

Jenifer Junior High School

Course Descriptions

Grade 7 Electives

BAND – One Year - This class teaches the basic concepts of music and band performances.

CHORUS – One Year - Emphasizes the fundamentals of vocal technique and performances of a varied repertoire of music. The choir performs in concerts and competitions, which allows opportunities for solo and small group performances.

COMPUTER TECH – One Semester - This is designed to expose students to a wide variety of technology found in today's world. Student exposure may include digital sound, digital imaging, electronic presentations and more.

CREATIVE WRITING – One Semester - Creative writing is a one semester elective course focusing on skills which enhances effective fiction and poetry writing. The publication of a literary magazine is an integral part of the class.

INTRO TO ART- One Semester - Students will develop skills in drawing, painting and sculpture and learn about their application throughout historical and contemporary culture. The curriculum is sequential and creative self-expression is emphasized.

JAZZ BAND – One Year (Audition Only) - Students will learn a number of jazz styles through playing and listening. In addition to reading music, students are taught and participate in improvisation. This class will meet from 7:15 to 8:12 each morning.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – One Semester - Activities in PE includes softball, flag football, soccer, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, pickle ball, gymnastics and tennis. Basic skills and rules are taught with each activity.

Grade 8 Electives

BAND – One Year - This class teaches the basic concepts of music and band performances.

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YOUNG LIVING - One Semester – Emphasis will be to develop knowledge and skills in the areas of personal development, careers, clothing, family relationships, personal finances, personal living space, foods and wellness.

Grade 9 Electives

Art/Survey/Appreciation	One Semester - 9 th Grade Art students learn art theory and art history integrated with studio production using a wide variety of professional materials in drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking. The curriculum, which is designed to emphasize creativity and provide opportunities for individual development, includes some tests and homework.
Band	Year Long - Designed for students who have playing experience. Students will play all types of music from pops to classics. Public performances in concerts, contests and parades are also required.
Chorus	Year Long - This introduces you to the different styles of singing, especially as part of a group. The enjoyment of singing will be emphasized. Concerts will be scheduled.
Economics	One Semester - This class is a one semester graduation requirement. It develops skills needed to become a competent consumer. It covers such areas as making wise choices in the market place-including buying food and clothing, choosing savings programs, using banking services and using credit.
Foods/Nutrition	One Semester -This class will focus on nutritional needs, food preparation, cultural aspects, food and kitchen safety and food science. Students can obtain their Idaho Food Safety and Sanitation certificate through this class.
Guitar	One Semester -Guitar or musical knowledge not required. An acoustic, nylon string guitar is preferred. Students will learn the principles of reading, writing and playing music. No outside performance required at this time.
Jazz Band	Year Long - Audition is required. Students will learn a number of jazz styles through playing and listening. In addition to reading music, students are taught and participate in improvisation. This class will meet from <u>7:15 to 8:12</u> each morning.
Physical Fitness	One semester - This class will provide students with lifelong physical fitness skills including aerobic and resistance training techniques.
Spanish I	Year Long - Designed to provide the student with the fundamental grammar and vocabulary to understand, to speak and to read and write the language. Computer assisted instruction is used.
Speech	One semester required class (9-12) - This course focuses on public speaking and interpersonal communication skills. Students will develop 3-8 minute speeches with various purposes. In addition, students will identify and use nonverbal communication, appropriate listening skills, effective human relations strategies, and learn job interview skills,

Teacher Aide (One Semester) – includes the following:

Office Aide	One semester - Designed to offer practical experience in telephone etiquette, clerical skills, handling money, office machines and greeting the public.
Peer Tutor	One semester - Students will be involved in tutoring of elementary students at an elementary school.
Library Aide	One semester - Students perform a variety of tasks such as shelving books, delivering materials to classrooms and assisting students.