

DISTRICT 103 SUMMER SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Kindergarten - 7th Grade

at DANIEL WRIGHT JUNIOR HIGH

Monday, June 9, 2025 – Wednesday, July 2, 2025

*No classes on June 19, 2025

Classes will be in session Monday – Friday

PERIOD 1 8:30 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.

PERIOD 2 9:25 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

PERIOD 3 10:20 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.

PERIOD 4 11:15 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

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- Students enroll in grade bands/classes for the grade level most recently completed.
 - For example, if your student completed 2nd grade in 2025, they would be enrolled in the K-2 grade band.
 - Students must register for periods 1 & 2, periods 3 & 4, or periods 1-4.
 - Students can only leave after period 2 (parent/guardian transportation only) or after period 4.
 - This does not apply to ESY students.
 - Classes per period are preliminary and will be based on enrollment
 - An \$80.00 registration fee is collected for each course
 - Some courses have additional material fees
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LANGUAGE ARTS COURSES

BLUESTEM BOOK CLUB, grades 3-4

Students will read their way through a variety of Bluestem Award nominees, discussing and sharing their passion for reading great books! Do not miss this chance to experience some of the best in youth literature!

COMIC BOOK CREATIVE WRITING, grades 3-4, 5-7

Come explore the joys of writing as we give students the power of choice in creating their own stories! They will be taught the writing process in fun and exciting ways. They will explore how to write comic books using BookCreator, but they can create stories using other avenues as well! Students will also be able to smash other apps such as PicCollage, Green Screen, and more to help these pieces come alive! After this class, your child will hopefully keep writing all summer long!

FIRST GRADE READINESS MATH AND READING, grade K

This remedial class reinforces early reading concepts to better prepare students for first grade. This class runs for two consecutive periods (periods 1 & 2). This course is for two periods and must be taken with First Grade Readiness MATH.

INQUISITIVE MINDS: EXPLORE AND UNCOVER, grades 3-4, 5-7

This course empowers students to dive into their curiosity by researching any topic or problem of their choice. From uncovering fascinating facts to solving real-world challenges, students have the freedom to pursue their interests. What sets this course apart is the flexibility it offers in sharing newfound knowledge. Whether you prefer a captivating presentation, a creative project, or an engaging discussion, the choice is yours. Our goal is to foster a sense of ownership and excitement in learning, encouraging students to

unleash their creativity while honing valuable research skills.

MYTHS & QUILLS: CRAFTING AND READING LEGENDARY STORIES (includes a \$10.00 material fee), grades 3-4, 5-7

Get ready for an adventure filled with gods, heroes, and mythical creatures! Myths & Quills is a fun, hands-on summer class where students will explore the exciting world of Greek mythology. Students will read legendary stories about powerful gods, brave heroes, and magical creatures while uncovering the hidden symbols and lessons within these ancient myths. They'll learn how myths teach us important values like bravery, kindness, and cleverness. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to create their own myths, inventing new gods, heroes, and magical creatures.

READERS' WORKSHOP: BOOK CLUB, grades K-2

Students will read and discuss award-winning books in literature circles. Through teacher-led "book talks," students will self-select books to read. Literature groups will set reading goals, formulate discussion questions, and lead book discussions.

READERS' WORKSHOP: BOOK CLUB/SUMMER READING, grades 5-7

Students can read and discuss award-winning books in literature circles, **OR** students can elect to read the required novel for the coming school year! Groups will set reading goals, formulate discussion questions, and lead book discussions. Students will participate in activities to enhance their comprehension of the text. **If a student plans to complete the grade level summer reading requirement during summer school, they must purchase the book on their own and bring it with them on the first day of class.**

READERS' WORKSHOP: FAIRY TALES, grades K-2

Students will study the unique characteristics of fairy tales. They will have the opportunity to read many different fairy tales. Read-aloud, art, drama, and creative writing will also be used to explore this literary genre.

READING INTERVENTION, grades 1-2, 3-4, 5-7

This course is intended for students who are not reading at grade level. This remedial class reviews reading strategies to improve students' overall reading abilities. Instruction covers the five major areas of reading: fluency, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, phonics, and comprehension. This course is suited for students who need additional reading exposure.

WRITERS' WORKSHOP, grades K-2, 3-4, 5-7

Students will enjoy time for free writing to explore multiple genres, such as fiction, personal narrative, expository essays, poetry, and the like. Students will be guided through the writing process by engaging in prewriting activities (brainstorming & graphic organizers), peer and teacher conferencing, revising, editing, publishing, and sharing of their stories. This course is perfect for students who love to write and publish their own stories.

MATH COURSES

FIRST GRADE READINESS MATH AND READING, grade K

This remedial class reinforces early math concepts to better prepare students for first grade. This class runs for two consecutive periods (periods 1 & 2). This course is for two periods and must be taken with First Grade Readiness READING.

BRAIN GAMES, grades 3-4, 5-7

Get those brain muscles moving with fun games, puzzles, and activities designed to improve your logic, creativity, and problem-solving skills! Brain Games will challenge your critical thinking and memory as well as your math and word skills. Have fun while boosting your brain POWER!

LOGICALLY THINKING, grades 3-4, 5-7

Do your students need a challenge beyond regular classroom work? Logically Thinking is a great class for developing critical thinking skills. We will use reasoning, deductions, and strategies to solve problems. The class will empower students to use their abilities to gather information and apply it. Students will work independently and in groups. Logic problems, puzzles, and logic games will be used as tools for learning.

MATH INTERVENTION, grades 1-2, 3-4

This course is intended for students who are not performing at grade level. This remedial class provides support for students who need additional exposure to mathematical concepts. Emphasis is placed on skill building in computation and conceptual understanding, as well as developing strategies for problem-solving.

MATH INTERVENTION, grades 5-7

This remedial class provides support for students who need additional exposure to mathematical concepts. Emphasis is placed on skill building in computation and conceptual understanding, as well as developing strategies for problem-solving.

MATH INVESTIGATIONS, grades K-2

Graphing, probability, measurement, geometry, addition, and subtraction concepts will be explored through a series of mathematical investigations. Students will use hands-on materials, math games, and art to solve challenging real-life problems.

MATH INVESTIGATIONS, grades 3-4, 5-7

Fractions, geometry, measurement, probability, and number operations will be explored through a series of mathematical investigations. Students will use hands-on materials, math games, art, and the tools of technology to solve challenging problems

SCIENCE COURSES

ENGINEERING ADVENTURES (includes a \$10.00 material fee), grades 5-7

Interested in designing and engineering? This course is for you! Hands-on activities will prompt students to understand and apply the methodologies of design and engineering as they create innovative solutions to challenges! A variety of new activities are in store for this summer!

LEGO EDUCATION, grades 3-4, 5-7

Students will be engaged through playful, hands-on STEAM learning with fun and engaging lessons so they stay focused and enthusiastic. Kids will be challenged to complete exciting learning missions that will be the building blocks for their culminating project.

M.E.S.T.A. (includes a \$10.00 material fee), grades 5-7

Back by popular demand, this course integrates and enriches the subjects of Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Technology, and Art through hands-on activities and experiences and more! A variety of new activities are in store for this summer!

MONKEYS ALL DAY, grades K-2, 3-4

From the tiniest monkeys to the largest apes, come learn about the fascinating world of one of our closest relatives. As a former primate zookeeper with intimate knowledge of these adorable creatures, we will dive into the world of a different primate every day!

THINK TANK (includes a \$10.00 material fee), grades K-2, 3-4

Can you walk through a sheet of 8 1/2 " X 11" paper? Can you make a musical instrument with craft sticks and rubber bands? If you have an interest in developing your creative and problem-solving skills, then THINK TANK is the class for you.

YOUNG SCIENTISTS (includes a \$10.00 material fee), grades K-2

Students will explore special areas of interest in science. The scientific inquiry method will be emphasized, while students will be engaging in active investigations and multistep problem-solving.

TECHNOLOGY COURSES**MINECRAFT CODING, grades 3-4, 5-7**

This Coding with Minecraft course introduces students to core computer programming concepts, such as events, coordinates, variables, conditionals, functions, iteration, arrays, and artificial intelligence. It builds on the popularity of Minecraft, featuring Minecraft Education Edition, and introduces Microsoft MakeCode, a block and Python programming editor. The course is composed of 10 units that combine a variety of computer programming skills in a structured, linear approach through coding tutorials. Units include guided coding activities to gain hands-on coding experience; knowledge check questions to assess learning, and extension activities for students to apply what they've learned.

MINECRAFT EDU, grades 3-4

Want to travel to a place where everything is made of blocks and the only limit is your imagination? The Minecraft Education Class is for students who enjoy all things Minecraft. It doesn't matter if you're a beginner or a Minecraft expert - we have a spot for you. Our class will be using a special version of Minecraft called Minecraft Education – one designed specifically for teachers and students to create and explore together. We will focus on creativity, collaboration, and communication. Daily activities will be driven by student choice. In addition, we will be exploring other key features of Minecraft Education: basic modding and coding in Minecraft, esports build challenges, and Minecraft virtual field trips.

MINECRAFT GAME DESIGN, grades 5-7

Step into the world of GameCode, where creativity meets coding in Minecraft Education! In this self-paced class, you'll design and program your own arcade-style mini-games using MakeCode block coding: Create and code custom games like Parkour, Hide and Seek, and Rock, Paper, Scissors, Develop coding skills like loops, conditionals, variables, functions, and arrays to bring your game ideas to life, Use the design cycle to build your own game as a final project, Collaborate with classmates to create a

Minecraft arcade and showcase your games, Boost problem-solving, creativity, and teamwork through game development. If you love Minecraft and want to design, build, and code your own games at your own pace, GameCode is the perfect class for you!

TAP INTO TECHNOLOGY, grades K-2, 3-4

Put on your creative thinking hats and get ready to explore. We will tap into a variety of types of technology, such as robots, coding, Breakout Edu, iMovie, and Google Slides, using iPads.

SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES

HISPANIC ARTS AND CULTURE (includes a \$12.00 material fee), grades 3-4, 5-7

Join us for an exciting, hands-on exploration of Hispanic arts! This fun, interactive course invites students to dive into the vibrant world of Latin American and Spanish traditions through music, crafts, literature, and more. Learn to play traditional instruments, create colorful crafts, and explore stories that celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the Hispanic world. Come ready to get creative, make new friends, and discover the beauty of Hispanic culture!

TRAVELING THE STATES (includes a \$10.00 material fee), grades 3-4, 5-7

Get ready for an adventure where you'll learn about a featured state each day, make postcards to document your visit, and then store them in a homemade suitcase for safe-keeping. During the class, we read, write, and discuss interesting facts for each state, like the state flower, food, music, and more!

WORLD CULTURE (includes a \$10.00 material fee), grades K-2

Through interactive learning, experience the art, music, language, holidays, food, and culture of sixteen different countries around the world, plus the United States! Each day will include a project that represents some aspect of that country. This class is run on a three-year cycle, so students are encouraged to take this class all three years to experience 48 different countries!

FINE ARTS COURSES

ACTING, grades K-2, 3-4, 5-7

This course will use movement and drama to develop students' self-confidence and communication skills. The class will also develop problem-solving and group skills through acting.

ART (includes a \$15.00 material fee), grades 5-7

Students will create a variety of projects using multiple forms of art!

ARTS & CRAFTS (includes a \$15.00 material fee), grades K-2, 3-4

Students will learn about arts and crafts through fun-filled exploratory activities. Projects and materials will be chosen to match the different interests and skill levels of students in the classes. Student creativity is the focus.

BAND BLAST, grades 5-7

Are you a young wind or percussion musician looking for more practice and opportunities to perform during the summer? This is the course for you! In Summer Band, we will work on improving tone and

intonation through warm-ups and technique exercises and put together a summer program with fun pieces of music!

COOKING (includes a \$30.00 material fee) grades K-2, 3-4

Tie on an apron, wash your hands, and get ready to cook! Students will be creating tasty recipes for their pleasure. This class is for beginning cooks and returning chefs alike. Recipes will be specifically geared to match the skill level and taste preferences of each age group. Students make and enjoy a snack and beverages daily. **Students are limited to registering for one cooking class.**

CRAFTING (includes a \$15.00 material fee), grades 5-7

Get your craft on! Explore a variety of crafting activities, such as embroidery, decoupage, and macrame!

CUISINE OF ITALY, (includes a \$30.00 material fee), grades 5-7

Have your student explore the hills of Italy through cuisine. Students will learn how to make pasta, sauces, traditional dishes, and desserts. This hands-on experience will teach students how to cook these items from scratch. Kitchens are peanut/nut-free. Recipes do utilize gluten, eggs, and dairy.

FUN WITH MODEL MAGIC, (includes a \$10.00 material fee), grades K-2, 3-4, 5-7

Let your imagination take shape this summer! In Fun with Model Magic, kids will explore their creativity by crafting colorful, lightweight sculptures and unique creations using Model Magic. This hands-on course is perfect for young artists who love to experiment with colors, textures, and designs. From animals to abstract art, the possibilities are endless! Join us for a fun-filled journey of artistic discovery and creativity.

POTTERY (includes a \$25.00 material fee), grades 5-7

Designed for the beginner, students will create a variety of ceramic objects using the hand-building techniques of pinch, coil, and slab. Students will experiment by making works that are both decorative and functional and by adding shiny, colorful glazes. This class will be a fun, hands-on way to use your imagination and create!

SUMMER STRINGS, grades 5-7

An opportunity for students who currently play a string instrument within D103 (violin, viola, cello, bass) in the orchestra to continue making music over the summer! In this course, students will continue to enhance their musicianship skills and create music together.

ATHLETICS COURSES

FUN WITH FITNESS, grades 3-4, 5-7

Students will enjoy activities, adventures, teamwork, and fitness as they take advantage of the beautiful sun and fun in the outdoor athletic fields AND the indoor fitness center at Daniel Wright. Walking, running, playing, and jumping will just be the beginning of the activities we have in store for them!

OPEN GYM, grades K-2, 3-4, 5-7

Students will have an opportunity to play fun games and participate in other P.E. activities.

TEAM SPORTS, grades K-2, 3-4, 5-7

Learn drills, improve skills, and play team sports, such as volleyball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, etc. Each week, the students will participate in a different team sport.