

Lexington Middle School -8th 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.

Musical Theatre/Chorus is a year-long course designed to give students the opportunity to perform in a musical theatre production in the fall in addition to a traditional choir in the spring. The students will have the opportunity to perform in a Spring Concert in addition to performing for our state-wide Choral Performance Assessment and other competitions.

Musical Theatre/Drama is a year-long course designed to give students the opportunity to work together to perform a musical theatre production in the fall in addition to producing a review show in the spring. This class will focus on the process and product of producing a show from start to finish.

Musical Theatre/Dance is a year-long course designed to give students the opportunity to perform in a musical theatre production in the fall in addition to studying a novel and performing a character role in the Spring Dance Performance. Formal technique instruction will be complemented with contemporary dance, improvisation, dance history, and dance kinesiology

Introduction to Performing Arts is a nine-week course in which 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.

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, and sculpture. This course develops technical skills, skills of observation, and knowledge of visual arts' vocabulary.

World Cultures is a nine-week course that introduces students to art forms from various cultures through projects designed around the social studies curriculum. Each grade level has a different focus on content.

Digital Design is a nine-week course that introduces students to the principles of digital art and design. It is a project-based course that focuses on using technology tools, design thinking, and problem-solving skills. Students will explore a variety of topics, such as graphic design, 2D art, 3D modeling, filmmaking, and web design.

Design Courses

Global Connections (Service Learning) is a nine week project-based course designed around a "real life" hands-on service learning experience. Students will apply knowledge gained in the classroom to solve school and community problems, fostering development of civic responsibility, community awareness, and many other 21st century learning skills.

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.

Computer Science Bootcamp is a nine-week course in which students will use computer science (CS) concepts and skills that include coding, designing applications, games, music/art, and creating a physical computing device. The course is designed to be engaging, relevant, collaborative, and creative.

Physical Education/Health Courses

Dance and Health is a semester course and fulfills the Physical Education/Health requirement. 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. All dance students will participate in an end-of-semester performance.

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.

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, rock wall climbing, and collaborative games. Health is a component taught within the semester.