

****Fine Arts Requirement:** Students are required to take at least ONE fine arts course during their 6th grade year. The courses listed satisfy the fine arts requirement and must be taken in 7th grade for any student new to Shadow Ridge who has not completed their fine arts requirement.

ELECTIVE CLASSES – 7th GRADE SHADOW RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

REQUIRED ELECTIVE FOR ALL 7TH GRADERS:

The Study Skills course equips students with skills and understandings critical to effective learning. Moving beyond a list of good tips and ideas, the Study Skills course will challenge students to develop intentional approaches to learning. They will be required to make connections between the strategies and skills they learn in this course and the implementation of those strategies and skills in their other coursework. Upon completion of the course, students will have learned a variety of specific learning skills and strategies, gained greater understanding of their own learning preferences, and become prepared to develop and implement specific learning and study plans for any academic course or other learning needs beyond 7th Grade.

~unless already in a special program, see counselor for clarity.

FINE ARTS

****ART I 7-8**

Art 1 allows students to create original works of art by exploring a variety of art media, techniques, and processes in both 2-D and 3-D art forms. Tempera, ink, watercolor, charcoal, pastels, oil pastels, paper and fabric are some of the media utilized in art. Drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, and computer graphics are some of the techniques and processes involved in instruction. The elements and principles of art are stressed throughout the year and are emphasized in all projects. Study of cultures and artists are also integral parts of this course. Portfolio development and art competitions are components of Art 1. There is a course fee of \$10.00.

Musical and Performing Arts **

Placements will be determined by the Directors.

****BAND — Concert (NV)**

Symphonic Band is open to students who have completed at least one year of band. Students will be placed into Symphonic Band or Honor Winds after their end of year final exam/audition. Students in Symphonic Band will participate in all band concerts, UIL Concert & Sightreading, Solo & Ensemble contest, the spring festival, and any field trips. This course provides intermediate instrumental instruction and performance skills.

****BAND — SYMPHONIC (V)**

Honor Winds is the most advanced band class at Shadow Ridge and is open to students who have completed at least one year of band. Students will be placed into Symphonic Band or Honor Winds after their end of year final exam/audition. Students in Honor Winds will participate in all band concerts, All-Region Band, UIL Concert & Sightreading, Solo & Ensemble contest, the spring festival, the Elementary Tour, and any field trips. This course provides advanced instrumental instruction and performance skills.

JAZZ BAND

"Only students enrolled in Band at Shadow Ridge may sign up for the Jazz Band elective. Any exceptions to this rule need to request approval through Mr. Patterson and Ms. Schuster."

****CHOIR GIRLS - TREBLE (NV)**

This choir is open to all seventh and eighth grade treble singers who are either new to choir or who have taken choir previously. Audition is not required. Students learn vocal technique, sight-singing, basic music theory, and a varied repertoire appropriate to their skills. Most importantly, students develop a sense of community and make friends as they learn to sing alongside their peers! Opportunities include performing in concerts, auditioning for the TMEA All-Region Choir, LISD Solo & Ensemble Contest, performing at UIL, and competing at Spring Sing Contest. Private voice lessons are available and encouraged.

****CHOIR GIRLS- TREBLE (V)**

This is the most advanced treble choir at SRMS and is open to students who have completed at least one year of choir. Students will build on the skills they have already learned in sixth and/or seventh grade, including more advanced sight-reading and repertoire. Most importantly, students develop a sense of community and make friends as they learn to sing alongside their peers! Opportunities include performing in concerts, auditioning for the TMEA All-Region Choir, LISD Solo & Ensemble Contest, touring elementary schools on our Holiday Tour, performing at UIL, and competing at Spring Sing Contest. Private voice lessons are available and encouraged.

****CHOIR BOYS - TENOR/BASS (V)**

This is the most advanced Tenor/Bass choir at SRMS and is open to students who have completed at least one year of choir. Students will build on the skills they have already learned in sixth and/or seventh grade, including more advanced sight-reading and repertoire. Most importantly, students develop a sense of community and make friends as they learn to sing alongside their peers! Opportunities include performing in concerts, auditioning for the TMEA All-Region Choir, LISD Solo & Ensemble Contest, touring elementary schools on our Holiday Tour, performing at UIL, and competing at Spring Sing Contest. Private voice lessons are available and encouraged.

****ORCHESTRA Concert -(Intermediate)**

This Orchestra is for students who have completed Beginner Orchestra or who have at least one year of playing experience. Activities throughout the year include the opportunity to participate in Orchestra Camp, four annual concerts, and several extracurricular performances such as All-District & All-Region, UIL Concert and Sight-reading Competition, LISD Solo & Ensemble Contest, and Spring Festival.

****ORCHESTRA – PHILHARMONIC (NV)**

The Philharmonic Orchestra is for students who have completed at least one year of instruction on their instrument. Activities throughout the year include the opportunity to participate in Orchestra Camp, four annual concerts, and several extracurricular performances such as All-District & All-Region, UIL Concert and Sight-reading Competition, LISD Solo & Ensemble Contest, Elementary Tour, and Spring Festival. This course provides advanced instrumental instruction and performance skills.

****ORCHESTRA – SYMPHONIC (V)** The Chamber orchestra is the most advanced string ensemble at SRMS; all students are placed by audition. Activities throughout the year include the opportunity to participate in Orchestra Camp, four annual concerts, and several extracurricular performances such as All-District & All-Region, UIL, LISD Solo & Ensemble Contest, and Spring Festival. This group is also responsible for planning the annual Elementary School Tour in the spring. This course provides advanced instrumental instruction and performance skills.

****THEATRE ARTS I**

Theatre I is open to all students who are interested in unleashing their creativity through performing or technical design. No prior experience is needed. Throughout the year, all students will get hands-on experience in acting,

technical theatre, theatre history, industry study, and in addition, every student who is in Theatre I will perform as an actor or be on a technical crew for a class play produced at the end of the year. The class play gives each and every student in the class the opportunity to have hands-on experience in theatre. In addition, theatre will give students an opportunity to learn social skills such as: respect, confidence, public speaking, how to give and receive feedback, and problem solving.

****THEATRE ARTS II**

(By Audition-prerequisite: Theater Arts I)

Bravo is an advanced audition-based class for students who want to have more performance and design opportunities without the after-school commitment of Encore. Bravo focuses on advanced performing and technical design methods such as acting skills, directing, movement, technical theatre, literature, voice, and design. Through the classroom experience, students expand their ability to appreciate, construct and evaluate live theatre. In addition, every student who is in Bravo will participate in a play they will perform for the public. There will be a small amount of after school rehearsal for the play, but most rehearsal will happen during class. They also have the opportunity to participate in the school musical. This class is suited towards people who want to keep exploring theatre at an advanced level, while not experiencing the high amount of after school commitment in Encore.

****THEATRE PRODUCTION**

(By Audition-prerequisite: Theater Arts I)

Encore is a highly selective and audition-based theatre class for 7th and 8th grade students that focuses on advanced performing and technical design methods. Students will dive into text analysis, higher level acting concepts, elements of design, audition techniques, industry studies, and much more. Students in Encore will be required to participate in the UIL One Act Competition Play, the UIL Technical Design Contest, and contribute to the school musical. UIL One Act Play competition requires after school rehearsal days as does the school musical.

LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION - **NOT REQUIRED for Middle School students**

Course availability and placement pending number of requests

there is limited availability for this course

Year-long course: Placement is determined by the number of students interested in the course and class placement is not guaranteed like all other course requests.

SPANISH I (1.0 high school credit)

Spanish I is the introductory course in the Spanish language. In this course, students are taught basic vocabulary and language structures. The lessons and the classroom function predominantly in Spanish. The students will learn conversational responses, vocabulary and grammar items essential for understanding. Communication occurs in the interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes, as students meet the TEKS goals of communication, cultures, connections, comparisons, and communities at the novice level. This challenging course counts for high school credit. Therefore, it is recommended for students with an A/B overall average. Upon successful completion of Spanish 1 HS in 7th grade, students are expected to enroll in Spanish 2 HS in 8th grade in order to gain high school language credit.

**Students who attended a Dual Language or Spanish Immersion elementary school need to contact the counselor about Spanish placement in middle school.*

CTE (CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CLASSES)

Course availability and placement pending number of requests

there is limited availability for this course

Year-long course: Placement is determined by the number of students interested in the course and class placement is not guaranteed like all other course requests.

INTRO TO ROBOTICS AND ENGINEERING (1.0 high school credit) **NO prerequisites required**

Intro to Robotic Engineering provides an overview of the various fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and their interrelationships. Students will develop engineering communication skills, which include computer graphics, modeling, and presentations, by using a variety of computer hardware and software applications to complete assignments and projects. Upon completing this course, students will have an understanding of the various fields of engineering and will be able to make informed career decisions. Further, students will have worked on a design team to develop a product or system. Students will use multiple software applications to prepare and present course assignments.

OTHER ELECTIVE OPTION

Course availability and placement pending number of requests

there is limited availability for this course

Year-long course: Placement is determined by the number of students interested in the course and class placement is not guaranteed like all other course requests.

OUTDOOR TRAILS **DOES NOT replace PE for 7th graders**

Students are offered education in the areas of hunting, fishing, hiking, nature recognition, archery and cooking. The students will feel safe and positive about their learning environment and demonstrate appropriate life skills that have exemplified proper mentoring in these fields of study.

Depending on offerings for the following school year, this course may only be taken once during middle school.

YEARBOOK - 7th (see application link in presentation)

Students will need to fill out an application in order to be considered. This course should be one of the top 3 selections if you are interested, **NOT an alternate.**