

7th GRADE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS 2022-2023

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, such as argumentative, narrative, and expository.

INTEGRATED SCIENCE 7 (year) - Science principles are taught through the lens of motion, geology, organization of life, genetics, and evolution. Class fee: \$4/semester

UTAH HISTORY/STUDENT SUCCESS (year)—This course is two parts: Utah History: Utah History 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. 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.

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. Students will also develop and assess their personal physical fitness. A PE uniform is required and can be purchased online for \$15. Class fee of \$5.00

READING SKILLS (sem.) - This course is designed for all students. Reading Skills focuses on strategies used in reading various types of literature and text. 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 22nd and 23rd at Lehi Jr. High. Test 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 phenomena. It will also deepen geometric concepts and how algebra and geometry are connected.

DIGITAL LITERACY (sem.) - This is a required course for seventh grade students. This course focuses on developing students to become digital learners. Digital Literacy focuses on developing proper keyboarding technique, learning basics about hardware and software, understanding cloud computing, understanding digital citizenship, learning to be productive with Google Apps, and editing images, sound, and video files. Most of the apps/software that is used in this class are web based.

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: \$8.00

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: \$12.00.

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: \$95 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 \$90.00/per year.

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. Class fee \$30/semester

SYMPHONIC BAND (year)- (1 year of BAND required) This group further develops and refines the skills learned in the Concert and Beginning Band. Students will perform 6-8 times, including field trip festival performances. Instrument rental or purchase required. \$50/year

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: \$10/semester

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: \$30/semester

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: \$45/semester

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 preceding through the semester studying and comparing differences of theatre elements and film elements. Including storyboarding and filming.

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.

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.

FILM AND LITERATURE (sem.) - Film and Literature will develop students' skills in reading, thinking, writing, listening, and speaking through in-depth study of films and literature in a variety of genres. Students will be taught to analyze film in the same way that they study a literary text, by viewing and discussing films, as well as comparing and contrasting film adaptations with their source material.

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.

CREATIVE CODING (sem.) - Students will learn programming basics through Microsoft's Creative Coding Through Games and Apps curriculum. Students will learn to use variables, loop structures, decision structures functions, and parameters in fun and interesting ways.

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.

YOGA 7 (sem.)- This course will teach students the basics of yoga and meditation. We will learn and practice various yoga poses, learn the importance of focused breathing in our practice and in our everyday lives, and learn how to effectively meditate. This course is a great way to improve fitness and physical health, reduce stress and anxiety, and improve overall optimism and focus. Comfortable clothing is highly recommended.

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

Reading Skills: Mrs. Price katherineprice@alpinedistrict.org

Intermediate Math I Accelerated: Ms. Pyper tpyper@alpinedistrict.org

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Orchestra: Ms. Nelson marynelson@alpinedistrict.org

Stagecraft/Drama: Mrs. Hacking khacking@alpinedistrict.org

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