

6th Grade Elective Class Descriptions

Arts, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Music

College and Career Awareness

Through application-based lessons, College and Career Awareness allows students to utilize technology, develop foundational skills, and explore careers through project-based learning. The course provides information regarding additional courses and training related to each student's career field of interest, as they begin to prepare for higher education, training, and careers. Some of our projects we do throughout the year are topics in S.T.E.A.M, Cosmetology, FACS, & Health Science.

Art Foundations 1

Art Foundations is an introductory studio art class that explores a breadth of art mediums and techniques. Art Foundations teaches basic techniques including drawing, perspective, ceramics, painting, graphic design, and more. Students will expand their creative voice through practicing, planning, and creating art projects. Art Foundations is a studio class focusing on making art projects versus just learning about art theory. \$

Ceramics 1

This beginning ceramic class is designed for students who have an interest in working with clay and will give students experiences in making functional and sculptural pieces. Everything in this class is hand built using a variety of ceramic techniques. The skills learned in Ceramics I are required and will help prepare students for Ceramics 2. \$

Theatre 1

Come 'play' in Theatre 1! We will learn the basics of pantomime, acting, improv games, script writing, Broadway, Shakespeare, and more! We will explore theatre through various activities, games, and projects, and even perform a short play for an audience! \$

Beginning Choir

Come sing in the choir!! Beginning Choir is a great way to learn how to sing in middle school. No experience necessary!!! We will learn how to sing correctly in a group, help improve your own vocal production, and learn a little about reading and understanding music, all while having fun!! Rehearsals and performances outside of class time are part of the course and are graded. \$


Soprano/Alto Choir

This class is an awesome way for 6th and 7th graders to learn how to sing in a choir for the first time, or to add on to what you have already learned in beginning choir!! We focus on higher and/or unchanged voice singing, good singing habits, singing in 2 and 3 parts, and reading and understanding music!! Rehearsals and performances outside of class time are part of the course and are graded. \$


Music Crash Course

Interested in music but don't want to perform? Music Crash Course is for you!! This hands-on project-based course is for students who want to learn more about music outside of a performing group class. In this course you will be listening, analyzing, composing, and improvising music as well as playing instruments and singing. Music history, world music appreciation and the history of rock and roll will all be discussed and briefly explored. \$

Beginning Band

This is a course in beginning band offered for students who have had little or no previous experience in playing an instrument. \$ 


Beginning Orchestra

Beginning Orchestra is for anyone interested in playing the violin, viola, cello or string bass in a group setting. \$ 

Intermediate Orchestra

Intermediate Orchestra is for anyone who has played the violin, viola, cello or string bass for one or more years. \$ 

Advanced Orchestra

This is an audition class meant for students who have excelled in Beginning/Intermediate Orchestra, or have had at least 1 year of private lessons, or have surpassed expectations in their elementary orchestra. This class requires a signature from orchestra teacher, Mrs. Palmatier. Please contact Mrs. Palmatier through email for an audition. nicole.palmatier@canyonsdistrict.org \$ 

Healthy Lifestyles

Dance 1 (Survey of Dance)

This class is encouraged for all students entering the dance program. Covering Utah State Core Curriculum, this class is an exploration of the basic elements of dance and how various dance styles have used them throughout history. Build basic skills in technique, improvisation, and composition. \$


Dance 2 (Technique)

This class utilizes the basic elements of dance to improve dance technique and improve the dancer's skill in the improvisation & composition. [Prerequisite: Dance 1, or 2 yrs. Dance Experience] Must email Ms. Paulsen for placement in class Roxanne.Paulsen@canyonsdistrict.org \$

Dance Conditioning (Yoga/Pilates)

This class focuses on building strength & flexibility both physically and mentally through the practice of Yoga & Pilates. Students will explore how these practices along with nutrition & injury prevention can help contribute to an active & healthy lifestyle. \$

\$ = There will be a class fee for this class

 = Instrument Rental Required- some school rentals available