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(GRADES 6-8)

Fall 2016



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HOW TO USE THIS PUBLICATION

1. The courses listed make up the instructional program for the school system's middle schools. However, only approved core curricula are available at all sites, and courses may not be offered during this school year if enrollment does not permit.
2. Fees are not included in the description of courses.
3. Course codes are used to schedule students electronically. The 6th digit in the 6-digits may be interpreted as follows: 1 = first semester; 2 = second semester; 3 = full year; 0 = quarter
4. Prerequisites are conditions that must be met in order to enroll in a course.
5. Students may need assistance from parents, counselors, administrators, and teachers in interpreting information within the publication.

PLANNING A MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE

According to the Code of Maryland regulations, middle school students must take the following courses each year:

- Reading/English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Health
- Physical Education
- Fine Arts

For enriched academic experience and to prepare for advanced coursework, students should consider these additional recommended courses:

- Civil Air Patrol
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- World Language
- Technology Education

Students interested in a focused, in-depth experience should consider these programs by application or selection process:

- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)
- America's Choice
- Creative and Performing Arts
- French Immersion
- Gateway to Technology
- Montessori
- Talented and Gifted

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CREDIT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSEWORK

Pursuant to COMAR 13A03.02.05, credit toward high school graduation may be earned by middle school students if the student passes a high school level course meeting the local school system curricular objectives and the student passes an examination that assesses student demonstration of course objectives and the examination is equivalent in content coverage and rigor to examinations given to high school students for the course content area. Students in middle school may earn credit for successful completion of Level 1 and beyond world language courses and Algebra 1 and beyond mathematics courses. Both requirements must be fulfilled to continue to the next level of study and to receive high school credit in world languages. Students will have grades and credits posted to their permanent records. The course will appear on the high school transcript.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CORE CURRICULUM COURSE SEQUENCE

CONTENT	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
MATHEMATICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math 6 Common Core • Math 6 Common Core Honors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math 7 Common Core • Math 7 Common Core Honors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math 8 Common Core • Math 8 Common Core Honors • Algebra 1 Common Core
READING/ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading/English Language Arts 6 • Reading/English Language Arts 6 Co-Teach • Reading/English Language Arts 6 Intensive • Reading/English Language Arts 6 Honors • ESOL 1, 2, 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading/English Language Arts 7 • Reading/English Language Arts 7 Co-Teach • Reading/English Language Arts 7 Intensive • Reading/English Language Arts 7 Honors • ESOL 1, 2, 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading/English Language Arts 8 • Reading/English Language Arts 8 Co-Teach • Reading/English Language Arts 8 Intensive • Reading/English Language Arts 8 Honors • ESOL 1, 2, 3
SCIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science 6 • Science 6 Honors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science 7 • Science 7 Honors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science 8 • Science 8 Honors
SOCIAL STUDIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Cultures and Geography Part 1: Western Hemisphere • World Cultures and Geography Part 1: Western Hemisphere Honors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Cultures and Geography Part 2: Eastern Hemisphere • World Cultures and Geography Part 2: Eastern Hemisphere Honors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States History Revolution to Reconstruction • United States History Revolution to Reconstruction Honors

MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

BUSINESS

NFTE Start Up Entrepreneurship

Course Codes: 574603

Prerequisites: None

Credits: 1.0

This course provides middle school students with basic entrepreneurship skills. The course teaches business based mathematics integrated in business plan development to support innovation as well as provide mathematics instruction. Students participate in business plan competition and have the opportunity to compete in the national NFTE competition. .

Textbook(s): *Entrepreneurship: Owning Your Own Future*, 11th Ed. ISBN 9780135128442

CIVIL AIR PATROL

Civil Air Patrol

Course Codes: 990001, 990002, 990003

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .50 or 1.0

To fulfill its goal of developing young people into responsible citizens and aerospace leaders, the Cadet Program is organized around five program elements. Cadets advance through a series of achievements, earning honors and increased responsibilities along the way. CAP introduces cadets to Air Force perspectives on leadership through classroom instruction, mentoring and hands-on learning. CAP inspires in youth a love of aviation, space and technology. Cadets study the fundamentals of aerospace science in the classroom and experience flight first-hand during weekend and summer activities designed to explore aerospace career opportunities. CAP encourages cadets to develop a lifelong habit of regular exercise. The cadet program promotes fitness through calisthenics, volleyball, competitions, and other activities. CAP challenges cadets to live the CAP core values of integrity, volunteer service, excellence and respect. Through character development forums, cadets discuss ethical issues relevant to young teens. CAP also encourages cadets to promote a drug free ethic in their schools and communities. CAP offers weekend and summer activities that allow cadets to fly, learn to lead, explore aerospace careers, assist in CAP's emergency services missions and make friends.

Textbook(s): *TBA*

ELECTIVES

AVID 6, AVID 7, AVID 8

Course Codes: 590603, 590703, 590803

Prerequisites: None

Credits: 1.00

This college preparatory elective course is offered to identified AVID students to reinforce organizational and study skills, critical thinking, inquiry, and collaboration. Students receive academic help from peers and college tutors, and participate in enrichment and motivational activities that make college access possible.

Textbook(s): AVID Curriculum: Strategies for Success, College and Careers, Tutorial

Enrichment

Course Codes: 570300, 570400, 570500

Prerequisites: None

Credits: 0.00

This is a no credit period that will be used either to build the skills of those students who have knowledge gaps based on achievement data or to provide enriching opportunities that are of unique interest to students.

Textbook(s): N/A

Intervention

Course Codes: 570000, 570100, 570200

Prerequisites: None

Credits: 0.00

This is a no credit period that will be used either to build the skills of those students who have knowledge gaps based on achievement data or to provide enriching opportunities that are of unique interest to students.

Textbook(s): N/A

STEM Integrations 1

Course Codes: 751001, 751002

Prerequisites: Entering sixth grade student

Credits: .50

STEM Integrations 1 is a course designed to allow students to use learned content to generate processes, select tools and hone skills to solve a problem of practice. Utilizing a problem based learning approach, students will create and articulate solutions to problems of practice that require a transdisciplinary approach.

Textbook(s): N/A

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

Middle School Academic Program Scheduling Guidelines

ESOL Level	Language Arts	Math	Social Studies	Science	Creative Arts	Creative Arts
ESOL Advanced Levels 4.5-4.9	ESOL Advanced Course Code: 135333 / Grade Level RELA	Mainstream	Mainstream	Mainstream	Mainstream	Mainstream
ESOL Intermediate Levels 2.6-4.4	ESOL Intermediate Course Code: 135323	Mainstream	Sheltered*	Sheltered*	Mainstream	Mainstream
ESOL Beginning Levels 1.6-2.5	ESOL Beginning Course Code: 135313	Sheltered*	ESOL CABLE Social Studies Course Code: 136933 or Sheltered*	ESOL CABLE Science Course Code: 136943 or Sheltered*	Mainstream	Mainstream
Newcomer ESOL Levels 1.0-1.5	Newcomer ESOL Course Code: 134903 or ESOL Beginning Course Code: 135313	Sheltered*	ESOL CABLE Social Studies Course Code: 136933 or Sheltered*	ESOL CABLE Science Course Code: 136943 or Sheltered*	Mainstream	Mainstream
ESOL Beginning/ Interrupted Education Levels 1.0-2.5	Newcomer ESOL Course Code: 134903 or ESOL Beginning Course Code: 135313	Sheltered*	ESOL CABLE Social Studies Course Code: 136933	ESOL CABLE Science Course Code: 136943	Mainstream	Grades 6-8 ESOL AIM Literacy 1 Course Code: 136753 ESOL AIM Literacy 2 Course Code: 136853

* Sheltered courses refer to classes that are designed to teach both academic content and language to students. These classes may contain only English Language Learners or a mix of English Language Learners and mainstream students. Content is presented using a variety of instructional strategies that make content accessible for ELLs while developing English vocabulary concepts.

Newcomer ESOL

Course Code: 134903

Prerequisites: Placement based upon ESOL assessment

Credits: 0.00

This one-year ESOL course option is designed to meet the academic and linguistic needs of non-English speakers who are newly arrived in the United States.

Textbook(s): *Inside the U.S.A., Inside Fundamentals Volume 1*

English ESOL Beginning

Course Code: 135313

Prerequisites: Placement based upon ESOL assessment

Credits: 1.0

This course is designed to begin development of the ability to understand, speak, read and write English for English Language Learners. These skills require control of the sound system, grammar, vocabulary, and a beginning understanding of the social and cultural situation in which they are practiced.

Textbook(s): *Inside the U.S.A., Inside Fundamentals Volume 1*

English ESOL Intermediate

Course Code: 135323

Prerequisites: Placement based upon ESOL assessment

Credits: 1.0

This course is designed to continue the development of the English language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing for English Language Learners who complete ESOL Beginning. New students may test into this level on the ESOL placement test.

Textbook(s): selected reading materials

English ESOL Advanced

Course Code: 135333

Prerequisites: Placement based upon ESOL assessment

Credits: 1.0

This course is designed to increase control of English language skills and understanding of social and cultural information. It is part of the sequence of ESOL courses in which the communication skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing are taught. New students may test into this level or students may move from ESOL Beginning to ESOL Advanced without taking ESOL Intermediate if their assessment score places them in the class.

Textbook(s): selected reading materials

ESOL AIM Literacy 1

Course Code: 136753

Prerequisites: Grade 6-8 students identified by ESOL/LMP staff

Credits: 1.0

This course is designed for pre- and non-literate Limited English Proficient students. It teaches basic academic literacy skills through the content areas of mathematics, science and social studies.

Textbook(s): *Content Picture Dictionary*, Oxford University Press; *Inside Phonics*

ESOL AIM Literacy 2

Course Code: 136853

Prerequisites: Grade 6-8 students identified by ESOL/LMP staff

Credits: 1.0

This course is designed for pre- and non-literate Limited English Proficient students. It continues the development of basic academic literacy skills through the content areas of mathematics, science and social studies.

Textbook(s): *Content Picture Dictionary*, Oxford University Press; *Inside Phonics*

ESOL CABLE Social Studies

Course Codes: 136933

Prerequisites: Students must be identified for this class by ESOL/LMP staff

Credits: 1.0

This course is designed for students new to the country in order to teach the academic language used in the content area of Social Studies. In addition, learning strategies, basic study skills and classroom survival skills for American classrooms are taught to the English Language Learners enrolled in this course. Students must be identified for this course by ESOL staff. This course can replace social studies for ESOL newcomers.

Textbook(s): *Oxford Picture Dictionary, Gateway to Phonics*

ESOL CABLE Science

Course Codes: 136943

Prerequisites: Students must be identified for this class by ESOL staff

Credits: 1.0

This course is designed for students new to the country in order to teach the academic language used in the content area of Science. In addition, learning strategies, basic study skills and classroom survival skills for American classrooms are taught to the English Language Learners enrolled in this course. Students must be identified for this course by ESOL staff. This course can replace science for ESOL newcomers.

Textbook(s): *Oxford Picture Dictionary, ACCESS Science ISBN 9780669508956*

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Family and Consumer Sciences 6

Course Code: 671600, 671601, 671602

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25

This competency based course presents a variety of topics to assist 6th grade students in personal responsibility. The instructional units focus on decision making, communication, thinking skills, survival skills, financial literacy, and being a successful student.

Textbook(s): *Today's Teen* ISBN 9780098463693

Family and Consumer Sciences 7

Course Code: 671700, 671701, 671702

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25 or .50

This course presents a variety of topics to assist seventh grade students in preparing for the future. Diverse instructional strategies are used to foster the development of thinking, decision-making, and communication skills. Opportunities for personal and leadership development are available throughout the course. The instructional units focus on developing a positive self-image; strengthening relationships of family and friends; financial literacy, gender harassment; exploring careers; assessing learning styles; creative expression through hands-on projects and student service.

Textbook(s): *Today's Teen* ISBN 9780098463693

Family and Consumer Sciences 8

Course Code: 671800, 671801, 671802

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25 or .50

This course presents a variety of units for eighth grade students including teen issues, gender harassment, wellness, nutrition, food preparation, student service plus intergenerational and multi-cultural development. Instructional strategies focus on employability skills, financial literacy, thinking skills, and cooperative learning concepts. Opportunities are provided throughout the course for learning through auditory, visual, and hands-on activities.

Textbook(s): *Today's Teen*

FINE ARTS

ART

Art 6

Course Code: 674600, 674601, 674602

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25 or .50

This course explores a variety of art media with many experiences in the areas of art such as: art appreciation, constructing, drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpting, crafts, careers and related activities. All art experiences are based on the elements of art (line, shape, color, form, texture, space and value) and how these elements are incorporated in works of art. This course is enriched and reinforced with thinking skills development and multicultural education art activities. All students will be expected to maintain a journal/sketchbook.

Textbook(s): *Mittler, G. Understanding art. McGraw Hill Glencoe ISBN 9780078735608*

Art 7

Course Code: 674700, 674701, 674702

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25 or .50

This course explores a variety of art media with many experiences in the areas of art such as: art appreciation, constructing, drawing, lettering, painting, print-making, sculpting, crafts, careers and related activities. All art experiences are based on the concepts of line, color, shape, form, texture, space, and value and how these concepts are incorporated in works of art. This course is enriched and reinforced with thinking skills development and multicultural education art activities. Skill development in art content (knowledge) and processes are part of the 7th grade level competencies requirements of the course. All students will be expected to maintain a journal/sketchbook.

Textbook(s): *Mittler, G. Exploring art. McGraw Hill Glencoe ISBN 9780078465147*

Art 8

Course Code: 674800, 674801, 674802

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25 or .50

This course explores a variety of art media with experiences in the following areas: art appreciation, constructing, drawing, lettering, painting, printmaking, sculpting, crafts, careers, and related activities. Emphasis is placed on the elements and principles of design concepts as tools of visual communication. Art activities are planned to ensure that students understand art as a self-fulfilling and socialization process. Students are made aware of the aesthetic, cultural, and historical components of significant works of art. A global understanding of the world and many cultures is perpetuated through multicultural education art activities. Students learn and develop an appreciation for the contributions of diverse peoples and cultures to America. The incorporation of thinking skills strategies in this course will increase students' abilities to talk in depth about art as well as creatively solve problems of production. Skill development in art content (knowledge) and art processes are part of the 8th grade level competencies requirement of the course. All students will be expected to maintain a journal/sketchbook.

Textbook(s): *Mittler, G. Exploring art. McGraw Hill Glencoe ISBN 9780078465147*

Digital Studio 8

Course Code: 675801, 675802

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .50

Students will experience art fundamentals of design through studio work, digital imaging, and computer graphics programs. Focus will be to apply these principles as they create original pieces in both the traditional processes of drawing and painting as well as digital formats. Digital projects will be created using integrated software such as Photoshop, PowerPoint, and other programs. Historically significant and contemporary examples representing a variety of cultures are investigated and represented in the creative-production process. Students will learn to evaluate and critique personal artwork and the artwork of others.

Textbook(s): TBA

DANCE

Dance 6

Course Codes: 722600, 722601, 722602

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25 or .50

Sixth grade Dance is offered as an elective, general overview of the history and mechanics of dance. Students value dance as an aesthetic experience involving the mind, body, and feelings. A strong foundation in Classical Ballet with the introduction of other dance forms is introduced such as: Jazz, Modern, West African, Hip Hop and Social Dance. Students will also learn the fundamentals of Yoga and Pilates, proper body alignment, muscle control, expressive execution of steps, proper audience etiquette, nutrition, dance history, and vocabulary through traditional dance forms.

Textbook(s): *History of Dance, Dance Anatomy*; Resources: *K-12 Dance Curriculum Framework; State Fine Arts Curriculum*

Dance 7

Course Codes: 722700, 722701, 722702

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25 or .50

Seventh grade Dance students will continue with the history and mechanics of dance. This class is designed to expand the child's self knowledge, self discipline, and self expression. Students will continue to learn dance styles of Classical Ballet, Jazz, Modern, West African, Hip Hop and Social Dance. An emphasis will still be placed on proper body alignment, muscle control, expressive execution of steps, proper audience etiquette, dance history, Kinesiology (anatomy of dance) and vocabulary through traditional dance forms. All students will have the opportunity to perform throughout the school year.

Textbook(s): *History of Dance, Dance Anatomy*; Resources: *K-12 Dance Curriculum Framework; State Fine Arts Curriculum*

Dance 8

Course Codes: 722800, 722801, 722802

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25 or .50

In the eighth grade year Dance primarily focuses on choreography. Students will experience dance as a means of communication. This course is designed for those students who either wish to continue dance on the high school level or go onto one of the Visual and Performing Arts programs in the Washington Metropolitan area. Students will continue dance styles of Classical Ballet, Jazz, Modern, West African, Hip Hop and Social Dances, Dance history, proper body alignment, muscle control, vocabulary, careers in dance,

resume writing and music theory will be taught.

Textbook(s): *History of Dance, Dance Anatomy*; Resources: *K-12 Dance Curriculum; State Fine Arts Curriculum*

Dance for Athletes 1

Course Code: 708101, 708102

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .50

Dance for Athletes I focuses on enhancing and refining athletic performance through techniques, conditioning, and training in the art of dance. For those students wishing to use dance training techniques to enhance athletic performance. No audition is required.

Textbook(s): TBA

Dance for Athletes 2

Course Code: 708111, 708112

Prerequisites: *Dance for Athletes I*

Credits: .50

The Dance for Athletes II course emphasizes continued skill development and refinement through a variety of higher level movement patterns. Student originated performance projects occur at these levels. No audition is required for this course. Only students who have successfully completed Dance for Athletes II are eligible for this course.

Textbook(s): TBA

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Band 6

Course Code: 634601, 634602, 634603

Prerequisites: *Instrumental music teacher approval. Open to brass, woodwind, and percussion students only*

Credits: .50 or 1.0

This course will emphasize development of technique, tone, control, and comprehension/interpretation of basic musical symbols, terminology, and concepts. It is designed for those students who have previous instruction on a wind or percussion instrument or who are interested in beginning an instrument. Attendance at outside of school performances and rehearsals is a requirement of the course. This class is not open to string students.

Textbook(s): *Accent on Achievement Book 1&2, Essential Elements 2000 Book 1&2, Standard of Excellence Book 2, selected level appropriate band literature (beginning)*

Band 7

Course Code: 634701, 634702, 634703

Prerequisites: *Instrumental music teacher approval. Open to brass, woodwind, and percussion students only*

Credits: .50 or 1.0

This course will emphasize the continuation of development of good technique, tone, control, and comprehension of intermediate level musical symbols, terminology, and concepts. It is designed for those students who have previous instruction on a wind or percussion instrument. Attendance at outside of school performances and rehearsals is a requirement of the course. This class is not open to string students.

Textbook(s): *Accent on Achievement Book 1&2, Essential Elements 2000 Book 1&2, Standard of Excellence Book 1&2, selected level appropriate band literature (intermediate - grade I/II)*

Band 8

Course Code: 634811, 634812, 634813

Prerequisites: *Instrumental music teacher approval. Open to brass, woodwind, and percussion students only must have completed Band 7 or one year of successful instruction; not a beginning class*

Credits: .50 or 1.0

This course will emphasize development of good technique, tone, control, and comprehension of more advanced musical symbols, terminology, and concepts. It is designed for those students who have previous instruction on a wind or percussion instrument only. Attendance at outside of school performances and rehearsals is a requirement of the course. This class is not open to string students.

Textbook(s): *Accent on Achievement Book 2, Essential Elements 2000 Book 2, Standard of Excellence Book 2, selected level appropriate band literature (intermediate - grade II/III)*

Intermediate Band

Course Code: 635103

Prerequisites: *Completion of beginning or higher level band class and instructor approval*

Credits: 1.0

This course will refine and extend students' prior instrumental music knowledge. Students must have had at least one year of successful instruction and be able to perform intermediate level band literature.

Textbook(s): *Accent on Achievement Bk 2, Essential Elements 2000 Bk 2, Measures of Success Bk 2*

Advanced Band

Course Code: 635203

Prerequisites: *Instrumental Music Teacher Approval.
Woodwinds, Brass and Percussion students only*

Credits: 1.0

This class has a performance based curriculum which requires participation in performances which occur outside of school hours. Emphasizing a high standard of musical excellence in the preparation and performance of band literature, the band provides an opportunity for instrumentalists to continue their instruction and to gain performing experience on a daily basis. This class is not open to string students.

Textbook(s): TBA

Introductory Orchestra

Course Code: 635303

Prerequisites: *Completion of beginning or higher level orchestra/string class and instructor approval*

Credits: 1.0

This class has a performance based curriculum which requires participation in performances which occur outside of school hours. Designed for students playing an orchestral string instrument who have not yet developed the skills necessary to be placed in intermediate or advanced orchestra, the emphasis is on the development and remediation of musical skills rather than public performance. This class is subject to the approval of the instrumental teacher in order to insure appropriate placement.

Textbook(s): *New Directions Book 1, String Basics Bk. 1, String Explorer Bk. 1, and beginning ensemble literature*

Intermediate Orchestra

Course Code: 635303, 635403

Prerequisites: Completion of beginning or higher level orchestra/string class and instructor approval

Credits: 1.0

This course will refine and extend students' prior instrumental music knowledge. Students must have had at least one year of successful instruction and be able to perform intermediate level band literature.

Textbook(s): *Accent on Achievement Bk 2, Essential Elements 2000 Bk 2, Measures of Success Bk 2*

Advanced Orchestra

Course Code: 635303

Prerequisites: *Instrumental Music Teacher Approval*
Strings (violin, Viola, Cello, String Bass) students only

Credits: 1.0

This class has a performance based curriculum which requires participation in performances which occur outside of school hours. Emphasizing a high standard of musical excellence in the preparation and performance of orchestral literature, the orchestra provides an opportunity for instrumentalists to continue their instruction and to gain performing experience on a daily basis. Small group and ensemble instruction should be scheduled.

Textbook(s): TBA

Orchestra 6

Course Code: 635601, 635602, 635603

Prerequisites: *Instrumental music teacher approval.*
Open to string (violin, viola, cello, bass) students only

Credits: .50 or 1.0

This course will emphasize development of technique, tone, control, and comprehension/interpretation of basic musical symbols, terminology, and concepts. It is designed for those students who have previous instruction or are interested in beginning a string instrument. Attendance at outside of school performances and rehearsals is a requirement of the course. This class is not open to wind or percussion students.

Textbook(s): *Essential Elements 2000 Book 1&2*

Orchestra 7

Course Code: 635701, 635702, 635703

Prerequisites: *Instrumental music teacher approval.*
Open to string (violin, viola, cello, bass) students only

Credits: .50 or 1.0

This course will emphasize development of good technique, tone, control, and comprehension/interpretation of intermediate musical symbols, terminology, and concepts. It is designed for those students who have had previous string instruction. Attendance at outside of school performances and rehearsals is a requirement of the course. This class is not open to wind or percussion students.

Textbook(s): *Essential Elements 2000 Book 1&2*

Orchestra 8

Course Code: 635801, 635802, 635803

Prerequisites: *Instrumental music teacher approval. Open to string (violin, viola, cello, bass) students only; Must have completed Band 7 or one year of successful instruction; not a beginning class*

Credits: .50 or 1.0

This course will emphasize development of good technique, tone, control, and comprehension/interpretation of more advanced musical symbols, terminology, and concepts. It is designed for those students who have

had previous string instruction. Attendance at outside of school performances and rehearsals is a requirement of the course. This class is not open to wind or percussion students.

Textbook(s): *Essential Elements 2000 Book 2*

VOCAL AND GENERAL MUSIC

Advanced Keyboard

Course Code: 637200

Prerequisites: *Intermediate Keyboard or teacher recommendation*

Credits: .25

Students will further develop the skills necessary for playing keyboard instruments. Students will play pieces in various styles with increasing levels of difficulty. Students will explore units playing music with complex rhythms, duets, expression, and music compositions. Students will participate in performance assessments.

Materials: *Classroom melody instruments, including keyboards; computer software for music theory drill and practice; individual advanced keyboard book*

Chorus 6

Course Code: 637603

Prerequisites: *Recommendation by elementary music teacher*

Credits: 1.0

Students will continue the development of their vocal/choral skills begun in elementary school. Literature and techniques are selected according to the developmental needs of the students. Repertoire is representative of various styles and cultures and appropriate for the emerging and changing voice.

Materials: *Spotlight on Music (Gr. 6); books & CD's; selected choral music*

Chorus 7

Course Code: 637703

Prerequisites: *Prior audition, recommendation by school music teacher*

Credits: 1.0

Students will continue the development of their vocal/choral skills. Literature and techniques are selected according to the developmental needs of the students. Repertoire is representative of various styles and cultures, and appropriate for the emerging and changing voices. Attendance at out-of-school rehearsals/performances is a requirement for this class. Participation in these rehearsals/performances will be factored into the grade. Choral groups are also required to participate in assessment festivals.

Materials: *Spotlight on Music (Gr. 7); books & CD's; selected choral music*

Chorus 8

Course Code: 638801, 638803

Prerequisites: *Prior audition; recommendation by school music teacher*

Credits: .50 or 1.0

Students will continue the development of their vocal/choral skills. Literature and techniques are selected according to the developmental needs of the students. Repertoire is representative of various styles and cultures, and appropriate for the emerging and changing voices. Attendance at out-of-school rehearsals/performances is a requirement for this class. Participation in these rehearsals/performances will be factored into the grade. Choral groups are also required to participate in assessment festivals.

Materials: *Spotlight on Music (Grade 8), books and CD's; selected choral music*

Chorus Beginning

Course Code: 639003

Prerequisites: None

Credits: 1.0

Students will continue the development of their vocal/choral skills begun in elementary school or as new to the choral class. Literature and techniques are selected according to the developmental need of the students. The repertoire is representative of various styles and cultures and appropriate for the emerging and changing voice. Students are introduced to singing in an ensemble with the proper criteria as outlined in the MCEA guidelines. Students in this course will be introduced to sight-reading.

Materials: *Spotlight on Music*, Choral Music selected by instructor that meets the vocal level of maturity.

Chorus Intermediate

Course Code: 639013

Prerequisites: *Middle School Beginning Chorus or teacher placement*

Credits: 1.0

Students will continue the development of their vocal/choral skills. Literature and techniques are selected according to the developmental need of the students. The repertoire is representative of various styles and cultures and appropriate for the emerging and changing voice. Students are taught to sing in an ensemble with the proper criteria as outlined in the MCEA guidelines at a level 2 or 3. Attendance at out-of-school rehearsals/performance is a requirement for this class. Participation in these rehearsal/performance will be factored into the grade. Choral groups are also required to participate in Assessment festivals. Students in this course will be introduced to sight-reading in 2 parts.

Materials: *Spotlight on Music*, various choral repertoire

Chorus Intermediate

Course Code: 639013

Prerequisites: *Intermediate Chorus or instructor's placement*

Credits: 1.0

Students will continue the development of their vocal/choral skills. Literature and techniques are selected according to the developmental need of the students. The repertoire is representative of various styles and cultures and appropriate for the emerging and changing voice. Students are taught to sing in an ensemble with the proper criteria as outlined in the MCEA guidelines at a level of 2-4. Attendance at out-of-school rehearsals/performance is a requirement for this class. Participation in these rehearsal/performance will be factored into the grade. Choral groups are also required to participate in Assessment festivals. Students in this course will be introduced to sight-reading in 3 parts.

Materials: *Spotlight on Music*, various choral repertoire

Intermediate Keyboard

Course Code: 637100

Prerequisites: *Introduction to Keyboard or teacher recommendation*

Credits: .25

Students will further develop the skills necessary for playing keyboard instruments. Students will explore units reading bass clef, playing the melody line with bass chords, understanding scales, various rhythms and playing easy pieces in various styles.

Materials: *Classroom melody instruments, including keyboards; computer software for music theory drill and practice; individual intermediate keyboard book*

General Music

Course Code: 612000

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25

Students taking this course will have appropriate resources and experiences to develop positive attitudes and sensitivities toward music. Through the implementation of sequential musical skills and concepts, students will develop an understanding of the intrinsic value of music and its relationship to diverse cultures, traditions, values and beliefs. The course is also designed to foster enjoyment and appreciation of music beyond the limits of classroom instruction.

Textbook(s): TBA

Guitar

Course Code: 637300

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25

Students will begin to learn the skills necessary for playing the guitar. Students will explore units in basic notation, parts of a guitar, how to read a chord chart, and strumming techniques.

Materials: *Classroom melody instruments, including guitars and guitar picks; computer software for music theory drill and practice; individual introductory guitar book*

Introduction to Keyboard

Course Code: 637000

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25

Students will begin to learn the skills necessary for playing keyboard instruments. Students will explore units in basic notation, pitch and its notation, manuscript writing and music symbols specific to reading and playing keyboard music.

Materials: *Classroom melody instruments, including keyboards; computer software for music theory drill and practice; individual introductory keyboard book*

Keyboard

Course Code: 637001, 637002, 637003

Prerequisites: TBA

Credits: .50 or 1.0

Students taking this course will receive instruction on piano methods, theory, performance, technique, and artistry concepts. An integrated approach builds basic elements of piano technique, always directed toward an artistic goal. This facilitates the ability of the teacher to differentiate the instruction for multi-level piano students in the same class period.

Textbook(s): TBA

Music 6

Course Code: 600600, 600601, 600602

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25 or 50

Students will demonstrate the ability to perceive, perform and respond to music. The students will develop their vocal and general music skills by singing, playing classroom instruments, identifying and understanding the elements of music, writing and performing music, identifying and classifying styles and music genres. Students will begin to explore music technology and careers in music. Resources will include guitars, keyboards and recorders, CD's for listening and exploring music of other cultures, and classroom instruments.

Textbook(s): *Spotlight on Music (Grade 6), books and CDs.*

Music 7

Course Code: 600700, 600701, 600702

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25 or .50

Students will further develop skills necessary for playing classroom instruments and vocal development. Students will explore units including characteristics of sound, music of various cultures, world instruments, group piano, guitar, and/or recorder ensembles, careers in music, and the influence of technology on electronic music.

Textbook(s): World Music Cultural Traditions; Multicultural Perspectives in Music Education; Microsoft Musical Instruments; Spotlight on Music (Gr. 7) with MIDI; Teaching the Music of Six Different Cultures; Classroom instruments, including keyboards and guitars

Music 8

Course Code: 600800, 600801, 600802

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25 or .50

Students will further develop skills on one or more of the instruments explored in Music 7 (guitar, piano, recorder, voice). Students will explore units including music and technology, the evolution of popular music, music of different cultures, writing and performing music, and career development.

Textbook(s): Spotlight on Music (Gr. 8) with MIDI; Discovering Folk Music; Multicultural Perspectives in Music Education; Music! Its Role and Importance in our Lives, classroom instruments, including keyboards and guitars.

Piano Lab

Course Code: 639000

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25

Students taking this course will receive instruction on piano methods, theory, performance, technique, and artistry concepts. An integrated approach builds basic elements of piano technique, always directed toward an artistic goal. This facilitates the ability of the teacher to differentiate the instruction for multi-level piano students in the same class period.

Textbook(s): TBA

HEALTH EDUCATION

Health Education 6

Course Code: 712601, 712602

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .50

This required course, designed for sixth grade students, focuses on instruction of the Maryland State Curriculum for Comprehensive Health Education. Instruction will focus on nutrition and fitness; tobacco, alcohol, and other drug prevention; disease prevention and control; personal and consumer health; and safety and injury prevention. The family life and human sexuality unit requires parent permission.

Textbook(s): *Health and Fitness*, Harcourt

Health Education 7

Course Code: 712701, 712702

Prerequisites: Grade 7 student

Credits: .50

This course, designed for seventh grade students, focuses on instruction of the Maryland State Curriculum for Comprehensive Health Education. Students acquire knowledge and skills needed to make healthy choices for life. Instruction will focus on mental and emotional health; nutrition and fitness; tobacco, alcohol, and other drug prevention; disease prevention and control; personal and consumer health; and safety and injury prevention. The family life and human sexuality unit requires parent permission.

Textbook(s): *Teen Health 2*, Glencoe/McGrawHill

Health Education 8

Course Code: 712801, 712802

Prerequisites: Grade 8 student

Credits: .50

This course, designed for eighth grade students, focuses on instruction of the Maryland State Curriculum for Comprehensive Health Education. Students acquire knowledge and skills about healthy decision-making, communication, stress management, violence prevention, and substance abuse. The family life and human sexuality unit requires parent permission.

Textbook(s): *Teen Health 3*, Glencoe/McGrawHill

MATHEMATICS

Math 6 Common Core

Course Code: 311103

Prerequisites: Completion of Grade 5 Mathematics

Credits: 1.0

This course begins the transition from the heavy emphasis on number and operations at the elementary school level towards a more formalized understanding of mathematics that occurs at the high school level. Students connect previous knowledge of multiplication, division, and fractions to ratios and proportional relationships; extend previous understanding of the number system and operations to fractions and negative numbers; apply and extend previous understandings of the number line to plot coordinate pairs on a Cartesian plane; formalize algebraic thinking into algebraic expressions and equations; apply their previous knowledge of geometry in real-world and mathematics situations; and begin to develop understanding of statistical variability and distributions. As in all mathematics courses, the Mathematical Practice Standards are woven throughout the course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of problem situations.

Textbook(s): *Big Ideas Math (Green Text), Ron Larson & Laurie Boswell, 2012*

Math 6 Common Core Co-Teach

Course Code: 311173

Prerequisites: Completion of Grade 5 Mathematics

Credits: 1.0

This course begins the transition from the heavy emphasis on number and operations at the elementary school level towards a more formalized understanding of mathematics that occurs at the high school level. Students connect previous knowledge of multiplication, division, and fractions to ratios and proportional relationships; extend previous understanding of the number system and operations to fractions and negative numbers; apply and extend previous understandings of the number line to plot coordinate pairs on a Cartesian plane; formalize algebraic thinking into algebraic expressions and equations; apply their previous knowledge of geometry in real-world and mathematics situations; and begin to develop understanding of statistical variability and distributions. As in all mathematics courses, the Mathematical Practice Standards are woven throughout the course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of problem situations. This course is designed to facilitate learning outcomes to meet the needs of diverse learners through curriculum modifications and accommodations as appropriate.

Textbook(s): *Big Ideas Math (Green Text), Ron Larson & Laurie Boswell, 2012 ISBN 9781608402267*

Math 6 Common Core Intensive

Course Code: 311183

Prerequisites: Completion of Grade 5 Mathematics

Credits: 1.0

This course begins the transition from the heavy emphasis on number and operations at the elementary school level towards a more formalized understanding of mathematics that occurs at the high school level. Students connect previous knowledge of multiplication, division, and fractions to ratios and proportional relationships; extend previous understanding of the number system and operations to fractions and negative numbers; apply and extend previous understandings of the number line to plot coordinate pairs on a Cartesian plane; formalize algebraic thinking into algebraic expressions and equations; apply their previous knowledge of geometry in real-world and mathematics situations; and begin to develop understanding of statistical variability and distributions. As in all mathematics courses, the Mathematical Practice Standards apply throughout each course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of problem situations. This course is designed to facilitate learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional

needs of the student, as identified on the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Course content is designated by the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Textbook(s): *Big Ideas Math (Green Text)*, Ron Larson & Laurie Boswell, 2012 ISBN 9781608402267

Accelerated Math 1

Course Code: 308693

Prerequisites: TBA

Credits: 1.0 Weighted

This course begins the transition from the heavy emphasis on number and operations at the elementary school level towards a more formalized understanding of mathematics that occurs at the high school level. Students connect previous knowledge of multiplication, division, and fractions to ratios and proportional relationships; extend previous understanding of the number system and operations to fractions and negative numbers; apply and extend previous understandings of the number line to plot coordinate pairs on a Cartesian plane; formalize algebraic thinking into algebraic expressions and equations; apply their previous knowledge of geometry in real-world and mathematics situations; and begin to develop understanding of statistical variability and distributions. As in all mathematics courses, the Mathematical Practice Standards are woven throughout the course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of problem situations.

Textbook(s): *Big Ideas Math Advanced 1*

Math 7 Common Core

Course Code: 311203

Prerequisites: Completion of Math 6 or Math 6 Common Core

Credits: 1.0

This course continues the trajectory towards a more formalized understanding of mathematics that occurs at the high school level that began in Math 6 Common Core. Students extend ratio reasoning to analyze proportional relationships and solve real-world and mathematical problems; extend previous understanding of the number system and operations to perform operations using all rational numbers; apply properties of operations in the context of algebraic expressions and equations; draw, construct, describe, and analyze geometrical figures and the relationships between them; apply understandings of statistical variability and distributions by using random sampling, making inferences, and investigating chance processes and probability models. As in all mathematics courses, the Standards for Mathematical Practice are woven throughout the course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of situational problems.

Textbook(s): *Big Ideas Math (Red Text)*, Ron Larson & Laurie Boswell, 2012 ISBN 9781608402274

Math 7 Common Core Co-Teach

Course Code: 311273

Prerequisites: Completion of Math 6 Common Core

Credits: 1.0

This course continues the trajectory towards a more formalized understanding of mathematics that occurs at the high school level that began in Math 6 Common Core. Students extend ratio reasoning to analyze proportional relationships and solve real-world and mathematical problems; extend previous understanding of the number system and operations to perform operations using all rational numbers; apply properties of operations in the context of algebraic expressions and equations; draw, construct, describe, and analyze geometrical figures and the relationships between them; apply understandings of statistical variability and distributions by using random sampling, making inferences, and investigating chance processes and probability models. As in all mathematics courses, the Standards for Mathematical Practice are woven throughout the course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of situational problems. This course is designed to facilitate learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional

needs of the student, as identified on the Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Textbook(s): *Big Ideas Math (Red Text)*, Ron Larson & Laurie Boswell, 2012 ISBN 9781608402274

Math 7 Common Core Intensive

Course Code: 311283

Prerequisites: Completion of Math 6 Common Core

Credits: 1.0

This course continues the trajectory towards a more formalized understanding of mathematics that occurs at the high school level that began in Math 6 Common Core. Students extend ratio reasoning to analyze proportional relationships and solve real-world and mathematical problems; extend previous understanding of the number system and operations to perform operations using all rational numbers; apply properties of operations in the context of algebraic expressions and equations; draw, construct, describe, and analyze geometrical figures and the relationships between them; apply understandings of statistical variability and distributions by using random sampling, making inferences, and investigating chance processes and probability models. As in all mathematics courses, the Mathematical Practice Standards apply throughout each course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of problem situations. This course is designed to facilitate learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as identified on the Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Textbook(s): *Big Ideas Math (Red Text)*, Ron Larson & Laurie Boswell, 2012. ISBN 9781608402274

Accelerated Math 2

Course Code: 308793

Prerequisites: TBA

Credits: 1.0 Weighted

This course continues the trajectory towards a more formalized understanding of mathematics that occurs at the high school level that began in Math 6 Common Core. Students extend ratio reasoning to analyze proportional relationships and solve real-world and mathematical problems; extend previous understanding of the number system and operations to perform operations using all rational numbers; apply properties of operations in the context of algebraic expressions and equations; draw, construct, describe, and analyze geometrical figures and the relationships between them; apply understandings of statistical variability and distributions by using random sampling, making inferences, and investigating chance processes and probability models. As in all mathematics courses, the Standards for Mathematical Practice are woven throughout the course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of situational problems.

Textbook(s): *Big Ideas Math Advanced 2*

Math 8 Common Core

Course Code: 311303

Prerequisites: Completion of Math 7 Common Core

Credits: 1.0

This course continues the trajectory towards a more formalized understanding of mathematics that occurs at the high school level that was begun in Math 6 and 7 Common Core. Students extend their understanding of rational numbers to develop an understanding of irrational numbers; connect ratio and proportional reasoning to lines and linear functions; define, evaluate, compare, and model with functions; build understanding of congruence and similarity; understand and apply the Pythagorean Theorem; and extend their understanding of statistics and probability by investigating patterns of association in bivariate data. As in all mathematics courses, the Standards for Mathematical Practice are woven throughout the course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of situational problems.

Textbook(s): *Big Ideas Math (BlueText)*, Ron Larson & Laurie Boswell, 2010

Math 8 Common Core Co-Teach

Course Code: 311373

Prerequisites: Completion of Math 7 Common Core

Credits: 1.0

This course continues the trajectory towards a more formalized understanding of mathematics that occurs at the high school level that was begun in Math 6 and 7 Common Core. Students extend their understanding of rational numbers to develop an understanding of irrational numbers; connect ratio and proportional reasoning to lines and linear functions; define, evaluate, compare, and model with functions; build understanding of congruence and similarity; understand and apply the Pythagorean Theorem; and extend their understanding of statistics and probability by investigating patterns of association in bivariate data. As in all mathematics courses, the Standards for Mathematical Practice are woven throughout the course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of situational problems. This course is designed to facilitate learning outcomes to meet the needs of diverse learners through curriculum modifications and accommodations as appropriate.

Textbook(s): Big Ideas Math (BlueText), Ron Larson & Laurie Boswell, 2010

Math 8 Common Core Intensive

Course Code: 311383

Prerequisites: Completion of Math 7 Common Core

Credits: 1.0

This course continues the trajectory towards a more formalized understanding of mathematics that occurs at the high school level that was begun in Math 6 and 7 Common Core. Students extend their understanding of rational numbers to develop an understanding of irrational numbers; connect ratio and proportional reasoning to lines and linear functions; define, evaluate, compare, and model with functions; build understanding of congruence and similarity; understand and apply the Pythagorean Theorem; and extend their understanding of statistics and probability by investigating patterns of association in bivariate data. As in all mathematics courses, the Standards for Mathematical Practice are woven throughout the course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of situational problems. This course is designed to facilitate learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student as identified on the Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Textbook(s): Big Ideas Math (BlueText), Ron Larson & Laurie Boswell, 2010

Foundations for Algebra

Course Code: 308893

Prerequisites: Completion of Math 7 Common Core

Credits: 1.0

This course continues the trajectory towards a more formalized understanding of mathematics that occurs at the high school level that was begun in Math 6 and 7 Common Core. Students extend their understanding of rational numbers to develop an understanding of irrational numbers; connect ratio and proportional reasoning to lines and linear functions; define, evaluate, compare, and model with functions; build understanding of congruence and similarity; understand and apply the Pythagorean Theorem; and extend their understanding of statistics and probability by investigating patterns of association in bivariate data. As in all mathematics courses, the Standards for Mathematical Practice are woven throughout the course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of situational problems.

Textbook(s): TBA

Math Fluency

Course Code: 309601, 390602 (Math Fluency 6); 309701, 309702 (Math Fluency 7); 309801, 309802 (Math Fluency 8)

Prerequisites: Assessment Data Recommendation

Credits: .50

The purpose of this course is to help students improve proficiency in basic math skills, problem solving, and math practices. The course will focus on three key units of study. Students will develop fluency in basic number concepts and math skills including whole numbers, decimals, fractions, the percent equation, proportions, equivalent forms of rational numbers, integers, comparing and ordering real numbers, and the coordinate plane. Students will use measurement tools such as rulers, compasses and protractors to perform drawings and constructions as well as measure and solve math problems. Students will apply math practices such as using a variety of approaches to solve problems, justifying solutions with mathematical concepts, presenting mathematical explanations with words, numbers, and symbols, and relate mathematical ideas across the discipline. Additional indicators at each grade level will be infused into these three units as appropriate.

Textbook(s): Resources vary

Math Fluency Common Core

Course Code: 300010 (Math Fluency CC 6); 300020 (Math Fluency CC 7); 300030 (Math Fluency CC 8)

Prerequisites: Assessment Data Recommendation

Credits: .25

Math Fluency Common Core is an additional quarter-length course designed for students who need strategic assistance with mastering grade level common core content standards. This course is structured to enhance student understanding of concepts through skill building and hands-on learning experiences. Topics covered in the class will vary depending on the needs of the students.

Textbook(s): TBA

Algebra 1 Common Core

Course Code: 311403, 311603

Prerequisites: Math 8, Math 8 Common Core, or Algebra Data Analysis

Credits: 1.0 HS Math Credit (satisfies the graduation requirement for Algebra 1)

Algebra I formalizes and extends the mathematics students learned in the middle grades. Five critical areas comprise Algebra I: Relationships Between Quantities and Reasoning with Equations, Linear and Exponential Relationships, Descriptive Statistics, Expressions and Equations and Quadratic Functions and Modeling. The critical areas deepen and extend understanding of linear and exponential relationships by contrasting them with each other and by applying linear models to data that exhibit a linear trend, and students engage in methods for analyzing, solving, and using quadratic functions. The Mathematical Practice Standards apply throughout each course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of problem situations.

Textbook(s): *Algebra 1*, McGraw-Hill 2012

Geometry Common Core

Course Code: 311503

Prerequisites: Algebra 1 or Algebra 1 Common Core

Credits: 1.0 HS Math Credit (satisfies the graduation requirement for Geometry)

Geometry formalizes and extends students' geometric experiences from the middle grades. Students explore more complex geometric situations and deepen their explanations of geometric relationships, moving towards formal mathematical arguments. Six critical areas comprise the Geometry course: Congruence, Proof and Constructions, Similarity, Proof and Trigonometry, Extending to Three Dimensions, Circles With and Without Coordinates, and Applications of Probability. The Mathematical Practice Standards apply throughout each

course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of problem situations.

Textbook(s): *Geometry*, Pearson Education 2004

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education 6

Course Code: 721600, 721601, 721602, 721603

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25, .50, or 1.0

The physical education program is based on the Maryland Physical Education Content Standards and the Maryland State Curriculum that includes skillfulness, exercise physiology, biomechanical principles, social psychological principles, motor learning, and physical activity. The program components embedded throughout all instruction are fitness and conditioning, coordination, throwing and catching, striking, speed, timing and accuracy, leisure and recreational games as well as rhythm and dance lessons. Students will be introduced to an array of components, themes, and activities which address each of the content standards.

Materials: Curriculum documents

Physical Education 7

Course Code: 721700, 721701, 721702, 721703

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25, .50, or 1.0

The physical education program is based on the Maryland Physical Education Content Standards and the Maryland State Curriculum that includes skillfulness, exercise physiology, biomechanical principles, social psychological principles, motor learning, and physical activity. The program components embedded throughout all instruction are fitness and conditioning, coordination, throwing and catching, striking, speed, timing and accuracy, leisure and recreational games as well as rhythm and dance lessons. Students will be introduced to an array of components, themes, and activities which address each of the content standards. In the seventh grade, students progress and refine skills toward content mastery in all areas of fitness and sport.

Materials: Curriculum documents

Physical Education 8

Course Code: 721800, 721801, 721802, 721803

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25, .50, or 1.0

In the seventh grade, students progress and refine skills toward content mastery in all areas of fitness and sport. The activities and experiences that students engage in during the eighth grade are designed to provide continued opportunity for content mastery while emphasizing the relevance and importance of physical fitness. Units afford students the ability to build upon previously learned components and extend comprehension of necessary skills to lead a healthy life.

Materials: Curriculum documents

READING/ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Academy of Reading (Computerized Reading Intervention)

Course Code: 571600, 571601, 571602 – Grade 6 student
571700, 571701, 571702 – Grade 7 student
571800, 571801, 571802 – Grade 8 student

Prerequisites: Teacher recommendation

Credits: .25 or .50

This class allows students to use a comprehensive software program that will allow them to reach their full potential in reading. The software program and classroom instruction provide a wide variety of assessments and several training programs that will develop the skills that are necessary for successful reading.

Program materials: Approved Reading Intervention Program

Common Core Reading Focus 6

Course Code: 100110

Prerequisites: Teacher recommendation

Credits: .25

Common Core Reading is an additional quarter-length course for sixth graders that may be offered during the Creative Arts block or during the school-wide Enrichment period. The curriculum for this course is aligned with the Common Core State Standards and will help ensure that students gain adequate exposure to a range of texts and close reading tasks. The Standards of Reading-Literature and Reading-Informational Text are the key focus areas for instruction and learning with a variety of texts at differing levels of complexity. Analysis of texts and paired texts are integral pieces of this course, as are review/practice of reading strategies and vocabulary instruction.

Textbook(s): *Literature 2012, Language of Literature, Bridges I*, novels as assigned

Common Core Reading Focus 7

Course Code: 100120

Prerequisites: Teacher recommendation

Credits: .25

Common Core Reading is an additional quarter-length course for seventh graders that may be offered during the Creative Arts block or during the school-wide Enrichment period. The curriculum for this course is aligned with the Common Core State Standards and will help ensure that students gain adequate exposure to a range of texts and close reading tasks. The Standards of Reading-Literature and Reading-Informational Text are the key focus areas for instruction and learning with a variety of texts at differing levels of complexity. Analysis of texts and paired texts are integral pieces of this course, as are review/practice of reading strategies and vocabulary instruction.

Textbook(s): *Literature 2012, Language of Literature, Bridges II*, novels as assigned

Common Core Reading Focus 8

Course Code: 100130

Prerequisites: Teacher recommendation

Credits: .25

Common Core Reading is an additional quarter-length course for eighth graders that may be offered during the Creative Arts block or during the school-wide Enrichment period. The curriculum for this course is aligned with the Common Core State Standards and will help ensure that students gain adequate exposure to a range of texts and close reading tasks. The Standards of Reading-Literature and Reading-Informational Text are the key focus areas for instruction and learning with a variety of texts at differing levels of complexity. Analysis of texts and paired texts are integral pieces of this course, as are review/practice of reading

strategies and vocabulary instruction.

Textbook(s): *Literature 2012, Language of Literature, Bridges III*, novels as assigned

Common Core Writing Focus 6

Course Code: 100210

Prerequisites: Teacher recommendation

Credits: .25

Common Core Writing Focus Module is an additional quarter-length course for sixth graders that may be offered during the Creative Arts block or during the school-wide Enrichment period. The curriculum for this course is aligned with the Common Core State Standards and will help ensure that students gain adequate mastery of a range of skills and applications. The Standards for Writing are the key focus areas for instruction and learning and learning tasks will incorporate close readings that use a variety of texts at differing levels complexity. Students will analyze and write argumentation, informative/explanatory, and narrative essays.

Textbook(s): *Write Source, Literature 2012, Language of Literature, Bridges I*, novels as assigned

Common Core Writing Focus 7

Course Code: 100220

Prerequisites: Teacher recommendation

Credits: .25

Common Core Writing Focus Module is an additional quarter-length course for seventh graders that may be offered during the Creative Arts block or during the school-wide Enrichment period. The curriculum for this course is aligned with the Common Core State Standards and will help ensure that students gain adequate mastery of a range of skills and applications. The Standards for Writing are the key focus areas for instruction and learning and learning tasks will incorporate close readings that use a variety of texts at differing levels complexity. Students will analyze and write argumentation, informative/explanatory, and narrative essays.

Textbook(s): *Write Source, Literature 2012, Language of Literature, Bridges II*, novels as assigned

Common Core Writing Focus 8

Course Code: 100230

Prerequisites: Teacher recommendation

Credits: .25

Common Core Writing Focus Module is an additional quarter-length course for eighth graders that may be offered during the Creative Arts block or during the school-wide Enrichment period. The curriculum for this course is aligned with the Common Core State Standards and will help ensure that students gain adequate mastery of a range of skills and applications. The Standards for Writing are the key focus areas for instruction and learning and learning tasks will incorporate close readings that use a variety of texts at differing levels complexity. Students will analyze and write argumentation, informative/explanatory, and narrative essays.

Textbook(s): *Write Source, Literature 2012, Language of Literature, Bridges III*, novels as assigned

Middle School Journalism

Course Code: 121010

Prerequisites: Teacher recommendation preferred

Credits: .25

This is an introductory level course to the topic of Journalism for middle school students. Students will study such topics as media literacy, newspapers as a media type, the role of newspapers in a democratic society, bias in the news, and generation of news publications. The course curriculum includes reading, writing, journalism skills, grammar, linguistics, and visual literacy. This course may be used as an elective course or enrichment/support module.

Textbook(s): *Write Source; Literature (2012)*; newspaper/news magazine (provided by school); course guide

Reading/English Language Arts 6

Course Code: 131603

Prerequisites: Reading/English Language Arts 5

Credits: 1.0

This course, designed for sixth graders, focuses on instruction of the Maryland State Curriculum for reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Reading and writing strategy instruction focuses on literary and informational texts, as well as success in real world applications and on PARCC.

Textbook(s): Literature-Common Core Edition ISBN 9780547434537, Language of Literature, Bridges to Literature I, Literature Interactive Reader, Literature English Language, Language Network, Write Source ISBN 9780547485027, novels as assigned

Reading/English Language Arts 6 – Co-teach

Course Code: 131673

Prerequisites: IEP or Grade 6

Credits: 1.0

This course is designed to facilitate learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student. Students access the general education curriculum (see Reading/English Language Arts 6), modified and adapted to meet IEP requirements and the learning needs of struggling readers.

Textbook(s): Textbook(s): Literature-Common Core Edition ISBN 9780547434537, Language of Literature, Bridges to Literature I, Literature Interactive Reader, Literature English Language, Language Network, Write Source ISBN 9780547485027, novels as assigned

Reading/English Language Arts 6 – Intensive

Course Code: 131683

Prerequisites: IEP

Credits: 1.0

This course, designed for sixth graders, focuses on instruction of the Maryland State Curriculum for reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Reading and writing strategy instruction focuses on literary and informational text as well as success in real world applications and on PARCC. In addition, modified course content will be delivered in small instructional groupings to diverse learners with disabilities.

Textbook(s): Textbook(s): Literature-Common Core Edition ISBN 9780547434537, Language of Literature, Bridges to Literature II, Literature Interactive Reader, Literature English Language, Language Network, Write Source ISBN 9780547485027, novels as assigned

Reading/English Language Arts 6 – Honors

Course Code: 131693

Prerequisites: Reading/English Language Arts in Grade 5

Credits: 1.0 Weighted

This course is designed for identified selected highly able students who have met the prerequisites. The course will further develop student reading and writing skills (see Reading/English Language Arts 6) by enhancing the depth and complexity of the core curriculum. Students will use critical thinking skills in analyzing advanced/above-grade level texts and will be expected to complete rigorous, in-depth writing assignments.

Textbook(s): Literature-Common Core Edition ISBN 9780547434537, Language of Literature, Language Network, Write Source, novels as assigned

Reading/English Language Arts 7

Course Code: 131703

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Reading/English Language Arts 6

Credits: 1.0

This course, designed for seventh graders, focuses on instruction of the Maryland State Curriculum for reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Reading and writing strategy instruction focuses on literary and informational texts, as well as success in real world applications and on the MSA and HSA.

Textbook(s): Literature-Common Core Edition ISBN 9780547618371, Language of Literature, Bridges to Literature II ISBN 9780618087341, Literature Interactive Reader, Literature English Language, Language Network, Write Source, novels as assigned

Reading/English Language Arts 7 – Co-Teach

Course Code: 131773

Prerequisites: IEP or Grade 7

Credits: 1.0

This course is designed to facilitate learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student. Students access the general education curriculum (see Reading/English Language Arts 7), modified and adapted to meet IEP requirements and the needs of struggling readers.

Textbook(s): Literature-Common Core Edition ISBN 9780547618371, Language of Literature, Bridges to Literature II ISBN 9780618087341, Literature Interactive Reader, Literature English Language, Language Network, Write Source, novels as assigned

Reading/English Language Arts 7– Intensive

Course Code: 131783

Prerequisites: IEP

Credits: 1.0

This course, designed for seventh graders, focuses on instruction of the Maryland State Curriculum for reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Reading and writing strategy instruction focuses on literary and informational text as well as success in real world applications and on PARCC. In addition, modified course content will be delivered in small instructional groupings to diverse learners with disabilities.

Textbook(s): Textbook(s): Literature-Common Core Edition ISBN 9780547618371, Language of Literature, Bridges to Literature II ISBN 9780618087341, Literature Interactive Reader, Literature English Language, Language Network, Write Source, novels as assigned

Reading/English Language Arts 7 – Honors

Course Code: 131793

Prerequisites: Reading/English Language Arts in Grade 6

Credits: 1.0 Weighted

This course is designed for identified selected highly able students who have met the prerequisites. The course will further develop student reading and writing skills (see Reading/English Language Arts 7) by enhancing the depth and complexity of the core curriculum. Students will use critical thinking skills in analyzing advanced/above-grade level texts and will be expected to complete rigorous, in-depth writing assignments.

Textbook(s): Literature-Common Core Edition ISBN 9780547618371, Language of Literature, Language Network, Write Source, novels as assigned

Reading/English Language Arts 8

Course Code: 131803

Prerequisites: Reading/English Language Arts 7

Credits: 1.0

This course, designed for eighth graders, focuses on instruction of the Maryland State Curriculum for reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Reading and writing strategy instruction focuses on literary and informational texts, as well as success in real world applications and on PARCC.

Textbook(s): Literature-Common Core Edition ISBN 9780547618388, Language of Literature, Bridges to Literature III, Literature Interactive Reader, Literature English Language, Language Network, Write Source, novels as assigned

Reading/English Language Arts 8 – Co-Teach

Course Code: 131873

Prerequisites: IEP or Grade 8

Credits: 1.0

This course is designed to facilitate learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student. Students access the general education curriculum (see Reading/English Language Arts 8), modified and adapted to meet IEP requirements and the needs of struggling readers.

Textbook(s): Literature-Common Core Edition ISBN 9780547618388, Language of Literature, Bridges to Literature III, Literature Interactive Reader, Literature Adapted Interactive Reader, and Literature English Language Learner Adapted Interactive Reader, Language Network, Write Source, novels as assigned

Reading/English Language Arts 8 – Intensive

Course Code: 131883

Prerequisites: IEP

Credits: 1.0

This course, designed for eighth graders, focuses on instruction of the Maryland State Curriculum for reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Reading and writing strategy instruction focuses on literary and informational text as well as success in real world applications and on PARCC. In addition, modified course content will be delivered in small instructional groupings to diverse learners with disabilities.

Textbook(s): Literature-Common Core Edition ISBN 9780547618388, Language of Literature, Bridges to Literature III, Literature Interactive Reader, Literature Adapted Interactive Reader, and Literature English Language Learner Adapted Interactive Reader, Language Network, Write Source, novels as assigned

Reading/English Language Arts 8 – Honors

Course Code: 131893

Prerequisites: SRI reading score of Advanced and/or MSA reading score of Advanced;
3.0 average for Reading/English Language Arts in Grade 7

Credits: 1.0 Weighted

This course is designed for identified selected highly able students who have met the prerequisites. The course will further develop student reading and writing skills (see Reading/English Language Arts 8) by enhancing the depth and complexity of the core curriculum. Students will use critical thinking skills in analyzing advanced/above-grade level texts and will be expected to complete rigorous, in-depth writing assignments.

Textbook(s): Literature-Common Core Edition ISBN 9780547618388, Language of Literature, Language Network, Write Source, novels as assigned

Reading/English Language Arts Academic Resource

Course Code: Grade 6 CoTeach - 790670, 790671, 790672, 790673
Grade 6 Honors - 790690, 790691, 790692, 790693
Grade 7 CoTeach - 790770, 790771, 790772, 790773
Grade 7 Honors - 790790, 790791, 790792, 790793
Grade 8 CoTeach - 790870, 790871, 790872, 790873
Grade 8 Honors - 790890, 790891, 790892, 790893

Prerequisites: IEP

Credits: .25, .50, or 1.0

Special Education students who require direct IEP services in this content area will receive instructional support via the Reading Academic Resource Coach.

Textbook(s): *Study Strategies Made Easy; Building Success in School and Life through Multiple Intelligences*

Writing Across Genres

Course Code: 102100

Prerequisites: Teacher recommendation preferred

Credits: .25

This course will offer students writing opportunities in a variety of genres and forms around a central topic or theme. Students are provided with a myriad of opportunities to express ideas through writing and speaking, and they will read to review mentor texts and to provide constructive critique to their peers.

Textbook(s): *Write Source; Literature* (2012); course guide

SCIENCE

Science 6

Course Code: 410603

Prerequisites: Grade 6 student

Credits: 1.0

Sixth grade science students develop an understanding of conducting good inquiry-based investigations. Students learn from hands-on activities, teacher demonstrations, cooperative learning, independent, small group, and whole group experiences aligned to the Maryland State Curriculum for science. Students have multiple experiences applying and practicing science skills and processes in life, earth, and physical sciences.

Textbook(s): Prentice Hall Science Explorer Modules

Science 6 ESOL

Course Code: 410653

Prerequisites: Grade 6 ESOL student

Credits: 1.0

Sixth grade science ESOL students develop an understanding of conducting good inquiry-based investigations. Students learn from hands-on activities, teacher demonstrations, cooperative learning, independent, small group, and whole group experiences aligned to the Maryland State Curriculum for science. Students have multiple experiences applying and practicing science skills and processes in life, earth, and physical sciences.

Textbook(s): Prentice Hall Science Explorer Modules

Science 6 Co-Teach

Course Code: 410673

Prerequisites: Grade 6 student

Credits: 1.0

Sixth grade science co-teach students develop an understanding of conducting good inquiry-based investigations. Students learn from hands-on activities, teacher demonstrations, cooperative learning, independent, small group, and whole group experiences aligned to the Maryland State Curriculum for science. Students have multiple experiences applying and practicing science skills and processes in life, earth, and physical sciences.

Textbook(s): Prentice Hall Science Explorer Modules

Science 6 Intensive

Course Code: 410683

Prerequisites: Grade 6 student, IEP

Credits: 1.0

Sixth grade science intensive students develop an understanding of conducting good inquiry-based investigations. Students learn from hands-on activities, teacher demonstrations, cooperative learning, independent, small group, and whole group experiences aligned to the Maryland State Curriculum for science. Students have multiple experiences applying and practicing science skills and processes in life, earth, and physical sciences. Instruction will be delivered in small instructional groupings for special needs intensive students.

Textbook(s): Prentice Hall Science Explorer Modules

Science 7

Course Code: 417703

Prerequisites: Grade 7 student

Credits: 1.0

Seventh grade science students build on the understanding of conducting good inquiry-based investigations. Students develop an understanding and an appreciation for student-led hands-on activities, teacher demonstrations, cooperative learning, independent, small group, and whole group experiences aligned to the Maryland State Curriculum for science. By the end of grade 7, students have received multiple opportunities to apply and practice science skills and processes in life, earth, and physical sciences.

Textbook(s): Prentice Hall Science Explorer Modules

Science 7 ESOL

Course Code: 417753

Prerequisites: Grade 7 ESOL student

Credits: 1.0

Seventh grade science ESOL students build on the understanding of conducting good inquiry-based investigations. Students develop an understanding and an appreciation for student-led hands-on activities, teacher demonstrations, cooperative learning, independent, small group, and whole group experiences aligned to the Maryland State Curriculum for science. By the end of grade 7, students have received multiple opportunities to apply and practice science skills and processes in life, earth, and physical sciences.

Textbook(s): Prentice Hall Science Explorer Modules

Science 7 Co-Teach

Course Code: 417773

Prerequisites: Grade 7 student

Credits: 1.0

Seventh grade science co-teach students build on the understanding of conducting good inquiry-based investigations. Students develop an understanding and an appreciation for student-led hands-on activities, teacher demonstrations, cooperative learning, independent, small group, and whole group experiences aligned to the Maryland State Curriculum for science. By the end of grade 7, students have received multiple opportunities to apply and practice science skills and processes in life, earth, and physical sciences.

Textbook(s): Prentice Hall Science Explorer Modules

Science 7 Intensive

Course Code: 417783

Prerequisites: Grade 7 student, IEP

Credits: 1.0

Seventh grade science intensive students build on the understanding of conducting good inquiry-based investigations. Students develop an understanding and an appreciation for student-led hands-on activities, teacher demonstrations, cooperative learning, independent, small group, and whole group experiences aligned to the Maryland State Curriculum for science. By the end of grade 7, students have received multiple opportunities to apply and practice science skills and processes in life, earth, and physical sciences. Instruction will be delivered in small instructional groupings for special needs intensive students.

Textbook(s): Prentice Hall Science Explorer Modules

Science 8

Course Code: 417803

Prerequisites: Grade 8 student

Credits: 1.0

Eighth grade science students become more systematic and sophisticated in conducting inquiry-based investigations, some of which may last for weeks. Science instruction may include student-led hands-on activities, teacher demonstrations, cooperative learning, independent, small group, and whole group experiences aligned to the Maryland State Curriculum for science. By the end of grade 8, students have multiple experiences applying and practicing science skills and processes in life, earth, and physical sciences, as well as preparation in higher order and critical thinking skills necessary for high school science courses.

Textbook(s): Prentice Hall Science Explorer Modules

Science 8 ESOL

Course Code: 417853

Prerequisites: Grade 8 student

Credits: 1.0

Eighth grade science ESOL students become more systematic and sophisticated in conducting inquiry-based investigations, some of which may last for weeks. Science instruction may include student-led hands-on activities, teacher demonstrations, cooperative learning, independent, small group, and whole group experiences aligned to the Maryland State Curriculum for science. By the end of grade 8, students have multiple experiences applying and practicing science skills and processes in life, earth, and physical sciences, as well as preparation in higher order and critical thinking skills necessary for high school science courses.

Textbook(s): Prentice Hall Science Explorer Modules

Science 8 Co-Teach

Course Code: 417873

Prerequisites: Grade 8 student

Credits: 1.0

Eighth grade science co-teach students become more systematic and sophisticated in conducting inquiry-based investigations, some of which may last for weeks. Science instruction may include student-led hands-on activities, teacher demonstrations, cooperative learning, independent, small group, and whole group experiences aligned to the Maryland State Curriculum for science. By the end of Grade 8, students have multiple experiences applying and practicing science skills and processes in life, earth, and physical sciences, as well as preparation in higher order and critical thinking skills necessary for high school science courses.

Textbook(s): Prentice Hall Science Explorer Modules

Science 8 Intensive

Course Code: 417883

Prerequisites: Grade 8 student, IEP

Credits: 1.0

Eighth grade science intensive students become more systematic and sophisticated in conducting inquiry-based investigations, some of which may last for weeks. Science instruction may include student-led hands-on activities, teacher demonstrations, cooperative learning, independent, small group, and whole group experiences aligned to the Maryland State Curriculum for science. By the end of grade 8, students will have had multiple experiences applying and practicing science skills and processes in life, earth, and physical sciences, as well as preparation in higher order and critical thinking skills necessary for high school science courses. Instruction will be delivered in small instructional groupings for special needs intensive students.

Textbook(s): Prentice Hall Science Explorer Modules

SOCIAL STUDIES

Common Core Social Studies 6

Course Code: 200100

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25

Grade 6 SS CCSS Support Enrichment is designed to incorporate and extend the expectations for literacy learning in the content areas of Civics, Economics, History & Geography.

Textbook(s): None

Common Core Social Studies 7

Course Code: 200020

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25

Grade 7 SS CCSS Support Enrichment is designed to incorporate and extend the expectations for literacy learning in the content areas of Civics, Economics, History & Geography.

Textbook(s): None

Common Core Social Studies 8

Course Code: 200030

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25

Grade 8 SS CCSS Support Enrichment is designed to incorporate and extend the expectations for literacy learning in the content areas of Civics, Economics, History & Geography.

Textbook(s): None

Deliberate Talk

Course Code: 291011, 291012

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .50

This elective course will provide systematic strategies to increase critical thinking skills for deliberation in the classroom. Students will develop public speaking skills through a variety of classroom simulations for meaningful discussion about current information. The simulations include targeted content which provide students the opportunity to develop the art of asking the “right” questions, deliberating with reason, obtaining useful data as it relates to the real issues to formulate an informed point of view.

Textbook(s): Open source online materials for simulation.

Student Government Association 101 (Year One Middle School)

Course Code: 250413

Prerequisites: None

Credits: 1.0

This introductory middle school course for SGA will focus on establishing a school-wide student government organization/council. It should include an SGA orientation, overview of the SGA election process, drafting a constitution, effective communication, teambuilding, writing proposals, activity planning and the student’s role and responsibility in improving school life and climate.

Textbook(s): None

Student Government Association 102 (Year Two Middle School)

Course Code: 250423

Prerequisites: None

Credits: 1.0

This course will continue an examination of the core activities and elements of SGA 101 and student involvement in the political arena. Students will see themselves as school leaders and actively examine their role as a leader. Students will also be exposed to and participate with the umbrella organizations of the school-based SGA (PGRASG, MASC and NASC) and their role in the county, state and national student council organizations. An emphasis will be placed on lobby techniques, resolution writing and parliamentary procedure.

Textbook(s): None

World Cultures and Geography Part 1: Western Hemisphere

Course Code: 208603

Prerequisites: Grade 6 student

Credits: 1.0

Sixth grade social studies is the first of a two year World Cultures and Geography program of study. This course will explore the Western Hemisphere that includes the history, geography, and culture of the United States, Canada, Latin America, Mexico and Central America, The Caribbean, and South America. Reading, writing, literature, and critical thinking skills are integral parts of the course. This middle school social studies course emphasizes development of knowledge and skills that will prepare students for success at the high school level.

Textbook(s): *Western Hemisphere ISBN 9781285933252*

World Cultures and Geography Part 1: Western Hemisphere Co-Teach

Course Code: 208673

Prerequisites: Grade 6 student

Credits: 1.0

Sixth grade social studies is the first of a two year World Cultures and Geography program of study. This course will explore the Western Hemisphere that includes the history, geography, culture of the United States, Canada, Latin America, Mexico and Central America, The Caribbean, and South America. Reading, writing, literature, and critical thinking skills are integral parts of the course. This middle school social studies course emphasizes development of knowledge and skills that will prepare students for success at the high school level. This course is designed to facilitate learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student. Students access the general education curriculum through modifications and accommodations as appropriate.

Textbook(s): Western Hemisphere ISBN 9781285933252

World Cultures and Geography Part 1: Western Hemisphere Intensive

Course Code: 208683

Prerequisites: Grade 6 student

Credits: 1.0

Sixth grade social studies is the first of a two year World Cultures and Geography program of study. This course will explore the Western Hemisphere that includes the history, geography, and culture of the United States, Canada, Latin America, Mexico and Central America, The Caribbean, and South America. Reading, writing, literature, and critical thinking skills are integral parts of the course. This middle school social studies course emphasizes development of knowledge and skills that will prepare students for success at the high school level. This course is designed to facilitate learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as identified on the Individualized Education Plan. Students access the general education curriculum through modifications and accommodations to meet IEP requirements. Course content is delivered in a small instructional group as designated by the student's Individualized Education Plan.

Textbook(s): Western Hemisphere ISBN 9781285933252

World Cultures and Geography Part 2: Eastern Hemisphere

Course Code: 208703

Prerequisites: Grade 7 student

Credits: 1.0

Seventh grade social studies is the second year of a two year World Cultures and Geography program of study. This course explores the continents, countries, and regions of the Eastern Hemisphere. The major emphases of the course are the geography, history, people, and contemporary issues of Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Australia. Reading, writing, literature, and critical thinking skills are integral parts of the course. This middle school social studies course emphasizes development of knowledge and skills that will prepare students for success at the high school level.

Textbook(s): Eastern Hemisphere; Medieval Times To Today; and The Ancient World, Prentice Hall

World Cultures and Geography Part 2: Eastern Hemisphere CoTeach

Course Code: 208773

Prerequisites: Grade 7 student

Credits: 1.0

Seventh grade social studies is the second year of a two year World Cultures and Geography program of study. This course explores the continents, countries, and regions of the Eastern Hemisphere. The major emphases of the course are the geography, history, people, and contemporary issues of Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Australia. Reading, writing, literature, and critical thinking skills are integral parts of the course. This middle school social studies course emphasizes development of knowledge and skills that will prepare students for success at the high school level. This course is designed to facilitate learning outcomes appropriate to the

instructional needs of the student. Students access the general education curriculum through modifications and accommodations as appropriate.

Textbook(s): *Eastern Hemisphere; Medieval Times To Today; and The Ancient World*, Prentice Hall

World Cultures and Geography Part 2: Eastern Hemisphere Intensive

Course Code: 208783

Prerequisites: Grade 7 student, IEP

Credits: 1.0

Seventh grade social studies is the second year of a two year World Cultures and Geography program of study. This course explores the continents, countries, and regions of the Eastern Hemisphere. The major emphases of the course are the geography, history, people, and contemporary issues of Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Australia. Reading, writing, literature, and critical thinking skills are integral parts of the course. This middle school social studies course emphasizes development of knowledge and skills that will prepare students for success at the high school level. This course is designed to facilitate learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as identified on the Individualized Education Plan. Students access the general education curriculum through modifications and accommodations to meet IEP requirements. Course content is delivered in a small instructional group as designated by the student's Individualized Education Plan.

Textbook(s): *Eastern Hemisphere; Medieval Times To Today; and The Ancient World*, Prentice Hall

World Cultures and Geography Part 2: Eastern Hemisphere Honors

Course Code: 208793

Prerequisites: Grade 7 student; "B" in Social Studies and English

Credits: 1.0 Weighted

Seventh grade social studies is the second year of a two year World Cultures and Geography program of study. This course explores the continents, countries, and regions of the Eastern Hemisphere. The major emphases of the course are the geography, history, people, and contemporary issues of Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Australia. Reading, writing, literature, and critical thinking skills are integral parts of the course. This middle school social studies course emphasizes development of knowledge and skills that will prepare students for success at the high school level. This course is designed for identified highly able students who have met the prerequisites. The course will further develop content knowledge by enhancing the depth and complexity of the core curriculum. Students will use critical thinking skills in analyzing advanced above-grade level texts as well as complete rigorous, in-depth writing assignments.

Textbook(s): *Eastern Hemisphere; Medieval Times To Today; and The Ancient World*, Prentice Hall

United States History, Revolution to Reconstruction

Course Code: 209803

Prerequisites: Grade 8 student

Credits: 1.0

The eighth grade social studies course focuses on the history of the United States from 1776 through 1877. An appreciation of our heritage as citizens of the United States is developed through the study of important events in our nation's history. Emphasis is on the American Revolution, the writing of the U.S. Constitution, and the diverse history of the 1800's. Reading, writing, literature studies, use of primary documents, and critical thinking skills are integral parts of the course. This middle school social studies course emphasizes knowledge and skills that prepare students for success at the high school level.

Textbook(s): *America: History of Our Nation Beginnings through 1877*, Pearson/Prentice Hall

United States History, Revolution to Reconstruction CoTeach

Course Code: 209873

Prerequisites: Grade 8 student

Credits: 1.0

The eighth grade social studies course focuses on the history of the United States from 1776 through 1877. An

appreciation of our heritage as citizens of the United States is developed through the study of important events in our nation's history. Emphasis is on the American Revolution, the writing of the U.S. Constitution, and the diverse history of the 1800's. Reading, writing, literature studies, use of primary documents, and critical thinking skills are integral parts of the course. This middle school social studies course emphasizes development of knowledge and skills that prepare students for success at the high school level. This course is designed to facilitate learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student. Students access the general education curriculum through modifications and accommodations as appropriate.

Textbook(s): *America: History of Our Nation Beginnings through 1877*, Pearson/Prentice Hall

United States History, Revolution to Reconstruction Intensive

Course Code: 209883

Prerequisites: Grade 8 student

Credits: 1.0

The eighth grade social studies course focuses on the history of the United States from 1776 through 1877. An appreciation of our heritage as citizens of the United States is developed through the study of important events in our nation's history. Emphasis is on the American Revolution, the writing of the U.S. Constitution, and the diverse history of the 1800's. Reading, writing, literature studies, use of primary documents, and critical thinking skills are integral parts of the course. This middle school social studies course emphasizes development of knowledge and skills that prepare students for success at the high school level. This course is designed to facilitate learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as identified on the Individualized Education Plan. Students access the general education curriculum through modifications and accommodations to meet IEP requirements. Course content is delivered in a small instructional group as designated by the student's Individualized Education Plan.

Textbook(s): *America: History of Our Nation Beginnings through 1877*, Pearson/Prentice Hall

United States History, Revolution to Reconstruction Honors

Course Code: 209893

Prerequisites: Grade 8 student; "B" in Social Studies and English

Credits: 1.0 Weighted

The eighth grade social studies course focuses on the history of the United States from 1776 through 1877. An appreciation of our heritage as citizens of the United States is developed through the study of important events in our nation's history. Emphasis is on the American Revolution, the writing of the U.S. Constitution, and the diverse history of the 1800's. Reading, writing, literature studies, use of primary documents, and critical thinking skills are integral parts of the course. This middle school social studies course emphasizes development of knowledge and skills that prepare students for success at the high school level. This course is designed for identified highly able students who have met the prerequisites. The course will further develop content knowledge by enhancing the depth and complexity of the core curriculum. Students will use critical thinking skills in analyzing advanced above-grade level texts as well as complete rigorous, in-depth writing assignments.

Textbook(s): *America: History of Our Nation Beginnings through 1877*, Pearson/Prentice Hall

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Health Education 6 Alt

Course Code: 747011, 747012

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

This course focuses on instruction of the Maryland State Curriculum for Comprehensive Health Education. Students acquire knowledge about nutrition and fitness, healthy decision-making, communication, stress management, and safety and injury prevention. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized

Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Health Education 7 Alt

Course Code: 747021, 747022

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

This course focuses on instruction of the Maryland State Curriculum for Comprehensive Health Education. Students acquire knowledge about nutrition and fitness, healthy decision-making, communication, stress management, and safety and injury prevention. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Health Education 8 Alt

Course Code: 747031, 747032

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

This course focuses on instruction of the Maryland State Curriculum for Comprehensive Health Education. Students acquire knowledge about nutrition and fitness, healthy decision-making, communication, stress management, and safety and injury prevention. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Math 6 Alt

Course Code: 307033

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

This course is designed to provide students access to the mathematics standards to include multiplication, division, algebraic thinking and application of geometry in real-world mathematics situations. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Math 7 Alt

Course Code: 307043

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

This course will expose students to mathematics standards to include number systems and operations, algebraic expressions and equations, geometrical figures, understanding of statistics and solving real-world mathematical problems. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Math 8 Alt

Course Code: 307053

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

This course will expose students to the understanding of rational numbers, proportional reasoning to lines and linear functions; understanding of statistics and probability. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Reading/English Language Arts 6 Alt

Course Code: 139043

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in an Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

This course provides student access to the Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards in the areas of for reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Reading and writing instruction focuses on literary and informational text as well as generalizing skills in real world applications. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Reading/English Language Arts 7 Alt

Course Code: 139103

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in an Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

This course provides student access to the Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards in the areas of for reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Reading and writing instruction focuses on literary and informational text as well as generalizing skills in real world applications. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Reading/English Language Arts 8 Alt

Course Code: 139113

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in an Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

This course provides student access to the Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards in the areas of for reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Reading and writing instruction focuses on literary and informational text as well as generalizing skills in real world applications. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Science 6 Alt

Course Code: 418613

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

This course focuses on science investigations. Students learn from hands-on activities, teacher demonstrations, cooperative learning, small group, and whole group experiences aligned to the Next Generation of Science Standards (NGSS). Students have multiple experiences applying and practicing science skills and processes in life, earth, and physical sciences. Instruction will be delivered in small instructional groupings for special needs intensive students. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s); TBD

Science 7 Alt

Course Code: 418623

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

This course focuses on inquiry based investigations. Students learn from hands-on activities, teacher demonstrations, cooperative learning, small group, and whole group experiences aligned to the Next Generation of Science Standards (NGSS). Students have multiple experiences applying and practicing science skills and processes in life, earth, and physical sciences. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Science 8 Alt

Course Code: 418633

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

This course focuses on systematic inquiry-based investigations which may last for several days. Students learn from hands-on activities, teacher demonstrations, cooperative learning, small group, and whole group experiences aligned to the Next Generation of Science Standards (NGSS). Students have multiple experiences applying and practicing science skills and processes in life, earth, and physical sciences as well as an introduction to high school science skills. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Social Studies 6 Alt

Course Code: 207123

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

This course provides students with access to literacy learning in the content areas of Civics, Economics, History and Geography. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Social Studies 7 Alt

Course Code: 207133

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

This course provides students with access to literacy learning in the content areas of Civics, Economics, History and Geography. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Social Studies 8 Alt

Course Code: 207143

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

This course provides students with access to literacy learning in the content areas of Civics, Economics, History and Geography. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Technology 6 Alt

Course Code: 801011, 801012

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

Students in the course will become familiar with the parts of the computer or other technology devices and how each part works. The students will be introduced to computer terms and basic navigation skills such as how to use a mouse and finding letters on the keyboard. Students will be introduced to menu bars, icons and how to respond and access educational websites. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Technology 7 Alt

Course Code: 801021, 801022

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

Students in the course will become familiar with the parts of the computer or other technology devices and how each part works. The students will be introduced to computer terms and basic navigation skills such as how to use a mouse and finding letters on the keyboard. Students will be introduced to menu bars, icons and how to respond and access educational websites. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Technology 8 Alt

Course Code: 801031, 801032

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessment

Credits: 0

Students in the course will become familiar with the parts of the computer or other technology devices and how each part works. The students will be introduced to computer terms and basic navigation skills such as how to use a mouse and finding letters on the keyboard. Students will be introduced to menu bars, icons and how to respond and access educational websites. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Writing Focus 6 Alt

Course Code: 139053

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessments

Credits: 0

This course provides students with access to writing standards that focus on close readings that use a variety of adapted and modified literary and informational texts. With assistance and support, students will analyze and write informative, explanatory, and narrative responses. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Writing Focus 7 Alt

Course Code: 139063

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessments

Credits: 0

This course provides students with access to writing standards that focus on close readings that use a variety of adapted and modified literary and informational texts. With assistance and support, students will analyze and write informative, explanatory, and narrative responses. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

Writing Focus 8 Alt

Course Code: 139073

Prerequisites: IEP and Participation in Alternate Assessments

Credits: 0

This course provides students with access to writing standards that focus on close readings that use a variety of adapted and modified literary and informational texts. With assistance and support, students will analyze and write informative, explanatory, and narrative responses. This course is designed to facilitate alternate academic learning outcomes appropriate to the instructional needs of the student, as documented in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This course is linked to the general education curriculum; however, the student will require a different scope and sequence, adapted and modified materials.

Textbook(s): TBD

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Technology Education 6

Course Code: 801600, 801601, 801602

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25 or .50

Students in this 9-week course will explore modern technology. They will become inventors by designing and constructing solutions to problems. Tools and materials will be used creatively in applying technology. The application of science and math concepts in technology will be emphasized. Student experiences will include using a computer to control a robot, constructing and testing solutions to technology problems, using a computer for drafting (CAD), assembling and testing a pneumatics system, drawing to communicate technical information, and using computers to practice problem-solving procedures.

Textbook(s): *Technology in Action* ISBN 9780078224898; *Living with Technology* ISBN 9780827332485

Technology Education 7

Course Code: 801700, 801701, 801702

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25 or .50

Students in this 9-week course will explore modern technology. They will become inventors by designing and constructing solutions to problems. Tools and materials will be used creatively in applying technology. The application of science and math concepts in technology will be emphasized. Student experiences will include using a computer to control a robot, constructing and testing solutions to technology problems, using a computer for drafting (CAD), assembling and testing a pneumatics system, drawing to communicate technical information, and using computers to practice problem-solving procedures.

Textbook(s): *Technology in Action* ISBN 9780078224898; *Living with Technology* ISBN 9780827332485

Technology Education 8

Course Code: 801800, 801801, 801802

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25 or .50

Students in this 9-week course will explore modern technology. They will become inventors by designing and constructing solutions to problems. Tools and materials will be used creatively in applying technology. The application of science and math concepts in technology will be emphasized. Student experiences will include using computer circuits to solve problems, constructing and testing solutions to technology problems, using a computer for drafting (CAD), assembling, and testing an electrical system, drawing to communicate technical information, and using computers to practice problem-solving procedures.

Textbook(s): *Technology in Action* ISBN 9780078224898; *Living with Technology* ISBN 9780827332485

Technology Integration 8

Course Code: 760000, 760001, 760002, 760600, 761600, 761700, 761800

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25 or .50

The Middle School Technology Integration courses are focused on teaching students the Maryland Technology Literacy Standards for Students, which are based on the National Educational Technology Standards - Students. The course material focuses on the Technology Literacy Standards for Students. The course content is project-based. Students participate in practical applications that incorporate an array of interdisciplinary skills from math, language arts, fine arts, geography, science and technology with a particular emphasis on social studies themes. This ensures that technology will not be taught in isolation, but infused throughout the students' daily instruction..

Materials: *Microsoft Office Suite* (software); *Mavis Beacon* (software); *Inspiration* (software); *Imagination Suite* (software); *Blackboard*

Technology, Media and Design 6

Course Code: 761901, 761902

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .50

This is a combined digital and product design course that uses the design cycle and combines knowledge, skills, techniques and materials of both digital and product design to develop solutions that solve a problem and meet a need. Combined topics include Media, Technology Integration and Design. This course could be used to replace Technology Integration and Technology Concepts at the middle school level and meets the design requirement of the Middle Years Program for International Baccalaureate.

Textbook(s): Online

Technology, Media and Design 7

Course Code: 761911, 761912

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .50

This is a combined digital and product design course that uses the design cycle and combines knowledge, skills, techniques and materials of both digital and product design to develop solutions that solve a problem and meet a need. Combined topics include Media, Technology Integration and Design. This course could be used to replace Technology Integration and Technology Concepts at the middle school level and meets the design requirement of the Middle Years Program for International Baccalaureate.

Textbook(s): Online

Technology, Media and Design 8

Course Code: 761921, 761922

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .50

This is a combined digital and product design course that uses the design cycle and combines knowledge, skills, techniques and materials of both digital and product design to develop solutions that solve a problem and meet a need. Combined topics include Media, Technology Integration and Design. This course could be used to replace Technology Integration and Technology Concepts at the middle school level and meets the design requirement of the Middle Years Program for International Baccalaureate.

Textbook(s): Online

WORLD LANGUAGES

Introduction to American Sign Language

Course Code: 194103

Prerequisites: None

Credits: 1.0

This introductory course offers students the opportunity to become familiar with sign language and deaf culture. Some grammatical principles of the language are introduced. Visual-gestural communication techniques are used to develop basic signing skills. The students will be able to communicate basic language functions such as introducing oneself and asking for and giving basic information. Cultural and language behavior are studied.

Textbook(s): *Bravo ASL!*, Sign Enhancers

American Sign Language 1

Course Code: 194103

Prerequisites: *Introduction to American Sign Language*

Credits: 1.0 Completer

The first year introduces students to American Sign Language and Deaf culture. Grammatical principles of the language are introduced. Visual-gestural communication techniques are used to develop basic signing skills. The course emphasis will be on receptive skills and developing expressive skills. The student will be able to communicate basic language functions such as introducing oneself, asking for and giving information, asking for directions, making requests, and talking about activities. Videotapes support observation and practice.

Textbook(s): *Master American Sign Language*, Sign Media, Inc.

American Sign Language 2

Course Code: 194203

Prerequisites: *American Sign Language 1*

Credits: 1.0 Completer, Merit

The continuation of ASL1 skill developed focusing with greater emphasis on expressive signing proficiency and comprehension of signed narratives. Students participate in various language functions such as talking about life events, nationalities and family history and describing objects. The activities take place in small group discussion, role-play, short stories and dialogues. Videotaped activities of a variety of signers are practiced for improved receptive skills. Cultural and language behaviors are studied. Sign language expressions are developed.

Textbook(s): *Master American Sign Language*, Sign Media, Inc.

Introduction to Chinese

Course Code: 187003

Prerequisites: *None*

Credits: 1.0

This introductory course offers students the opportunity to communicate in the target language and to develop world language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The program focuses on functional language in selected situations. Appropriate pacing is a key element of the course that allows students to understand linguistic, cultural, and grammatical concepts in second language study. Students do not earn a high school credit.

Textbook(s): *Ni-Hao*, China Soft ISBN 9781876739065

Introduction to French

Course Code: 151103

Prerequisites: *Grade 6 or 7 student*

Credits: 1.0

This introductory course offers students the opportunity to communicate in the target language and to develop world language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The program focuses on functional language in selected situations. Appropriate pacing is a key element of the course that allows students to understand linguistic, cultural, and grammatical concepts in second language study. Students do not earn a high school credit.

Textbook(s): *Bien Dit*, Holt, Rinehart, and Winston ISBN 9780030797439

French 1

Course Code: 152003

Prerequisites: *World Language Exploratory or Introduction to French; Grade 7 or 8 student*

Credits: 1.0 High School Completer

In the first year of world language, most students learn to communicate orally through selected functions and topics. The sounds of language are learned through situations and practice activities. The students learn to communicate through the three modes of communication: interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes in real world situations. Students who would like to take high school Advanced Placement (AP) courses in a world language must begin level 1 by grade 7 or 8. To advance to the next level in the language, students need to pass the end of the year assessment.

Textbook(s): D'Accord Level 1, ISBN 9781618578754

French 2

Course Code: 155003

Prerequisites: *French 1; Grade 8 student*

Credits: 1.0 High School Completer

The communication skills begun in the first year of the language are continued. Greater emphasis is placed on oral proficiency, listening, reading, and writing in the target language. Grammatical concepts are taught in the context of real-world usage of languages. Students who would like to take AP courses in a world language must begin level 1 by grade 7 or 8. To advance to the next level in the language, students need to pass the end of the year assessment.

Textbook(s): D'Accord Level 2, ISBN 9781618578878

French Immersion – Language Arts 6

Course Code: 156603

Prerequisites: *Grade 6 French Immersion student*

Credits: 1.0

This course, designed for sixth graders in the French Immersion program, focuses on instruction of the French language in the context of the Maryland State Curriculum for reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Reading and writing strategy instruction focuses on literary and informational texts, as well as success in real-world applications and on the MSA.

Textbook(s): Bled ISBN 9782011161178

French Immersion – Language Arts 7

Course Code: 156703

Prerequisites: *Grade 7 French Immersion student*

Credits: 1.0

This course, designed for seventh graders in the French Immersion program, focuses on instruction of the French language in the context of the Maryland State Curriculum for reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Reading and writing strategy instruction focuses on literary and informational texts, as well as success in real-world applications and on the MSA and HSA.

Textbook(s): Bled ISBN 9782011161178

French Immersion – Language Arts 8

Course Code: 156803

Prerequisites: *Grade 8 French Immersion student*

Credits: 1.0

This course, designed for eighth graders in the French Immersion program, focuses on instruction of the French language in the context of the Maryland State Curriculum for reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Reading and writing strategy instruction focuses on literary and informational texts, as well as success in real-

world applications and on the MSA and HSA.

Textbook(s): *Bled*

French Immersion – Social Studies 6

Course Code: 157603

Prerequisites: Grade 6 French Immersion student

Credits: 1.0

Grade 6 social studies is the first of a two year World Cultures/Geography program of study. This course will explore the Western Hemisphere that includes the history, geography, culture of the United States, Canada, Latin America, Mexico and Central America, The Caribbean, and South America. Reading, writing, literature/studies, and critical thinking skills are integral parts of the course. This middle school social studies course emphasizes development of knowledge and skills that will prepare students for success at the high school level.

Textbook(s): *World Studies: Foundations of Geography/The United States and Canada /Latin America*, Prentice Hall

French Immersion – International Studies 7

Course Code: 157703

Prerequisites: Grade 7 French Immersion student

Credits: 1.0

Grade 7 social studies is the second year of a two year World Cultures program of study. This course explores the continents, countries, and regions of the Eastern Hemisphere. The major emphases of the course are the geography, history, people, and contemporary issues of Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Australia. Reading, writing, literature/studies, and critical thinking skills are integral parts of the course. This middle school social studies course emphasizes development of knowledge and skills that will prepare students for success at the high school level.

Textbook(s): *Eastern Hemisphere; Medieval Times to Today; and The Ancient World*, Prentice Hall

French Immersion – American Studies 8

Course Code: 157803

Prerequisites: Grade 8 French Immersion student

Credits: 1.0

The eighth-grade social studies course focuses on the history of the United States from 1776 through 1877. An appreciation of our heritage as citizens of the United States is developed through the study of important events in our nation's history. Emphasis is on the American Revolution, the writing of the U.S. Constitution, and the diverse history of the 1800's. Reading, writing, literature studies, use of primary documents, and critical thinking skills are integral parts of the course. This middle school social studies course emphasizes development of knowledge and skills that prepare students for success at the high school level.

Textbook(s): *Creating America: Beginnings through World War I*, McDougal Littell ISBN 9780618689835

German 1

Course Code: 173003

Prerequisites: None

Credits: 1.0 Completer

In the first year of German study, communication and the sounds of the language are learned through dialogues, practice exercises and situations. The students learn to understand, speak, read, and write a limited amount of material. Students must learn to apply grammatical principles of the language to form new ideas and to communicate them. Cultural information is taught about countries where the target language is spoken.

Textbook(s): *KOMM MIT! 1*, Holt Rinehart & Winston ISBN 9780030565977

German 2

Course Code: 174003

Prerequisites: German 1

Credits: 1.0 Completer

The development of skills begun in the first year of German is continued. Greater emphasis is placed on oral proficiency, reading and writing in German. Knowledge of grammar is expanded, including object pronouns and most of the verb tenses beyond the present. Cultural information about the people is taught through readings in the basic text and supplementary materials.

Textbook(s): KOMM MIT! 2, Holt Rinehart & Winston ISBN 9780030325526

Introduction to Italian

Course Code: 190003

Prerequisites: Grade 6 or 7 student

Credits: 1.0

This introductory course offers students the opportunity to communicate in the target language and to develop world language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The program focuses on functional language in selected situations. Appropriate pacing is a key element of the course that allows students to understand linguistic, cultural, and grammatical concepts in second language study. Students do not earn a high school credit.

Textbook(s): Italian is Fun, Amsco ISBN 9780877205975

Italian 1

Course Code: 190103

Prerequisites: Grade 7 or 8 student

Credits: 1.0 High School Completer

In the first year of world language, most students learn to communicate orally through selected functions and topics. The sounds of language are learned through situations and practice activities. The students learn to communicate through the three modes of communication: interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes in real world situations. Students who would like to take high school Advanced Placement (AP) courses in a world language must begin level 1 by grade 7 or 8. To obtain the high school credit, students need to pass the end of the year assessment.

Textbook(s): Super Ci@o.it 1A, Editrice la Scuola ISBN 9788835018810

Italian 2

Course Code: 190203

Prerequisites: Grade 8 student

Credits: 1.0 High School Credit

The communication skills begun in the first year of the language are continued. Greater emphasis is placed on oral proficiency, listening, reading, and writing in the target language. Grammatical concepts are taught in the context of real-world usage of languages. Students who would like to take AP courses in a world language must begin level 1 by grade 7 or 8. To obtain the high school credit, students need to pass the end of the year assessment.

Textbook(s): Super Ci@o.it 1B, Editrice la Scuola ISBN 9788835018810

Introduction to Japanese

Course Code: 149903

Prerequisites: Grade 6 or 7 student

Credits: 1.0

This introductory course offers students the opportunity to communicate in the target language and to develop world language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The program focuses on functional language in selected situations. Appropriate pacing is a key element of the course that allows students to understand

linguistic, cultural, and grammatical concepts in second language study. Students do not earn a high school credit.

Textbook(s): *Japanese for Young People I*, Association for Japanese Language Teaching

Japanese 1

Course Code: 150003

Prerequisites: *World Language Exploratory or Introduction to Japanese; Grade 7 or 8 student*

Credits: 1.0 High School Completer

In the first year of world language, most students learn to communicate orally through selected functions and topics. The sounds of language are learned through situations and practice activities. The students learn to communicate through the three modes of communication: interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes in real world situations. Students who would like to take high school Advanced Placement (AP) courses in a world language must begin level 1 by grade 7 or 8. To advance to the next level in the language, students should earn a C or better. To obtain the high school credit, students need to pass the end of the year assessment.

Textbook(s): *Speak Japanese*, Kenkyusha ISBN 9784327384203

Japanese 2

Course Code: 150103

Prerequisites: *Japanese 1*

Credits: 1.0 High School Completer

Japanese 2 continues in the same vein as level 1. After acquiring skill in writing the Hiragana and Katakana syllabaries (mainly in level 1), students concentrate on the Kanji in level 2. The listening and speaking skills are developed at a higher level. Grammatically, in addition to continuation of the grammar of level 1, there is an introduction to phrases characteristic of hierarchical levels of social relationships. Students will learn to express degrees of polite speech. Compound verbs are included. Cultural emphasis in the course will be on modern post-World War II in Japan. Students need to pass the end of the year assessment in order to obtain the high school credit.

Textbook(s): *Speak Japanese*, Kenkyusha ISBN 9784327384203

Introduction to Latin

Course Code: 142003

Prerequisites: *Grade 6 or 7 student*

Credits: 1.0

This introductory course offers students the opportunity to communicate in the target language and to develop world language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The program focuses on functional language in selected situations. Appropriate pacing is a key element of the course that allows students to understand linguistic, cultural, and grammatical concepts in second language study. Students do not earn a high school credit.

Textbook(s): *Discovering Latin*, Amsco

Latin 1

Course Code: 143003

Prerequisites: *World Language Exploratory or Introduction to Latin; Grade 7 or 8 student*

Credits: 1.0 High School Completer

In the first year of world language, most students learn to communicate orally through selected functions and topics. The sounds of language are learned through situations and practice activities. The students learn to communicate through the three modes of communication: interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes in real world situations. Students who would like to take AP courses in a world language must begin level 1 by grade 7 or 8. Students need to pass the end of the year assessment in order to obtain the high

school credit.

Textbook(s): *Cambridge Latin Course Units 1 and 2*, Cambridge University Press Unit 1 ISBN 9780521782289 Unit 2 9780521782296

Latin 2

Course Code: 144003

Prerequisites: Latin 1

Credits: 1.0 High School Completer

In this level more complex grammatical forms are taught with the aim of developing the skill of reading Latin with comprehension. Students continue to prepare translations. Students are expected to translate a few selected passages at sight, and to analyze a Latin sentence explaining the grammatical function of each part. Derivative work is greatly expanded to include Latin phrases used in English and modern applications of Latin in the terminology of various professions. Readings include mythology, history, government, and social customs in Ancient Rome. The culture of the ancient world is related to modern conditions. Students need to pass the end of the year assessment in order to obtain the high school credit.

Textbook(s): *Cambridge Latin Course Unit 3*, Cambridge University Press ISBN 9780521782302

Introduction to Russian

Course Code: 180003

Prerequisites: None

Credits: 1.0 Completer

This introductory course offers students the opportunity to communicate in Russian and to develop world language skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. The program focuses on functional language in selected situations. Appropriate pacing is a key element of the course that allows students to understand linguistic, cultural and grammatical concepts in second language study. Lessons incorporate visual resources from various materials to provide a basis for comprehending cultural content. Writing and reading are limited to topics that are introduced. Students do not earn a high school credit.

Textbook(s): *Russian Face to Face* ISBN 9780844243009

Russian 1

Course Code: 183003

Prerequisites: None

Credits: 1.0 Completer

In the first year of Russian study, communication and the sounds of the language are learned through dialogues, exercises and situations. The students learn to understand, speak, read, and write a limited amount of material. Students must learn to apply grammatical principles of the language to form new ideas and to communicate them. Cultural information is taught about countries where the target language is spoken. Letters of the Russian alphabet are gradually introduced and practiced in the Russian 1 course. Students need to pass the end of the year assessment in order to obtain the high school credit.

Textbook(s): *Golosa*, Prentice Hall ISBN 9780131986282

Russian 2

Course Code: 184003

Prerequisites: Russian 1

Credits: 1.0 Completer

The development of skills begun in the first year of Russian is continued. Greater emphasis is placed on oral proficiency, reading and writing in Russian. Knowledge of grammar is expanded, including object pronouns and most of the verb tenses beyond the present. Cultural information about the people is taught through readings in the basic text and supplementary materials. Students need to pass the end of the year assessment in order to obtain the high school credit.

Textbook(s): *Golosa*, Prentice Hall ISBN 9780131986282

Introduction to Spanish

Course Code: 161003, 161103

Prerequisites: Grade 6 or 7 student

Credits: 1.0

This introductory course offers students the opportunity to communicate in the target language and to develop world language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The program focuses on functional language in selected situations. Appropriate pacing is a key element of the course that allows students to understand linguistic, cultural, and grammatical concepts in second language study. Students do not earn a high school credit. This course is required for the Middle School Spanish sequence.

Textbook(s): Asi se Dice ISBN 9780076604234

Spanish 1

Course Code: 162003

Prerequisites: Introduction to Spanish; Grade 7 or 8 student

Credits: 1.0 High School Completer

In the first year of world language, most students learn to communicate orally through selected functions and topics. The sounds of language are learned through situations and practice activities. The students learn to communicate through the three modes of communication: interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes in real world situations. Students who would like to take high school Advanced Placement (AP) courses in a world language must begin level 1 by grade 7 or 8. To obtain the high school credit, students need to pass the end of the year assessment.

Textbook(s): Espanol Santillana, ISBN 9781622639458

Spanish 2

Course Code: 165003

Prerequisites: Spanish 1; Grade 8 student

Credits: 1.0 High School Completer

The communication skills begun in the first year of the language are continued. Greater emphasis is placed on oral proficiency, listening, reading, and writing in the target language. Grammatical concepts are taught in the context of real-world usage of languages. Students who would like to take high school Advanced Placement (AP) courses in a world language must begin level 1 by grade 7 or 8. To obtain the high school credit, students need to pass the end of the year assessment.

Textbook(s): Espanol Santillana, ISBN 9781622639496

Spanish for Native Speakers Level 2

Course Code: 165203

Prerequisites: Spanish proficiency test

Credits: 1.0 High School Completer

This course is designed for students who are totally bilingual in Spanish and English. It is conducted entirely in Spanish for students who speak and read Spanish at the intermediate-low to mid level. The course will emphasize reading and writing, critical thinking, culture, literary exposure, and improving speaking skills. Students who would like to take high school Advanced Placement (AP) courses in a world language must begin level 1 by grade 7 or 8. To obtain the high school credit, students need to pass the end of the year assessment.

Textbook(s): El Español Para Nosotros Level 1, McGraw-Hill/Glencoe ISBN 9780078271502

Spanish for Native Speakers Level 3

Course Code: 166203

Prerequisite: Spanish proficiency test

Credits: 1.0 High School Completer

This course is designed for students who are totally bilingual in Spanish and English. It is conducted entirely in Spanish for students who speak and read Spanish at the intermediate to advanced level. The course will emphasize reading and writing, critical thinking, culture, and literary exposure, and improving speaking skills. Students need to pass the end of the year assessment in order to obtain the high school credit.

Textbook(s): Spanish for Native Speakers 3, El español para nosotros Level 2 (nivel 2), McGraw-Hill/Glencoe ISBN 9780078620034

PROGRAMS BY APPLICATION

Creative and Performing Arts Courses

The middle school Creative and Performing Arts program is for students who apply through the lottery and audition for the program. Sites are Hyattsville and Thomas Pullen Creative and Performing Arts Schools only.

Advanced Band

Course Code: 635203

Prerequisites: Grade 7 or 8 student; participation in Grade 6 or 7 band; audition; sight reading; resume; writing sample; recommendations; report card;

Credits: 1.0

The Creative and Performing Arts Band Program is designed for students who wish to continue instruction of a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument on an advanced level. Membership is subject to the audition process outlined in the FOCUS announcement. All students explore culturally and musically diverse styles through performance in Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, and Jazz Band. Topics include Tone Quality and Production; Characteristics and Concepts Self-Tuning; Advanced Music Terminology; Intermediate/Advanced Sight-reading Concepts; and Musical Periods, Styles, and Cultures and their Relationship to Music Performance.

Textbook(s): *Accent on Achievement Book II; Superior Bands In Sixteen Weeks*

Advanced Dance

Course Code: 723203

Prerequisites: Grade 7 or 8 student; Beginning I/II Level in Ballet, Modern, and Jazz

Credits: 1.0

Dance courses are leveled according to ability and the instructors will decide placement. Students will divide the school year between instructors. Performance opportunities are part of the curriculum. In Ballet students will engage and demonstrate the traditional classical style, by executing adagio and allegro movement at the barre, center floor, and across the floor. During these exercises the student will begin to see the proper way to align the body, turn out and lengthen the body. The student will become proficient with the usage of the French language and vocabulary. In Jazz students will engage and demonstrate fast-paced and high energy movements with emphasis on various jazz dance styles. They will redefine weight transfer, coordination, body isolation, body strength and endurance and broaden their vocabulary and minds. In modern students will begin to explore the usage of contraction and release of the spine and back. The teacher will emphasize the use of floor, space and time on stage and in the room, while in low, middle and high impact movements displayed in center floor and across the floor.

Materials: *Ballet dictionaries*

Advanced Orchestra

Course Code: 635503

Prerequisites: Grade 7 or 8 student; participation in Grade 6 or 7 string orchestra program; audition; sight reading; resume; writing sample; recommendations; report card

Credits: 1.0

The CPA Orchestra Program is designed for students who wish to continue instruction on their chosen string instrument on an advanced level. Membership is subject to the audition process outlined in the Prince George's County Focus announcement. All students explore culturally and musically diverse styles through performance in the String Orchestra and small group/individual performances. Topics include Tone Quality and Production; Characteristics and Concepts of Self-Tuning; Advanced Music Terminology; Intermediate/Advanced Sight-reading Concepts; Musical Periods, Styles, and Cultures and their Relationship to Music Performance; and Instrument Technique including posture, bowing, articulations and dynamics. Students will be required to perform as an ensemble throughout the year, including Prince George's County Orchestra Festival.

Textbook(s): *Essential Elements 2000 for Strings- Book II*

Advanced Visual Art

Course Code: 673203

Prerequisites: *Introductory and Intermediate Visual Art; Grade 7 or 8 student*

Credits: 1.0

Students learn lifelong skills, perspectives, sensibilities and understanding that enhance their ability to know, see and relate experiences through Art. Additionally, students develop skills in the areas of drawing, painting, sculpture, and printmaking, as well as use technology to expand their design capability. All students will be expected to maintain a journal/sketchbook. Eighth grade students are encouraged and assisted in the development of portfolios that they may use in preparation for high school.

Materials: *Teacher selected*

Chorus Major

Course Code: 624003

Prerequisites: *Grade 7 or 8 student; membership in school choir; ability to match pitches vocally, recognize musical symbols and read simple rhythmic patterns*

Credits: 1.0

This course is designed for students who enjoy singing and working with their peers. Students learn breathing, vocal technique, tone, and diction as they sing in small groups or with the entire choir, perform classical, spiritual, folk and popular songs and experience a myriad of higher level musical concepts. Topics include rhythmic and melodic sight - reading; choral breathing; performance in different languages. Students will be required to audition for and participate in extra curricular music events held on the county and state level including but not limited to Junior All-State Chorus and Prince George's County Honors Chorus. The Middle School Chorus frequently performs for concerts, festivals, conferences and national organizations.

Materials: *Sight - Reading Workbooks; Rehearsal CD*

Creative Writing

Course Codes: 102000, 102001, 102002, 102003

Prerequisites: *None*

Credits: .25, .50 or 1.0

This course is designed to supplement the middle school composition and literature curriculum. Course content may include writing prompts, essay, short stories, poetry, fables, tall tales, myths, folk tales and other literary genre. Following modeling and discussion of a literary form, students plan, compose, revise, share and evaluate their writing. This course offers practical experience in artistic creation, as well as an opportunity to improve mechanics of writing. Projects are shared with the school community through the Literary Magazine, the Write-A-Book Festival and other literacy competitions.

Materials: *Teacher selected*

Drama

Course Code: 128000

Prerequisites: *None*

Credits: .25

This course is designed for Non-Drama Majors interested in learning more about Drama. Students will learn the history of theatre, discover the many acting techniques available and perform their own monologues, scenes and plays. They will also develop an understanding of critical feedback while watching a performance and an appreciation for the design and technical elements that go into a dramatic production.

Textbook(s): *Theater Arts; the Dynamics of Acting, 4th edition, Dennis Caltagirone, National Textbook Co.*

Drama 6

Course Code: 128010

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .50

Course content is devoted to acting, techniques of voice training, technical theatre and dramatic literature. Content is sequenced to provide students with both literary features of drama and history of theatre, opportunities to create original monologues, study of set design and construction, and hands-on experience with practices that help drama come alive on stage. Mastery of this course will lay the foundation for Drama 7 and Drama 8.

Textbook(s): TBA

Interdisciplinary Music Lab Experience

Course Codes: 623000, 623101, 623102, 623203

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25, .50, or 1.0

Music composition for students with varied musical backgrounds. Students will compose rhythmic, melodic and harmonic compositions. Computer software will be explored. Students will also write original stories using musical sound effects.

Materials: TBA

Intermediate Dance

Course Code: 723103

Prerequisites: Instructor placement

Credits: 1.0

Students will experience several forms of dance including modern and ethnic. Dance courses are leveled according to ability and the instructors will decide placement. Students will divide the school year between each instructor. Performance opportunities are part of the curriculum.

Materials: TBA

Intermediate Visual Art

Course Code: 673103

Prerequisites: Introductory Visual Art

Credits: 1.0

Students develop perceptual skills and artistic understanding that promote attention to details, aesthetic relationships and expressive content. Students will explore a broad variety of art concepts, art forms, media, and develop skills and interests in the visual arts. Experiences are based on the elements of art (line, shape, form, texture, space, value color) and how these concepts are incorporated in works of art. This course is enriched with thinking skills development and multicultural art activities. All students will be expected to maintain a journal/sketchbook.

Materials: *Teacher selected*

Introductory Band

Course Code: 635003

Prerequisites: 1 year of experience on their instrument

Credits: 1.0

Introduction to Band is designed as a “booster” for band majors. The class will focus on fundamentals of playing, how to produce and maintain a good sound, instrument maintenance, musical leadership, sight-reading abilities, and independent playing. The class will be taught in both large group and small group settings. Class time may also be used for individual practice to refine certain skills. Students must have all equipment necessary for the maintenance of their instrument and must have their music at all times. Some supplies will be available for purchase at the school (reeds, cork grease, valve oil, etc).

Materials: TBA

Introductory Dance

Course Code: 723003

Prerequisites:

Credits: 1.0

This course will enrich the students' knowledge, ability and appreciation of dance as an art form. Learning experiences may include techniques in jazz, modern, ballet, and improvisation. Elements of choreography, historical origins of dance, and exposure to film, video and literature may also be explored.

Introductory Visual Art

Course Code: 673003

Prerequisites: None

Credits: 1.0

Students learn ways of seeing, knowing, responding to and representing the world that are unique to Art. Students will explore a broad variety of art concepts, art forms, media, and develop skills and interests in the visual arts. Experiences are based on the elements of art (line, shape, form, texture, space, value color) and how these concepts are incorporated in works of art. This course is enriched with thinking skills development and multicultural art activities. All students will be expected to maintain a journal/sketchbook.

Materials: *Teacher selected*

Literary Arts – Science Fiction

Course Code: 113000

Prerequisites: None

Credits: .25

This course is designed to further develop and refine reading and writing skills. The course concentrates on a specific literary genre: Science Fiction. Students analyze text structure, enhance knowledge of literary elements, improve reading comprehension and develop critical thinking skills. They complete writing projects based on specific literary genre covered in the four nine-week components. The course incorporates writing skills designed to assist students in responding to narrative and persuasive prompts.

Materials: *Teacher selected*

Scene Study

Course Code: 128603

Prerequisites: None

Credits: 1.0

This course provides first year drama majors with a strong general introduction to the major areas of contemporary theatrical production, including script analysis, acting, staging, play creation, design and technical theater. Students are expected to work collaboratively on a wide variety of scripted and original projects.

Textbook(s): *Theater Arts; the Dynamics of Acting, 4th edition*, Dennis Caltagirone, National Textbook Co.

Symphonic Orchestra

Course Codes: 635901, 635902

Prerequisites: *String students must be current members of the Middle School Orchestra or Band*

Credits: .50

This course is designed to expose string, wind and percussion students to a full orchestra. All string and band majors are encouraged to participate. The Symphonic Orchestra will perform at the end of the semester.

Materials: *TBA*

Theater Lab

Course Code: 128503

Prerequisites: Scene Study

Credits: 1.0

This course, for second/third year drama majors, focuses on world drama, with an emphasis on non-realistic, traditional, and experimental theater forms. Students study the theater of different cultures and time periods and have the opportunity to explore diverse acting, staging, and design styles. The course provides advanced drama majors with the opportunity to develop and perform more complex productions. Students do increasingly independent work in playwriting, acting, directing and design and are required to initiate and complete projects. Course topics include traditional storytelling, Asian dance, drama, Shakespeare, puppetry, improvisation and mask work, projects based on individual interests, presenting polished final performances.

Materials: *Teacher selected*

FRENCH IMMERSION

See course descriptions for French Immersion in the World Languages section.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Foundations of Middle Years Programme

Course Code: 804301, 804302

Prerequisites: TBA

Credits: .50

This course is designed to introduce students to the principles of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. They will explore the IB Learner Profiles and how to utilize those attributes in the classroom. They will also explore Approaches to Learning and the use of those skills in all course work including through note taking and organization. Students will be introduced to Global Contexts and use them to guide their learning.

Textbook(s): TBA

Introduction to the Personal Project

Course Code: 804201, 804202

Prerequisites: TBA

Credits: .50

This course is designed to introduce students to the design cycle and its use in creating the Personal Project. Students will utilize a process journal to reflect on the use of the design cycle in the creation of projects. They will explore different methods of presentation as well as be taught research skills. They will create a portfolio of ideas to help guide them in developing the personal project.

Textbook(s): TBA

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (PLTW)

Gateway to Technology

Course Code: 762003

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Grade 6 Mathematics

Credits: 1.0

The Gateway to Technology (GTT) curriculum provides project-based learning — a hands-on approach — that relates technology to students' daily lives. It also promotes communication and collaboration by emphasizing a teaming approach in the four instructional units: Design and Modeling uses solid modeling to introduce students to the design process. Automation and Robotics traces the history, development, and influence of automation and robotics; Flight and Space introduces students to aeronautics, space and the use of design to help make aerospace engineering an important field; Science of Technology traces how science has affected technology throughout history; and The Magic of Electrons, through hands-on projects, explores the science of electricity, the movement of atoms, circuit design, and sensing devices. Students acquire and apply knowledge and skills in engineering problem solving and explore the many aspects of aerospace engineering.

Textbook(s): *Technology Interactions*, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill

Gateway to Technology 7

Course Code: 762013

Prerequisites: Successful completion of 6th grade math

Credits: 1.0

The Gateway to Technology (GTT) course is designed to be taught in conjunction with a rigorous academic curriculum. This course engages the students' natural curiosity and imagination in creative problem solving to teach them how to apply math, science, technology, and engineering to their everyday lives. The GTT curriculum provides project-based learning — a hands-on approach — that relates technology to students' daily lives. It also promotes communication and collaboration by emphasizing a teaming approach. The focus of the 7th grade course is teaching students the concepts in the two foundational units: Design and Modeling uses solid modeling to introduce students to the design process; and Automation and Robotics traces the history, development, and influence of automation and robotics. Students may also be introduced to one or more specialty courses that are selected by each school. These include: (1) Flight and Space introduces students to aeronautics, space and the use of design to help make aerospace engineering an important field; (2) Science of Technology traces how science has affected technology throughout history; (3) The Magic of Electrons, through hands-on projects, explores the science of electricity, the movement of atoms, circuit design, and sensing devices; (4) Energy & the Environment challenges students to think big and toward the future as they explore sustainable solutions to our energy needs and investigate the impact of energy on our lives and the world; (5) Green Architecture teaches students how to apply this concept to the fields of architecture and construction by exploring dimensioning, measuring, and architectural sustainability as they design affordable housing units using Autodesk's® 3D architectural design software; and (6) Medical Detectives provides opportunities for students to play the role of real-life medical detectives as they analyze genetic testing results to diagnose disease and study DNA evidence found at a "crime scene." They solve medical mysteries through hands-on projects and labs, investigate how to measure and interpret vital signs, and learn how the systems of the human body work together to maintain health.

Textbook(s): online curriculum

Gateway to Technology 8

Course Code: 762023

Prerequisites: Successful completion of 6th grade math, Gateway to Technology 7 recommended

Credits: 1.0

The Gateway to Technology course is designed to be taught in conjunction with a rigorous academic curriculum. This course engages the students' natural curiosity and imagination in creative problem solving to teach them how to apply math, science, technology, and engineering to their everyday lives. In this course, students apply the design process to solve problems and understand the influence of creativity and innovation in their lives. Using Autodesk® design software, students create a virtual image of their designs and produce a portfolio to showcase their innovative solutions. Students also use the VEX Robotics® platform to design, build, and program real-world objects such as traffic lights, toll booths, and robotic arms. Schools offering the GTT program also select from six specialty units to provide a stronger foundation for students interested in furthering their studies in STEM fields: (1) Flight and Space introduces students to aeronautics, space and the use of design; (2) Science of Technology traces how science has affected technology throughout history; (3) The Magic of Electrons explores the science of electricity, the movement of atoms, circuit design, and sensing devices; (4) Energy & the Environment challenges students to think big and toward the future as they explore sustainable solutions to our energy needs and investigate the impact of energy on our lives and the world; (5) Green Architecture teaches students how to apply this concept to the fields of architecture and construction by exploring dimensioning, measuring, and architectural sustainability; and (6) Medical Detectives provides opportunities for students to play the role of real-life medical detectives as they analyze genetic testing results to diagnose disease and study DNA evidence found at a "crime scene." They solve medical mysteries through hands-on projects and labs, investigate how to measure and interpret vital signs, and learn how the systems of the human body work together to maintain health.

Textbook(s): online curriculum

COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS INTERVENTION COURSES

100110 Reading 6 Common Core

100120 Reading 7 Common Core

100130 Reading 8 Common Core

100210 Writing 6 Common Core

100220 Writing 7 Common Core

100230 Writing 8 Common Core

200100 Social Studies 6 Common Core

200020 Social Studies 7 Common Core

200030 Social Studies 8 Common Core

300010 Math Fluency 6 Common Core

300020 Math Fluency 7 Common Core

300030 Math Fluency 8 Common Core

400010 Science 6 Common Core

400020 Science 7 Common Core

400030 Science 8 Common Core

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Drew Freeman Middle	301-817-0900
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Eugene Burroughs Middle	301-203-3200
G. Gardner Shugart Middle	301-702-3950
G. James Gholson Middle	301-883-8390
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Kettering Middle	301-808-4060
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Maya Angelou French Immersion	301-702-3950
Nicholas Orem Middle	301-853-0840
Oxon Hill Middle	301-749-4270
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Stephen Decatur Middle	301-449-4950
Tanglewood School	301-599-2530
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