

Lexington Middle School -Grade Course Offerings

Visual and Performing Arts Courses

Band, Orchestra, and Chorus are performance ensembles that meet for the entire year. In addition to learning and demonstrating specific skills and techniques, students will be involved in performances on and off campus at festivals and competitions.

Communication 21 is a nine-week course that encourages growth of creative, reflective, and communication skills. Students will explore techniques for effective collaboration and communication. Students will also engage in dramatic and creative writing, story boarding and scripting, character design, and visual interpretation of texts. This course prepares students to express issues and ideas through multiple genres.

Introduction to Performing Arts is a nine-week course. In this course, students will engage in creative theatre exercises to develop imagination, observation, and concentration. Students are introduced to the performing arts through activities such as improvisation, pantomime, characterization, stage directions, vocal projection, and basic elements of dramatic production. Performances in this class are designed for a variety of experience levels and will build the confidence and skill of all students.

Musical Theatre is a semester course. In this course, students will work collaboratively to explore vocal technique, character-based song interpretation, and choreography as they rehearse and perform a musical. Performances in this class are designed for a variety of experience levels and will build the confidence and skill of all students.

Visual Art is a nine-week project-based course designed to introduce students to various art styles, movements, artists' practices, and specific artworks. Students will explore a variety of media through drawing, painting, sculpture, and digital design. This course develops technical skills, skills of observation, and knowledge of visual arts' vocabulary as students create their own art work.

World Art is a nine-week course that introduces students to art forms from various cultures. Students will research and apply techniques to create original artwork. This class is designed for a variety of experience levels and will build the confidence and skill of all students.

Design Courses

Digital Design is a nine-week course. Students become familiar with technology tools and the Design Cycle through project-based learning. This course is designed for a variety of experience levels and complements the other design offerings, Global Connections and STEM. This course prepares students to apply the Design Cycle throughout their middle school years in all courses.

Global Connections (Service Learning) is a nine-week course. Students will use problem based learning that combines meaningful service activities, reflection, and collaboration. This course focuses on promoting a deeper sense of empathy and service to others while cultivating communication, leadership, and civic responsibility.

STEM is a nine-week course. STEM education is a project-based interdisciplinary approach to learning in which students apply Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in contexts that make connections between school, community, and global enterprise.

Physical Education/Health Courses

Dance and Health is a semester course and fulfills the Physical Education/Health requirement. Students will explore dance in a meaningful way that enables them to express themselves through non-verbal means of communication. Students will learn specific dance forms, create their own dances, and look for other dances to develop a comprehensive understanding of dance. Health is a component taught within the semester.

Outdoor Education and Health is a semester course and fulfills the Physical Education/Health requirement. Students will develop skills in team work and collaboration through communication, risk management, organization, and reflection. Students will make 21st century connections to multiple content areas and engage in activities that include archery, low ropes course, wilderness survival, first aid, and CPR. Health is a component taught within the semester.

Physical Education and Health is a semester course and fulfills the Physical Education/Health requirement. Students will be taught proper skills and rules to be able to participate in activities for a healthy and active lifestyle. Health is a component taught within the semester.