

****Fine Arts Requirement:** Students are required to take at least ONE fine arts course in middle school. Any student who has not completed their fine arts requirement must take one of the above classes in 8th grade.

ELECTIVE CLASSES - 8TH GRADE **SHADOW RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

FINE ARTS

****ART I**

Art 1 allows students to create original works of art by exploring various mediums and techniques. Both 2D and 3D art is created using pencil and charcoal, acrylic and watercolor paints, clay, pastels, paper, yarn and fabric. Drawing skills, painting, sculpture, ceramics, and printmaking are some of the techniques that you will be learning. The elements and principles of art are emphasized in all projects as well as a study of various artists and cultural art. Portfolio development is an integral part of this course. There is a \$30.00 fee for the Art Packet that includes a sketchbook and drawing materials needed for class. Or a \$20.00 fee for classroom materials and you will need to provide your own sketchbook. *This class is for 8th graders who have never had a full year of Art.*

****HIGH SCHOOL ART 1 (1.0 high school credit)**

(prerequisite Art I MS in 7th grade)

This is a full year class and equivalent of a high school art 1 course. Students will receive 1 Fine Art HS credit. The curriculum will include learning advanced skills in drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics and printmaking. Mediums such as watercolor and acrylic paint, drawing mediums such as pencils and charcoal, ceramics and sculpture will be further explored. An advanced portfolio will be developed both in hand and online. There is a \$30.00 Art Packet fee that will include your sketchbook and drawing materials needed or there is a \$10.00 classroom fee and you will need to supply your own sketchbook.

Musical and Performing Arts

Band names in Skyward appear differently than listed, for description purposes, SMRS refers to them as the following. Placements will be determined by the Directors.

****BAND: SYMPHONIC BAND/HONOR WINDS**

Band is open to all 7th and 8th grade students who have completed Beginner Band. Students will be placed into Symphonic Band or Honor Winds after their end of year final exam/audition. Both bands perform at various pep rallies, concerts, competitions, festivals, and field trips throughout the year. These courses provide 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." Please reach out to them if needed.

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

This choir is open to all seventh and eighth grade girls who are either new to choir or who have taken choir in sixth or seventh grade. Audition is not required. Students build on all prior musical skills, working toward the UIL contest where their concert and sight-singing skills are tested. Sixth grade choir is not a prerequisite for this class. Opportunities include performing in four SRMS concerts and one Cluster Concert at FMHS, trying out for the TMEA region choir, and solo and ensemble contest. Private voice lessons are available.

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

This is the most advanced girls choir at SRMS; students are placed in this choir by audition. Students will

build on the skills they have already learned in sixth and/or seventh grade, including more advanced sight-reading and repertoire. They also will compete at the UIL contest as the varsity choir, testing the skills they have learned for the judges. Opportunities include performing in four SRMS concerts and one Cluster Concert at FMHS, trying out for the TMEA region choir, and solo and ensemble contest. Private voice lessons are available.

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

This choir is open to all seventh/eighth grade boys. The class will build on the skills learned in sixth grade choir, but sixth grade choir is not a prerequisite. They will add knowledge of the bass clef and will be fitted with vocal technique and suitable repertoire for the changing voice. Students build on all prior musical skills, working toward the UIL contest where their concert and sight-singing skills are tested. Opportunities include performing in four SRMS concerts and one Cluster Concert at FMHS, trying out for the TMEA region choir, and solo and ensemble contest. Private voice lessons are available.

Orchestra names in Skyward appear differently than listed, SMRS refers to them as the following. Placements will be determined by the Director.

****ORCHESTRA CAMERATA -(Intermediate)**

The Camerata 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**

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 – CHAMBER**

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 (7th and 8th Grade)**

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, lighting design, costume design, set design and sound design. 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, respect, how to give and receive feedback, and problem solving.

Theater names are referred to as Bravo and Encore. They are a combination of all levels; Tryouts Required for placements made by the Director.

****THEATRE ARTS II**

(prerequisite: Theater Arts I)

Theatre II is open to all students who have taken Theatre I before and want to build upon the performance and technical skills they already know. In Theatre II, students will explore more advanced performing and technical design skills that will further embrace their creativity. In addition, every student who is in

Theatre II will perform as an actor or be on a technical crew for a class play produced at the end of the year. Theatre II will serve as a place to continue to build on social skills, respect, how to give and receive feedback, and problem solving.

****THEATRE III**

(prerequisite: Theater Arts I)

Theatre III is open to all students who have taken Theatre I and Theatre II before and are looking to further their theatre knowledge. Theatre III focuses on advanced performing and technical design methods. Students will learn higher level acting and technical design concepts. In addition, every student who is in Theatre III 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. This class is suited towards people who want to keep exploring theatre, while not wanting to participate in the UIL One Act Play contest.

****ADVANCED THEATRE**

(prerequisite: Theater Arts I)

Advanced Theatre 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, and much more. Students in Advanced Theatre will be required to participate in the UIL One Act Competition Play and the UIL Technical Design Contest. The UIL One Act Competition Play requires after school rehearsal days.

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

SPANISH I (1.0 high school credit)-Currently Full

Spanish I is the introductory course in the Spanish language. In this course, students are taught basic vocabulary requiring the use of Spanish in the classroom. The students will learn conversational responses and work with the grammar items essential for understanding. The students will use conversation and vocabulary in the interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes as the basis for meeting the TEKS goals of communication, cultures, connections, comparisons, and communities at the novice level. This course counts for high school credit. Because this is a high school course, it is recommended for students with an A/B overall average.

SPANISH II (1.0 high school credit)

(prerequisite: Spanish 1)

Spanish II is the second course in the Spanish language in which the student should attain novice proficiency in the language. Students will be exposed to further basic vocabulary and increased use of Spanish in the classroom. Using material learned in level 1 as well as new vocabulary and grammar, the students will continue to use conversation and vocabulary in the interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes as the basis for meeting the TEKS goals of communication, cultures, connections, comparisons, and communities at the novice level. This course counts for high school credit.

CTE (CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CLASSES)

PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN SERVICES (1.0 high school credit)

In this course, students will cover topics such as Community Service, Counseling and Mental Health, Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness, Family and Relationships, Child Development, Interior Design, Fashion Design, and Sewing. Students will participate in multiple projects that will increase their knowledge and skills at a higher level in the study of Human Services as they prepare for the real world. There is a class fee of \$25 for this course to help with cooking labs and other class projects.

INTRO TO ROBOTICS AND ENGINEERING-CURRENTLY FULL

(1.0 high school credit) **NO prerequisites required**

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 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 will replace PE for 8th graders

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there is limited availability for this course

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OUTDOOR TRAILS

8th grade students cannot take PE and this course; this course WILL replace their PE

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. Students may only take this course once during middle school