



## **Online High School Courses Available to Middle School Students through Bend-Lapine Online**

### ***Middle Schoolers may enroll in:***

- High School Algebra/Geometry (after following the standard math pathway)
- High School Electives...See the options below (students are allowed 1 High School elective course per semester)

### ***Middle School students cannot take the following high school courses:***

- High school PE
- Core classes (Language Arts, Science, History)
- High school Health

### ***Families need to understand the following:***

- In order for a class to be transcribed to a student's transcript, families must fill out the appropriate form and submit to the high school
  - Grades count toward HS GPA if student decides to carry the credit to go on their HS transcript
  - Our high schools recommend waiting until the junior year of high school to transcribe HS credits earned in MS
- If a student is interested in collegiate athletics their core classes must be NCAA approved and Bend-La Pine Online K12 courses are NOT NCAA approved.

*Additionally realize that if students are not interested in earning credit toward their high school diploma with online electives, the following Middle School level courses are available:*

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| ● MS Journalism                  | ● MS Game Design 1 and 2 |
| ● MS Photography                 | ● Coding Fundamentals    |
| ● MS Career Explorations 1 and 2 | ● Computer Literacy      |
| ● Intermediate World Art 1 A/B   |                          |
| ● 2D Studio Art                  |                          |



**High School Electives available for 8th Graders- *Students are allowed to take 1 HS elective at a time.***

### High School Course

#### **Culinary Arts:**

Food is fundamental to life. Not only does it feed our bodies, but it's often the centerpiece for family gatherings and social functions. In this course, students learn all about food, including food culture, food history, food safety, and current food trends. They also learn about the food service industry and how to prepare some culinary dishes. Through hands-on activities and in-depth study of the culinary arts field, this course helps students hone their cooking skills and gives them the opportunity to explore careers in the food industry.

#### **Astronomy:**

Why do stars twinkle? Is it possible to fall into a black hole? Will the sun ever stop shining? Since the first glimpse of the night sky, humans have been fascinated with the stars, planets, and universe. This course introduces students to the study of astronomy, including its history and development; basic scientific laws of motion and gravity; the concepts of modern astronomy; and the methods used by astronomers to learn more about the universe. Additional topics include the solar system; the Milky Way and other galaxies; and the sun and stars. Using online tools, students examine the life cycle of stars; the properties of planets; and the exploration of space.

#### **Criminology:**

In today's society, crime and deviant behavior are often one of the top concerns of society members. From the nightly news to personal experiences with victimization, crime seems to be all around us. In this course, we will explore the field of criminology or the study of crime. In doing so, we will look at possible explanations for crime from psychological, biological, and sociological standpoints, explore the various types of crime and their consequences for society, and investigate how crime and criminals are handled by the criminal justice system. Why do some individuals commit crimes but others don't? What aspects in our culture and society promote crime and deviance? Why do individuals receive different punishments for the same crime? What factors shape the criminal case process, from arrest to punishments?

#### **Early Childhood Education:**

In this course, students learn how to create fun and educational environments for children; how to keep the environment safe for children; and how to encourage the health and well-being of infants, toddlers, and school-aged children.

#### **Interior Design:**

Do you have a flare for designing and decorating? If so, this course will show you how to turn your interests and skills into a career. From professionals who own their own business to those working within a larger company, interior designers do it all—from planning the color scheme to choosing furniture and light fixtures—with the end goal of creating a space where people can live or work comfortably, safely, and happily.



You'll learn about color, texture, trends and styles over time, how homes are built, and "green" options for homes and businesses. Most importantly, you'll learn how to work with a client to meet their unique needs and style requirements. This course will help you to identify parts of interior design that are most interesting to you, helping you to chart the path for your future.

**Entrepreneurship:**

In this introductory business course, students learn the basics of planning and launching their own successful business. Whether they want to start their own money-making business or create a nonprofit to help others, this course helps students develop the core skills they need to be successful. They learn how to come up with new business ideas, attract investors, market their business, and manage expenses.

**Public Speaking:**

Students create original essays, poems, and short stories in this course which focuses on the four-step process writing model. They study public speaking occasions and develop skills as fair and critical listeners, or consumers, of spoken information and persuasion. Students study types of speeches (informative, persuasive, dramatic, and special occasion), read and listen to models of speeches, and prepare and present their own speeches to diverse audiences. Students learn to choose speaking topics and adapt them for specific audiences, to research and support their ideas, and to benefit from listener feedback. They study how to incorporate well-designed visual and multimedia aids in presentations and how to maintain a credible presence in the digital world. Students also learn about the ethics of public speaking and about techniques for managing communication anxiety.

**Life Skills:**

This one-semester elective is designed to increase students' knowledge of and ability to use the skills necessary for everyday living. Life Skills emphasizes defining personal values, goal-setting and planning, and solving problems. Instructional material focuses on dealing with media and peer pressure, communication and relationships, working with others, avoiding and/or resolving conflict, decision making, wellness and personal safety, aspects of good citizenship, environmental awareness, and how students can contribute to their own community.

**American Sign Language:**

Did you know that American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most commonly used language in North America? American Sign Language: Introduction will introduce you to vocabulary and simple sentences, so that you can start communicating right away. Importantly, you will explore Deaf culture – social beliefs, traditions, history, values and communities influenced by deafness.

American Sign Language 1b: Learn to Sign will introduce you to more of this language and its grammatical structures. You will expand your vocabulary by exploring interesting topics like Deaf education and Deaf arts and culture.