

CORE COURSES

English Language Arts (ELA) is a daily language arts class designed to support students in building their reading, writing, listening, speaking, and research skills. English essential knowledge and skills are taught in reading/writing workshops as well as other related language arts activities and projects. Students build skills in reading through a variety of genres including media literacy and informational texts.

Advanced ELA is an advanced ELA course designed for the above-average language arts student. Students are expected to complete a 10 x 10 reading program that explores the nonfiction genre.

Math is focused on mathematical operations, relationships, and problem-solving skills taught through the state-mandated essential knowledge and skills along with math reasoning and thinking skills.

Advanced Math is an advanced math course designed for the above-average math student. This course is taught on an accelerated curriculum which combines 7th and 8th grade TEKS. This is a fast paced class that prepares students to take Algebra I in 8th grade. Thus, setting them on the advanced track of HS math.

Life Science studies organisms and how they interact with the environment, including botany, ecology, genetics, and human body systems.

Texas History is a concise study of the geography and history of Texas from Native Americans through the Republic of Texas ending with the modern era. Student will learn and identify the major eras in Texas History beginning with natural Texas and its people and continue on to contemporary Texas.

Computer Applications is the study of technology foundations including technology related terms, concepts and data input strategies. Students learn to make informed decisions about the use of technology and applications.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES

P.E. - All students are expected to suit out and to participate each day.

Athletics is for the serious-minded athlete who has a desire to participate in athletic competition with other schools.

Requirements include:

- Physical form must be on file before first practice.
- Student-athletes must meet UIL standards of eligibility by maintaining a 70% average or above in all subjects.

Accelerated Instruction

Students who do not pass the STAAR test will be placed in intervention class in lieu of their elective. More information will be provided following test results.

ADVANCED COURSES SUGGESTED CRITERIA (ELA & Math)

Overall average of an 88 or better

Masters or Meets category on STAAR

Teacher recommendation

Parent/Guardian signature of approval

ELECTIVE COURSES

Art I & II guides the student to develop visual literacy skills using critical thinking, imagination, and observation skills by learning about, understanding, and evaluate the elements of art, principles of design, and expressive qualities. The student expresses and communicates ideas creatively through original artworks using a variety of media with appropriate skills and develop solutions to visual problems. The student demonstrates an understanding of art history and culture by analyzing artistic styles, historical periods, and a variety of cultures. The student responds to and evaluates the artworks of self and others.

Concert Band is comprised of 7th and 8th grade students. This band performs at an advance level. Students must have completed beginning band in order to participate. Performances will include school pep rallies, one or two football games, and two concerts. Additionally, this group competes in UIL concert and sight-reading contest and festival competitions.

Jazz Band is a honors band. You must be enrolled in Band 7 as well. Selection is based on audition performance.

Broadcasting I builds upon and uses skills and techniques learned in keyboarding/computer application to extend learning to a deeper level. Students will use current and emerging technologies to design and create multimedia projects. Students will give back to the school by creating projects including posters, video announcements, and slides.

Health is designed for students to acquire the health information and skills necessary to become healthy adults and learn about behaviors that will safeguard their health. Social health, human development, nutrition, CPR, and body systems are covered in this course.