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## **AVID 7**

### **[Application and teacher recommendation required]**

Do you want to attend college after high school? Are you hard-working and interested in your future and education? Then this class is for you! This class is available for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. AVID will help students in the transition from elementary to middle school classes. AVID will inspire students to become better readers, writers, listeners, speakers, and thinkers; skills that are needed in high school and beyond. Students will work together to discover what it takes to be college-bound and academically in charge of their own destiny. Students will learn organization, time management, leadership/public speaking, and teamwork. Finally, AVID can be a lot of fun! We will take one field trip to a four-year university. I hope you consider this course and join our AVID "family" today!

**If you have questions, email [jnelson@galt.k12.ca.us](mailto:jnelson@galt.k12.ca.us)**

## **ART 1**

This course introduces students to the basic elements and principles of art. Students will learn to create and discuss art. This involves creating art with various materials, keeping a digital portfolio, reading, writing, and discussing historical artworks from cultures of the past and present. Students' artistic voices will be encouraged and supported.

\*Curriculum is created using the California State Standards for the Visual Arts. The lessons will cover the four artistic processes for the visual arts: creating, presenting, responding, connecting.

## **BAND**

### **[Experience required]**

In Band at McCaffrey you will learn about techniques for playing your instrument, practice strategies, and other music skills like music reading, expression, and tuning. We will play music of different styles, cultures, and time periods. You will also learn non-musical skills like working in groups, leadership, and creative thinking. Band students will participate in several concerts, community events, and field trips throughout the school year. The instruments in a school band are woodwinds, brass, and percussion (no string instruments). Most 7th graders who chose band will go into Band 1, however your elementary band teacher can recommend you for Band 2, which is mostly for 8th graders. If you are not currently in band in 6th grade but would like to do band in middle school, contact Mrs. Aguilera. **If you have questions, email [Aaguilera@galt.k12.ca.us](mailto:Aaguilera@galt.k12.ca.us)**

## **CHOIR**

### **[No experience required]**

Choir is a class for anyone and everyone who likes to sing. It doesn't matter if you are an amazing singer or if you sound terrible, everyone is welcome and everyone in class will improve their singing skills. Unlike elementary school, McCaffrey choir is not a pull out program and it meets every day. What you will learn goes much deeper than what is covered in elementary school choir. Students learn not only music skills like balance, blend, expression and music literacy, but lots of non-music skills as well, like how to be more confident in front of groups of people, how to work together in a group, and creative thinking skills. Choir students will participate in several concerts, community events, and field trips throughout the school year.

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## **INTEGRATED TECH/MAKER SPACE**

Do you have an interest in discovering, designing and using your creative side to build and make? This class will provide the guidance and practice to explore different careers and tools necessary to have a high quality of life. These tools include **laser cutting, 3D design, circuits, coding, sewing, painting, mini solar cars, and more.** Join this fun, creative, project-based class, and become a Maker. **If you have questions, email [kalbert@galt.k12.ca.us](mailto:kalbert@galt.k12.ca.us)**

**INTRO TO AGRICULTURE 7th/8th Grade** (This class should be heavy in 7th grade enrollment to feed to the advanced class)

This course is an Introduction to Agriculture class that explores all the opportunities this broad industry provides in California and our community of Galt. In this exploratory class, students will be introduced to opportunities in agriculture leadership, plant science, food science, fabrication and animal science. This course is designed to spark students' interest in the agricultural industry and help provide them with skills that could be used in later classes as well as in everyday life. This class includes experiential, project, and work- based learning through Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) and leadership and personal development through Future Farmers of America (FFA). California Agriculture Standards and Career Technical Education Standards are used to guide the course.

## **INTRO TO SPANISH or SPANISH EXPLORATORY**

This class is for everyone, 7th and 8th graders who are interested in learning the basics of a new language and the culture tied into it. This class focuses on the Spanish language so that students can develop proficiency on a basic level. Language learning in this class will focus on understanding and learning to speak simple phrases, learning limited vocabulary and very basic grammatical structures. This class also introduces students to the Spanish-speaking cultures of Spain, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean and South America.

**If you have any questions, please email [cgudinoramirez@galt.k12.ca.us](mailto:cgudinoramirez@galt.k12.ca.us)**

## **LEADERSHIP**

**[Application and teacher recommendation required]**

This course is designed for students interested in school leadership and school government. Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA with no "F's" or "N's" in citizenship in order to remain enrolled in Leadership. Students may plan and lead activities such as field trips, assemblies, dances, school rallies, spirit days, lunch-time activities, and student recognition programs. Students may implement a budget that meets school goals and carry out school wide fundraisers to support the many programs for students at the school. Students also promote school spirit and develop leadership skills. Enrolled in this course will require students to attend school early or stay after from time-to-time to support school activities. **If you have questions, email [jnelson@galt.k12.ca.us](mailto:jnelson@galt.k12.ca.us)**

## **MUSIC PRODUCTION**

**[No experience required]**

In this course students will learn how to create popular music digitally. We will be using Soundtrap, a digital audio workstation (DAW), on their Chromebooks to create original music which is how much of today's popular music is created. Students will learn about the various components of popular music and the key concepts of music production.

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## **TECH PLUS**

**[Application and teacher recommendation required]**

Students will be responsible for the production of the **daily news show** for the school and community. Jobs will rotate and include: Talent, Audio, Editor, Script, Producer, and more. Students

will also work on technology projects including Digital design, Google Apps, WeVideo and more. No experience necessary, HOWEVER, students must be motivated and independent workers.

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