

## **7th GRADE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS 2021-2022**

**ENGLISH 7 (year)** - This course will introduce students to a study of the English language, focused around reading and writing concepts. Students will read a variety of genres, and units will incorporate writing components. They will be introduced to many different types of writing, like argumentative, narrative, and expository.

**INTEGRATED SCIENCE 7 (year)** - Topics from physical, earth, and life science are integrated in this course. Students observe that all substances are made of smaller parts and are themselves part of larger wholes, and that when parts come together the whole often has properties that are very different from its parts. Hands-on, inquiry-based instructions are used as a process for obtaining knowledge based on observable evidence.

**UTAH HISTORY (sem.)**—This course will help students learn about Utah’s past and participate in Utah’s present to assure and build Utah’s future. It will focus on the places, people, and events that have affected Utah throughout its history allowing students to think creatively and critically about current challenges and issues. Additionally, students will begin to develop their historical literacies using primary and secondary sources.

**PE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES 7 (sem.)** - This course is a sequence of experiences in physical activities during team sports which challenge beginning to average levels. It focuses on social interaction, cognitive learning, locomotive movement, fitness development and assessment, and skill development. A PE uniform is required and can be purchased online for \$15. Class fee of \$3.00

**READING SKILLS/STUDENT SUCCESS (sem.)** - This course is designed for all students. This class is two parts: Reading Skills and Student Success. Student success will provide students with lifetime learning and living skills that are designed to cross over all courses in junior high school. It will focus on learning styles, research skills, time management, habits of effective teenagers, cultural literacy, goal setting, project planning, and presentation skills. Reading Skills focuses on strategies used in reading various types of literature and text will be developed. Students’ reading levels will be assessed before and throughout the class.

**INTERMEDIATE MATH 1 (year)** - This class focuses on operations with rational numbers , linear equations, proportional relationships, scale drawings, samples and populations, and informal geometric constructions, two and three-dimensional shapes and how to calculate area, surface area , and volume.

**INTERMEDIATE MATH 1 - ACCELERATED (year)** - *(Must pass screening test scheduled for March 17th and 25th at either Lehi Jr. High or Willowcreek Middle School. Registration can be found on the Lehi Jr. High website under the Counseling tab.)* This class will cover all of Intermediate Math 1 concepts in a semester and address Intermediate Math 2 curriculum second semester, which includes, contrasting linear relationships with exponential phenomenon. It will also deepen geometric concepts and how algebra and geometry are connected.

**ART FOUNDATIONS 1 (sem.)** - Students will develop skills in creating 2D imagery using drawing and painting techniques. Students will complete projects that will demonstrate their basic understanding of those techniques and their knowledge of the art elements and principles of art. Class fee: \$20.00

**INTRO TO CERAMICS (sem.)**- Students will develop basic skills in the creation of three-dimensional ceramic forms using pinch, coil and slab techniques. Students will complete benchmark projects to demonstrate basic understanding of those techniques and knowledge of the art elements and principles of art. Class fee: \$20.00.

**BEGINNING CHOIR (sem.)** - This course is designed to help students establish basic music theory, singing, rehearsal, and performance skills. One performance per semester is required. Performance uniform will be semi-formal. Class fee: \$5 per semester.

**HANDBELL CHOIR (year)**- (*Audition Required*). This 20 member handbell choir will perform in multiple concerts and venues. Students must have three years of piano or another instrument. Excellent citizenship and a high level of involvement is expected. Teacher approval is required. Class fee: \$80 per year.

**BEGINNING PERCUSSION (year)**- (*Audition Required*). Students interested in this class should have previous instruction on piano or another musical instrument and be able to read music. Students will be required to purchase or rent a small portable Marimba or Bell Kit (mallet instrument, instrument stand, drum pad, sticks and mallets). Students will perform in 3- 4 concerts per year. Class fee \$35.00/per semester.

**BEGINNING BAND (year)** - *No previous musical experience required*. This course will introduce students to music and teach them basics. The students will perform 2-3 concerts this year. Instrument rental and method book required.

**CONCERT BAND (year)** - This band is for 7th grade students who participate in our SUMMER BAND program. Students will begin in June and rehearse throughout the summer (\$50 summer fee). 8th and 9th grade students may also participate in this band if they do not want to audition into one of the top groups. Instrument rental and method book required.

**ORCHESTRA-BEGINNING (year)** - This course provides opportunities for students to learn to play a string instrument. They will develop their musical potential as well as build friendships and connections with other students in the class. Students must own or rent a stringed instrument and practice every week. This class requires a high level of commitment. Class fee: \$30.00

**ORCHESTRA-INTERMEDIATE (year)** - (*Audition and Teacher Approval Required*) This is an ensemble of intermediate string players directed toward performing the finest in classical and contemporary music. Students will learn a variety of music and continue to build skills for playing their instrument. This class requires a high level of commitment as they will represent our school in several performances. Students should have at least 1 year of previous string instruction. Class fee: \$50.00

**ORCHESTRA-ADVANCED (year)** - (*Audition and Teacher Approval Required*) This is an ensemble of advanced string players directed toward performing the finest in classical and contemporary music. Students will learn a variety of music and continue to build skills for playing their instrument. This class requires a high level of commitment as there are many opportunities for students to perform and represent our school. Students should have at least 2 year of previous string instruction. Class fee: \$80.00

**DRAMA FOUNDATION (sem.)**- Beginning with the basics of theatre. Studying voice, story structure, staging, and scene work.

**DRAMA & FILM (sem.)**- Beginning with the history of film, then proceeding through the semester studying and comparing differences with theatre and film.

**MUSICAL DANCE THEATRE 1 (sem.)**- Explore the world of Musical Dance Theatre through research, singing, dancing, theatre, and a culminating performance at the end of the semester. *No prerequisites.*

**DRAMA 1(sem.)**- *Prerequisite of Drama Foundations, MDT or Drama & Film*  
More extensive study of the world of theatre through, monologues, scene work, and audition preparation.

**STAGECRAFT (sem.)**- (*Application Only*) Learn the other side of the theatre through stage management, sound, lights, costume, and scenery design.

**SOCIAL DANCE (sem.)**- Learn the basics of social partner dancing waltz, cha cha, folk dancing, and triple swing.

**INTRODUCTION TO DANCE (sem.)**-This course students will develop an understanding of technique and elements of modern dance. They will also develop a basic understanding of dance history, cultures, composition, choreography, and performance skills. Class fee is \$3.00 plus black dance clothing is required.

**DANCE 1 (year)**- This course students will develop a further understanding of technique and elements of modern dance. They will also develop a basic understanding of dance history, cultures, composition, choreography, and performance skills. Performances out of class are required. Class fee is \$3.00 plus black dance clothing is required.

**DIGITAL LITERACY (sem.)** - The required course introduces students to four different computer pathways (Web Development, Programming, Network Administration, and Business Office Systems). It will also cover computer application software, computer hardware, computer careers, and ethics of computer use.

**CREATIVE WRITING 1 (sem.)**- Dive into the writing craft with experiences and activities intended to help you communicate your creative ideas better through writing. Explore what it takes to write great short stories and poetry, while also investigating other writing genres.

**DEBATE (sem)** - This is an introductory course for public speaking and debating techniques. This course will explore the competitive forms of debate in Utah schools, including: Spontaneous Argumentation, Impromptu Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Oratory, Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, and Policy. Students will further skills in critical and analytical thinking while developing an understanding of current political and ethical issues.

**INTRODUCTION TO WORLD LANGUAGES (sem.)**—This course introduces the four languages taught at Lehi Junior High and is intended to help in selecting a language for further study. The course includes basic conversation and cultural material in Chinese, French, German, and Spanish.

**CULTURAL STUDIES (sem.)**- More than history or language, this class will delve into the cultures, traditions, and customs of the people around us. This hands-on class will take an in-depth look at Native American, Black, Polynesian, Latin American, and other cultures through stories, food, and dance. We will also study about the ways some government policies have shaped cultures today, as well as how cultures have changed over time.

**INTRODUCTION TO VIDEO PRODUCTION (sem.)**- We're making movies! This course will be a fun, hands-on, project-oriented class. Students can participate in the different jobs of a team and learn by doing the tasks associated with pre-production, practical photography, and post-production. Students will gain an understanding of story structure and content. Students will learn film producing, production-management, screenwriting, set etiquette, camera operation, set design, art direction, on-set audio, sound effects, film scoring, practical/digital special effects, directing, lighting, editing, motion graphics, and all the equipment/software associated with those skills. Finally, Students will be expected to learn film-specific vocabulary and its daily use. Whether you're curious about how movies are made or you're the next Steven Spielberg this class is an exciting opportunity for tomorrow's young filmmakers.

**Please contact the following teachers for additional information/questions regarding specific classes:**

Reading Skills/Student Success: Mrs. Price [katherineprice@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:katherineprice@alpinedistrict.org)

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