

# Mapleton Junior High

## 7th Grade Course Descriptions 2020-2021

### Required Classes

#### English

##### **English 7**

Full Year / 1.0 Credit

This class focuses on effective reading, writing and communication skills. Students use writing strategies to create several writing projects, including argument, informational, and narrative. Students will have the opportunity to use various technologies to digitally publish their writing. Independent reading programs and classroom novel studies are designed to reinforce important active reading strategies.

#### Mathematics

##### **7th Grade Mathematics**

Full Year / 1.0 Credit

In 7th Grade Mathematics, students will focus on developing an understanding of and applying proportional relationships; developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, and working with two and three- dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and drawing inferences about populations based on samples.

#### College and Career Awareness

##### **CCA Introduction**

Full Year / 1.0 Credit

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to enroll in the CTE introduction class at Mapleton Junior High School. This full year class is separated into three trimester classes that the student will take throughout the year. Each of these classes provide small exploratory unit for the student to experiment and explore.

#### Science

##### **Science 7**

Full Year / 1.0 Credit

This class integrates physical, earth and life science concepts. Curriculum includes the particulate nature of matter, earth structure, cellular biology, genetics and classification of living things according to structures and characteristics they have in common.

#### Utah History

##### **Utah History**

Semester (Half Year) / .5 Credit

This class is designed to help students become familiar with the geography and people of Utah. The curriculum includes Native Americans, Mountain Men, The Mormon Pioneers, statehood and current events. Particular attention is paid to Utah since 1896, including World Wars I and II and current politics.

#### Physical Education

##### **Physical Education - Boys / Girls**

Semester (Half Year) / .5 Credit

This class provides for physical growth and social interaction. Students are given opportunities for participation in sports, intramural, and extracurricular activities, with emphasis placed on skill-building and having fun.

#### Reading

##### **7th Grade Reading**

Semester (Half Year) / .5 Credit

This class is designed to help students increase reading depth, stamina, and enjoyment of reading. Students will be exposed to literature that will expand the student's reading experience as well as provide for improvement in reading level and skills.

#### Fine Arts

##### **Chorus I – Boys / Girls**

Semester (Half Year) / .5 Credit Fine Arts Credit

**\$10 Fee Required**

Open to any student who loves to sing. We will learn the basics of choral singing habits and notation. We will work on sight-reading, simple rhythms, ear-training, melodies and harmony. We perform in 1 concert.

##### **Men's Chorus**

Full Year / 1.0 Fine Arts Credit

**\$20 Fee Required - Grades 8 & 9**

This class is open to any 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade young man that loves to sing. No audition is required. We will learn choral habits and sight-reading skill. We will also learn more about music throughout history. Students will perform at 3 concerts. This is a full year performing class.

##### **Women's Chorus**

Full Year / 1.0 Fine Arts Credit

**\$20 Fee Required - Grades 8 & 9**

This class is open to any 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade young lady that loves to sing. No audition is required. We will learn choral habits and sight-reading skills. We will also learn more about music throughout history. Students will perform at 3 concerts. This is a full year performing class.

##### **Orchestra I - Beginning**

Full Year / 1.0 Credit - **\$20 Fee required**

This course is for students who want to play the violin, viola, cello and string bass. No previous experience is required, only a desire to learn how to play a string instrument. Viola, Cello and Bass instruments may be rented from the school for a \$150.00/year fee. Violins must be rented or purchased from a local music store.

## **Orchestra I**

Full Year / 1.0 Credit - **\$20 Fee required**

This course is for students who participated in the elementary string program, and will expand musicianship skills on the violin, viola, cello and string bass through the second year of development. Viola, Cello and Bass instruments may be rented from the school for \$150.00/year fee. Violins must be rented or purchased from a local music store.

## **Band I (Percussion)**

Full Year / 1.0 Credit - **\$20 Fee required**

### **Audition Required**

Beginning percussion instruction for those in their first year of percussion. Skills will be developed on Snare Drum, Timpani, Auxiliary Percussion, and Keyboard Percussion (Xylophone, etc.). Students will use a practice marimba and practice pad or a standard beginning percussion kit (may be rented from a local music store). Prerequisite: previous piano experience recommended

## **Band I (Woodwind or Brass)**

Full Year / 1.0 Credit - **\$20 Fee required**

Beginning Band – This class is for students with no prior experience playing woodwind and brass instruments. Only a desire to learn is required. Fundamentals of wind playing and music literacy are the main curriculum. Students who play larger instruments may rent from the school for a \$150/year fee.

## **Drama 7**

Semester (Half Year) / .5 Credit - **\$10 Fee Required**

This Class is designed to introduce students to theater and will improve student's ability to speak and present themselves in front of an audience. Various communication skills, improve, as well as techniques and fundamentals of theatrical performance will be introduced.

## **Art 7**

Sem. (Half Year) / .5 Credit - **\$10 Fee Required**

This class is designed to improve basic skills in drawing, composition, use of color, and creative problem-solving. Basic vocabulary, higher-level thinking skills, art history, aesthetics and art criticism built into assignments. Pencil, color pencils, watercolor, markers and ink are some of the media used. Two-dimensional and some three-dimensional work will be included.

## **Elective Courses**

### **Intro to Spanish**

Semester (Half Year) / .5 Credit

This Spanish section will place special emphasis enjoying the language and culture of the various Spanish speaking nations. Conversational speaking and vocabulary acquisition are important in this class.

### **Dance Conditioning I**

Semester (Half Year) / .5 Credit

For 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grades

This class is a one semester class for the beginning dancers with no previous dance experience required. Students will learn basic dance skills in flexibility, technique and all genres of Jazz dance. Styles taught will include Hip-Hop, Contemporary, Jazz and others. Students will have an opportunity to perform at school assemblies and end-of-semester program. Grading is based on participation. A class shirt will be required to be purchased for the performances. **\*\*If interested in the advanced class, please contact Mrs. Shumway for more information.**

### **Literature and Film**

Semester (Half Year) / .5 Credit

This class will focus on film as literature and the analysis of film as a mode of presenting complex ideas. We will look at the tools filmmakers use to present their ideas, as well as their ability to adapt and modify themes using these tools. This class will involve reading, watching, writing, and presenting as we study films.

### **Art Foundations Part B Extension**

Full Year / 1.0 credit - **\$20 Fee Required**

This course is an extension of Art 7 and is offered the second half of the year. It is designed for students passionate about art, wishing to take a full year of art. The first semester will follow the curriculum of the regular Art 7 Foundations class. The second semester will give a more in-depth training in the visual arts. More time will be spent learning design, improving drawing skills, and being exposed to more artists and art styles.