

Mapleton Junior High

7th Grade Course Descriptions 2019-2020

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 7th 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.

Fine Arts

Chorus I – Boys / Girls

Semester (Half Year) / .5 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.

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 \$100.00/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 \$100.00/year fee. Violins must be rented or purchased from a local music store.

Percussion I

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: Two years of piano.

Band I (Woodwind/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 \$100/year fee.

Drama I

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

This Class is designed to 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 Foundation I

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.

Art Foundations 1

Full Year / 1.0 credit - \$20 Fee Required

This course 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 1 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.

Dance Conditioning I

Semester (Half Year) / .5 Credit

For 7th, 8th and 9th 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.

Elective Courses

Reading for Enjoyment

Semester (Half Year) / .5 Credit

Do you enjoy reading in your free time? If so, sign up for *Reading for Enjoyment*, a class dedicated entirely to reading books of your choice! In this class you will discover new books to love, explore many exciting genres, and share your experiences with others who love to read as much as you.

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.

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.

Exploring Technology / Robotics

Semester (Half year) / .5 CTE Credit

Grades 7th, 8th or 9th

The purpose of this course is to have the students increase their technology knowledge and be more aware of the technology around them and in their future. Hands-on activities carry students into the learning of many scientific and technological concepts. Contained within this course are the four major areas of manufacturing (wood products), construction, communication and power and transportation. The students will be given multiple opportunities to develop and display problem solving skills. A sample of some activities contained within this course are: **programming robots** (more extensive than CCA Introduction), racing air propelled vehicle, computer aided drawing, manufacturing a product made with power tools or hand tools. Material Expense is based on student choices. Average expense for multiple activities has been \$5. **Safety Glasses Required.**

Exploring Business & Marketing

Semester (Half Year) / .5 CTE Credit

Grades 7th, 8th & 9th

Have you ever tasted chocolate economics, invested \$100,000 in the stock market, or swam in the Shark Tank? This course will introduce students to the great world of business and computers in a fun way. Students will learn about economics as they play Monopoly, barter for chocolate, and play The Price is Right. They will explore marketing by virtually touring Disneyland, judging old and new television commercials, and checking out the successful ways products are marketed to us. In addition, students will be introduced to many successful entrepreneurs and use today's desktop publishing software to develop different advertisements. Finally, each student will compete in a stock market simulation where they will invest \$100,000 for over three months. As we learn about the stock market, we will also use Internet sites and spreadsheet applications to gain an understanding of personal financial skills.