

8th Grade Course Catalog-Crimson Cliffs Middle School

8th Grade Courses

All 8th graders are required to take:

Language Arts (1 Year)

Math (1 Year)

Integrated Science (1 Year)

US History (1 Year)

Intermediate Fitness (1 Year)

Business Digital Literacy (.5 Year)

Elective Options

Creative Writing 8-9 (.5)

This class is all about creativity—not spelling and grammar. Students learn how to write and tell stories. They will write an autobiography, a comic strip and investigate and report about a crime scene. You will also write poetry and write and publish a children’s book.

Business Digital Literacy (.5 Required Course)

Students will learn how a computer is built from the ground up. They will learn how to improve computer performance with various tools. (This is very helpful for their computers at home.) Students will explore digital audio, video, and photography tools. Students will explore the internet, email, and the security and privacy issues they will face.

(A half year of digital literacy is required for all 8th-grade students. Dual immersion students see a counselor for more information)

FACS 8 (.5)

In this class, you will tie dye, make a pillowcase, make an apron, and cook. You will also create your own Etsy business.

Exploring Technology 8 (.5)

This course is an introduction to technology. Student projects include: Photoshop cloning, brain teaser, boomerang, solid engine rocket, miniature LED Christmas tree, tech deck, catapult, marshmallow launcher, and others. All projects are taken home.

Body Toning 8-9 (.5)

This is weight training for girls. Learn the proper mechanics of how to lift weights safely and how to tone your body. (Can be taken once each semester)

Weight Training 8-9 (.5)

This is weight training for boys. Learn the safety and fundamentals of several compound lifts and their variations that target the major muscle groups in the body. You will perform these lifts within a structured program designed to improve strength and endurance. (Can be taken once each semester)

Technical Theater 8-9 (.5)

Learn everything about theater—except the acting. Construct and paint stage props, help create costumes, and learn to do stage makeup, lighting, and sound. Limited after-school commitment

Theater II 8-9 (.5)

Become a better actor. In this class, you will hone your acting skills. You will do a character analysis, research the character, and then “become” that character.

Theater III 8-9 (.5)

Perform in a show, play, or musical. You will audition for parts in this class and participate in an after-school performance. The class involves rehearsals and performing. There is an after-school commitment. (Can be taken once each semester)

Jazz Band 8-9 (.5)

Learn the creative aspects of music and express yourself through music. In this class, the music is not always scripted. Jazz band is held before school, Monday through Thursday. 1-2 years' experience is preferred.

Band I (1)

Band is for 8th grade students. In concert band, you will learn to work as a team. You will perform in four concerts and also play at sports events. 1-2 years' experience is preferred. (If less, please clear with the band teacher).

Intermediate Orchestra 8-9 (1)

This class is open to 8th and 9th grade students who play string instruments (violin, viola, cello, and bass). Students must have 1-2 years of experience in orchestra or equivalent experience with their instrument. Students participate in three concerts, two orchestra festivals, and other special events such as Honors Night and the state competition.

Chorus II 8 (1)

In Chorus II students develop basic vocal and musical skills. They work on stage presence and performance skills and perform music from various genres. Choir members will participate in three concerts and one choral festival—no audition required.

Social Dance 8-9 (.5)

This dance class is open to both boys and girls in grades 8 and 9. Students learn the history of social dance and also learn how to Waltz, Cha-Cha, Foxtrot, Tango, Swing, Line Dance, and Step Dance. The year culminates with a final performance for parents.

Spanish 8-9 (1)

Students may begin without the knowledge of foreign language. Through repetition and creative immersion activities, their expressions progress so they develop some flexibility with words and short phrases. A grade C or higher in English is required for this course. (*Spanish I can count towards high school credit when taken in 8th grade if you choose*).