Students will also experiment with various media, and complete bellwork activities featuring creative exercises and drawings.

JR HIGH ADVANCED FOUNDATIONS OF ART

Grades 8 Credit: 0.50
Prerequisite: Art 1
The course is designed to give students the opportunity to conduct an in-depth study on what defines art. Students will explore and experiment with various media and types of art such as photography, illustration, ceramics, and contemporary art. They will also be able to put themselves into the shoes of artists and designers as they create their work.

DRAWING AND PAINTING

Grades 7-8 Credit: 0.50
The course is designed to give students the opportunity to focus on further developing their drawing and painting skills. For the drawing portion of the class, students will be exploring different drawing techniques using various materials from graphite to charcoal to oil pastel. They will practice drawing from observation, shading, and learn how to draw more accurately. For the painting portion, students will

explore advanced techniques using different types of paint from acrylic to watercolor. They will learn the differences between these kinds of paints and how to apply them into different painting styles.

SCULPTURE

Grades 7-8 Credit: 0.50
The course is designed to give students the opportunity to conduct an in-depth study on three-dimensional art. Students will explore and experiment with various media and types of three-dimensional art from plaster-molding to ceramics to contemporary sculpture.

COMMERCIAL ART 1

Grades 7-8 Credit: 0.50
The course is designed to give students the opportunity to be introduced to various artistic and creative concepts in Commercial Arts. Students will explore several different types of media such as digital art/programs. Some of the commercial art topics that students will be able to study include: graphic design, advertising, logos, and book illustration.

3D PRINT AND DESIGN (Intro to Manufacturing Technology)

Grade 7-8 Credit: 0.5
This course is an introduction to 3D printing with emphasis on operation of 3D printers and design of 3D printed parts. The computer will be used by students to create 3 dimensional models and

prepare the models to print using plastic modeling material. Course content covers a step by step approach to creating models and setting up a 3D printer.

EXPLORING TECHNOLOGY 1

Grades: **7th ONLY**
Credit: 0.50

This is a hands-on class where students will experience different technologies and how they work. Students will be exposed to different hands-on skills like: Tool Safety, Woodworking, Metal Work, Plastics, Electronics, Automation, Design, and Problem Solving.

EXPLORING TECHNOLOGY 2

Grades: **8th ONLY**
Credit: 0.50

This is a hands-on class where students will experience different technologies and how they work. Students will be exposed to different hands-on skills like: Tool Safety, Woodworking, Metal Work, Plastics, Electronics, Automation, Design, and Problem Solving. This is considered the advanced class. Students will tackle larger, more complex projects.

FACS A Exploration Sewing/Interior Design

Grade 7-8 Credit: 0.50
This course is open to students who are interested in developing skills in the field of interior design, clothing construction and style, textiles, consumerism, free enterprise and job-related tasks. Student leadership (FCCLA) will also



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be an integral part of the course.

FACS B Exploration Cooking/Food & Nutrition

Grade 7-8 Credit: 0.50

Prerequisite: None

This course is open to students who are interested in developing skills in the field of childcare, food and nutrition, family relationships, personal responsibility, consumerism, free enterprise, and job-related tasks. Student leadership (FCCLA) will also be an integral part of the course.

PYTHON 1

Grade 7-8 Credit: 0.5

Python is a language with a simple syntax, and a powerful set of libraries. It is an interpreted language, with a rich programming environment, including a robust debugger and profiler. While it is easy for beginners to learn, it is widely used in many scientific areas for data exploration. This course is an introduction to the Python programming language for students without prior programming experience.

DESIGN/MARKETING

Grade 7-8 Credit: 0.5

Explore marketing through hands-on and project based learning. Focus will be on targeting marketing opportunities and delivering a strategic message.

Utilizing various resources, students will combine art and technology to communicate ideas.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Grades 6-8 Credit: 1.0

Prerequisite: Application Required

This class will focus on leadership where students act as role models, tutors, and serve the school to promote and advance a positive school environment for all students. The goal of this class is to develop student leaders that positively represent the voices of the school, selflessly serving students and staff, while reaching the community. Leadership is an activity-based course designed to develop students' skills in planning, implementing, and evaluating school and community projects. Students will learn various techniques for communications, team building, organization, promotion, evaluation, group process, human relations, service learning, and self-awareness. These techniques will be studied and applied in a real-world setting student's carry out school projects.

Science Elective-Fly Fishing

Grades 7-8 Credit: 0.50

Prerequisite: None

Do you love fishing? Do you want to understand why 10% of the fishermen catch 90% of the fish? If so, consider signing up for this Science Elective! We will learn about fly-fishing equipment - how to make different casts for all fishing situations. Learn to tie fishing knots and how to tie flies of all types, including your favorites. You'll learn about the insects, how to match the hatch and be

more successful. You'll learn about the local cold-water fish, how to read the water – so you know where the fish are hiding and if they're hungry. How reading a rise-form can tell you what life stage of an insect the fish are feeding on. You'll begin to understand the 400-year history of fly-fishing!

INTRO TO AG SCIENCE

Grades 7-8 Credit: 0.50

Prerequisite: None

An overview of the FFA Organization and opportunities within. Leadership introduction to areas like Parliamentary Procedure, Debate and Team building. FFA Competition introduction. We will introduce students to some contests and do some mock contests in class. An overview of the Agriculture industry, careers and opportunities within.

YOGA

Grades 7-8 Credit: 0.50

In yoga, we will utilize yoga practices to become more physically, mentally, energetically, and emotionally fit. The general purpose of this activity is to promote life-long physical fitness.

SPORTS SKILLS AND DRILLS

Grades 7-8 Credit: 0.50

Prerequisite: None

Fee: \$15.00 (P.E. Uniform)

This class is designed to help students become well-conditioned physically, and to learn skills that will



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help them compete at a high level in all sports.

Course Objectives:

- Strength Training, Sports Psychology, Proper Nutrition
- Name and Identify major muscle groups and know the associated exercises
- Performance of proper lifting technique for basic weight training exercises
- Understand and practice weight training safety principles
- Identify the benefits of a regular weight-training program

LUNCH AIDE

Grades 7-8

Prerequisite: Approval

Follow all instructions from lunch staff.

- Wash Dishes
- Clean tables
- Sweep floors

PEER TUTORING

(SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM)

Grades 7-8 Credit: 0.50

Prerequisite: Approval and No F's from previous quarter. Peer Tutoring is a course in which students learn to advocate for people with disabilities, become aware of various disabilities, and interact with the students in the Basic Life Skills Classroom at RJHS. Peer Tutors will be responsible for providing assistance to students with disabilities in academics, daily living, social, vocational, and community skills. This is a leadership class. As a Peer Tutor, you will be a mentor to students

with disabilities and an example to our student body in showing that people with disabilities deserve kindness and respect that all people are given. (Can be taken more than one semester.)

TEACHER AIDE

Grades 8th Only

Prerequisite: Approval **from teacher you're wanting to aide for** and no F's from the previous quarter.

Tasks may include:

- assisting students with their work
- taking attendance
- correcting papers

Students will follow the instructions of the teacher they are aiding for.

YEARBOOK

Grades 7-8

Prerequisite: Application

Required

Students will help design the school yearbook.

Students will be asked to take pictures during school activities as well as capture night activities.

STUDY SKILLS

Grades: 7-8 Credit 0.5

Have you ever struggled to keep your school work straight? Is it hard to make and accomplish personal goals? Mrs. Mecham will help students learn how to color code and organize school work, sports and work schedules, your room, your stuff, and your brain. We will discover what personal goal setting tools work best for you. We will uncover our hidden skills to face test anxiety and get stuff done! Exploring, chrome extensions, and calendaring will help you get where you want to be....and be on time.

EXPLORING BUSINESS AND MARKETING

Grades: 7-8 Credit 0.5

Why are Jordan's the coolest shoes on the market? Why do we buy the things we buy? Why do we love super bowl commercials? Join Mrs Mecham as we explore the fundamentals of advertising. Learn the difference between good and bad advertising. We will practice creating effective marketing strategies, online, with brochures, social media and mailers. Come with me on a psychological journey into the minds of people who love to buy.