

DPMS Course Description 2024-25

A capella (year)

Prerequisite: Audition

Audition class designed with wider vocal ranges using advanced choral literature and techniques of singing. Some evening performances are required.

Advanced Orchestra (year)

Prerequisite: Orchestra 2 or Instructor approval

Advanced-level orchestra class. Instruments, practice, rehearsals, and evening performances required.

Advanced Theatre (semester or full-year)

Prerequisite Intermediate Theatre

Students learn advanced acting skills and techniques as well as scriptwriting and analysis.

Art 1 (semester)

Designed to provide an overview of visual arts while studying a variety of art tools and materials. BEGINNER level

Art 2 (semester)

Prerequisite: Art 1

Designed to provide an overview of visual arts while studying a variety of art tools & materials. INTERMEDIATE level

Art 3 (semester)

Prerequisite: Art 1 & 2 or Teacher Approval

Designed to provide an overview of visual arts while studying a variety of art tools & materials. ADVANCED level

Band 1 Brass (year)

Beginning band class focuses on the trumpet, horn, trombone, or tuba. Practice, evening concerts & instrument are required. French horns, baritones, and tubas may be rented from the school at a nominal fee.

Band 1 Percussion (year)

Prerequisite: Band 1, piano experience or Teacher Approval

Intermediate-level course designed to improve skills for students with drum or mallet percussion experience (i.e., marimba, xylophone, and bells). Practice, rehearsal and evening performances required.

Band 1 Woodwinds (year)

Beginning woodwinds class focuses on the flute, oboe, clarinet, or saxophone. Practice, evening concerts, and instruments are required.

Beginning Choir (semester or year)

Emphasis will be placed on quality vocal production, part-singing, and music reading skills. Some evening performances are required.

Beginning Orchestra (year)

Beginning-level class focuses on the violin, viola, cello, or string bass. No experience necessary. Instruments, practice, rehearsals, and evening concerts required. Violas, cellos, and basses may be rented from the school at a nominal fee.

Beginning Theatre (semester)

Beginning course in theatre with an emphasis on performance.

Ceramics 1

Prerequisite: Art 1

Focuses on creation of 3-D forms and pottery from clay. Techniques in hand building, basic glazing, and firing.

College & Career Awareness (year)

6th grade required class

Students explore high school, college, & career options based on individual student interests, abilities, & skills. Specific middle school transition skills such as organization, study skills, friendship, advocacy and coping skills will be taught.

Concert Band (year)

Prerequisite: Band 1 or Audition

Intermediate level band course increases musical proficiency through performance and study of music. Practice, rehearsals, and evening concerts required.

Concert Choir (semester or year)

Intermediate vocal music group designed for all voices using choral literature and vocal techniques. Evening concerts required.

Dance 1, Non-Performance (semester)

This beginner-level semester course offers instruction in the basic fundamentals of dance techniques and composition and introduces the elements of dance.

Dance 1, Hip Hop Emphasis (semester)

Beginning instruction in a variety of old and new urban, street and pop hip hop dance styles. After-school rehearsal and evening performance required.

Dance 1, Yoga Emphasis (semester)

Beginning instruction in yoga postures for strength and flexibility in the body. Breathing techniques and meditation integrated.

Dance 2 (semester)

Prerequisite: Dance 1 or Teacher Approval

Intermediate course emphasizing techniques in improvisation and choreography. After-school rehearsal and evening performance required.

Dance 3 (semester 1 or year)

Prerequisite: Dance 2 and/or Teacher Approval

Advanced course focusing on dance technique, choreography, and performance. After-school rehearsal and evening performance required.

Dance Company (year)

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Audition advanced dance course focuses on choreography and performance. After-school rehearsals and evening performances required.

Debate 1 (semester or year)

Introduction to debate, analysis, reasoning, delivery skills, organization, writing techniques and research. Students will compete in Lincoln Douglas Debate, Policy Debate, Original Oratory, and/or Extemporaneous Speaking.

Digital Literacy (semester)**8th grade required class**

Introduces computers, internet, and digital citizenship. Teaches keyboarding efficiency, word processing, spreadsheet creation, presentation development, photo editing, & coding.

Drawing (semester)

Prerequisite: Art 1

Focus on black and white or monochromatic rendering from life, pictures, masterworks, & imagination with an emphasis on studio production.

Exploring Technology (semester or full year), 7th only

Introduces students to several technological systems, including input & output, Google platforms, computers, software, hardware, SketchUp, programming, 3D Technologies and Printing, CAD, Photoshop, Animation, STEM Building, woodshop, etc.

Family & Consumer Science (FCS) (semester), 6th only

Introduces students to career and life literacy skills in all areas of Family and Consumer Sciences. Students will receive instruction in career exploration, nutrition and food preparation, family life, childcare, interpersonal relationships, housing and interior design, sewing production and fashion, consumerism, and career-related tasks. Careers in the Family and Consumer Sciences CTE pathways will be explored.

Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) A (semester)

Sewing & Design emphasis

Explores the subjects of interior design, fashion and sewing. Students make many projects including a room in a box, 3-look fashion collection, reversible apron and pajama pants.

Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) B (semester)

Cooking & Childcare emphasis

Explores cooking and nutrition, childcare, and entrepreneurship.

French 1a and 1b (semester or year)

Teaches using storytelling in a fun & engaging way. Students understand & communicate about likes and dislikes, activities, families, & events both in writing & speech.

French 2 (year)

Prerequisite: French 1 or Teacher Approval

Students can understand & use simple sentences in the present tense. Students begin participating in conversations, & ask a broader range of questions. Focus on French culture.

Health (semester)**State required 7th grade class**

Students will develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for practicing lifelong, health-enhancing behaviors.

Intermediate Orchestra (year)

Prerequisite: Orchestra 1 or Instructor approval

Intermediate-level orchestra class. Instruments, practice, rehearsals, and evening performances required

Intermediate Theatre (semester)

Prerequisite: Beginning Theatre

Intermediate course in theatre with an emphasis on performance. Includes: dramatic/humorous readings, mono acts, scenes from plays, pantomime, & theatre history.

Intro to World Languages (semester), 6th Grade only

This class provides study skills and tips for learning a new language. It introduces sixth graders to French, Spanish, ASL and Chinese. In addition, students will learn skills of including others, welcoming all students, and building soft skills.

Journalism (semester)

This course is designed to train students in multiple genres of writing. Drafting, editing, and publishing are emphasized. Students will produce writing for school publications as well as explore external methods such as writing contests, web-based publishing, and community publications.

Latinos in Action (semester or year), 7th & 8th only

Application required

Service-based learning class open to all students. Provides asset-based approach to bridging the graduation and opportunity gap for Latino students, working from within the educational system to create positive change.

Literacy 1 and 2 (semester)

Designed for students who have been identified as requiring intensive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and reading skills. Administrative approval required.

Literacy ELD (semester)

Designed for students who have been identified as requiring intensive instruction in English speaking, reading comprehension, vocabulary and reading skills. Administrative approval required.

Manufacturing Technology, (semester or full year) 8th only

Intro to woodshop including general safety, hand & power tools, hardware, wood products & materials and more. Different sections are offered:

Math Lab (semester)

Designed for students who have been identified as requiring intensive instruction for math, focuses on pre-teaching and reviewing math principles and concept mastery. Administrative approval required.

Music Connection (semester)

Extension of the Utah K-6 Music Core. Includes concepts and skills to integrate music into everyday life. Focus on singing, playing ukulele and reading music.

Office/Teacher Aide (semester) 8th only

Prerequisite: Application

Students sign up on the DPMS website to participate as a student aide. Students are selected by faculty to work with them as a helper during the semester.

Painting 1 (semester) 8th grade only

Prerequisite: Art 1

Designed to provide understanding of the elements & principles of design and apply them to paintings through a variety of mediums. Art history and art critiques will be integrated into the course

Percussion (year)

Prerequisite: Piano experience or teacher permission

Beginning band class offered for students with an emphasis on mallet keyboard instruments, snare drum and other percussion-related instruments. Practice outside of class time is required. Students must have a percussion kit. Some kits may be rented from the school at a nominal fee.

Peer Tutoring (semester)

Students assist differently-abled students in their classes. Training and emphasis on working with special populations provided.

Physical Education (PE) 6 (semester)

Activity-based class designed to promote student knowledge of and positive disposition toward physical activity, fitness, and nutrition. Students will participate in competitive and cooperative activities.

Robotics (semester)

Beginning coding through the development of games, apps, and robotics. Focus on active learning & exploration, combining electrical, mechanical, & engineering design principles.

Spanish 1a & 1b (semester or year; 8th grade must be year)

Students will understand, speak, read and write in Spanish using basic lists of memorized phrases. High school curriculum used.

Spanish 2 (year)

Prerequisite: Spanish 1a and 1b and/or Teacher Approval

Focus on basic Spanish in the present tense by participating in conversations. Additional cultural experiences will be shared.

Stage Tech (semester)

Prerequisite: Theatre or choir class

Technical phases of theatre including lighting, sound, & management. Some evening performances required.

Study Skills (semester)

Designed for students who have been *identified as requiring intensive instruction* in executive functioning. Administrative approval required.

Team Sports (semester), 7th & 8th only

Sports involving and requiring group participation and cooperation.

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