

8th Grade Elective Class Options

8th Ceramic and 3D design

This, including an emphasis on ceramics (creating both functional and non-functional pieces). Paper mache, found object class will explore more advanced 3D design and cardboard sculpture, and more unique media used in the creation of 3D artworks will also be utilized, while increasing your knowledge of art and artists (of many different times, places, and styles).

8th Studio Art

Increase your knowledge of art and artists (of many different times, places, and styles) by challenging your creativity, refining more advanced techniques, and further expanding your knowledge of painting, drawing (some) sculpting, digital art, printmaking, and more.

8th Band Beginning/Intermediate/Advanced ****Year-Long Class****

Come learn to play a band instrument. Band instruments include all woodwinds, brass, and percussion. Pick an instrument to play, learn the basics and play with some amazing people! No experience required!! Just the love music and an interest in music. Two after school concerts a semester are required. ***(Students can be placed in Intermediate or Advanced Band upon teacher recommendation).***

8th Orchestra Beginning/Intermediate/Advanced ****Year-Long Class****

Come and learn an orchestra instrument. Orchestra instruments are violin, viol, cello, and double bass. Pick an instrument to play, learn the basics, and play with your classmates! No experience required!! Just the love for music and an interest in playing an instrument. Two after school concerts a semester are required. ***(Students can be placed in Intermediate or Advanced Orchestra upon teacher recommendation).***

8th Choir

Expand your choral singing abilities. This class will focus on more challenging harmonies and different languages! Evening performances required.

8th Advanced Choir ****Year-Long Class (teacher approval and initial, and one semester previous choir class required)****

This class will focus on building a well-rounded, versatile choir in order to prepare for high school performance ensembles. Evening performances required.

8th Theatre

Time for the big leagues! Take your acting to the next level with advanced performance techniques and large group performances. There may also be opportunities for student-directed performances!

8th Computers & Graphics

Take your love for the computer to the next level and join this advanced-level course. Students will apply real-world skills in a hands-on, project-based environment. Projects will integrate core curricular skills and concepts with the ever-changing world of technology.

8th Yearbook ****Year-Long class** (teacher approval and initial required)**

Is photography, journalism, and design your thing? Be a part of capturing every one's middle school memories and help create, market, and distribute the school's yearbook.

8th Engineering

Would you like to build a Rube Goldberg Machine? Does making and maintaining a vegetable and fish engineering system work for you? This class will explore the nuances of the Engineering Process and explore topics that are of interest to you.

8th Woodwork

Are you interested in building an oven rack mover, cutting table, or magazine holder? Does carving wood make you smile? If so, this course is for you. We will explore proper woodworking techniques and have an opportunity to make a wood product of your choice for your final project.

8th Advanced PE **** (teacher approval and initial required) ****

Advanced PE will promote individual participation in daily strength and conditioning activities to help maintain/increase personal physical fitness. The goal of the course is to increase muscular strength, power, agility, and endurance. This course is designed for 7th and 8th Grade students who are seriously looking to increase their overall fitness to a higher level over the 9 week quarter.

Elizabeth Middle School
8th Grade Registration: 2024-25

All students will be scheduled into the following courses:

*Math * Reading * Writing * Science * Social Studies * PE/Health * Advisory

Registration Instructions:

Please see the back of this form for elective course descriptions.

1. Students and parents/guardians need to sign this form agreeing to elective requests.
2. **Please return this form to your Advisory teacher no later than FRIDAY MAY 17, 2024***

Option 1: There are 4 year-long class options. Students choosing Band, Orchestra, year-long Choir, or Yearbook will choose 1 additional elective class and 1 alternate.

Option 2: Students who do not choose to be in a year-long class will need to choose 3 elective classes and 1 alternate.

Option 1:

One Year-long elective + one semester elective

Year-long class (check 1):

- Full Year Band
- Full Year Orchestra
- Full Year Advanced Choir ____ (teacher initials required)
- Yearbook ____ (teacher initials required)

Semester class (check 1):

- Studio Art
- Technology & Graphics
- Woodwork
- Theatre
- Choir
- Engineering
- Advanced PE ____ (teacher initials required)

Semester alternate (check 1):

- Studio Art
- Technology & Graphics
- Woodwork
- Theatre
- Choir
- Engineering
- Advanced PE ____ (teacher initials required)

Option 2:

Choice of 3 semester classes

Semester class (check 3):

- Studio Art
- Technology & Graphics
- Woodwork
- Theatre
- Choir
- Engineering
- Advanced PE ____ (teacher initials required)

Semester alternate (check 1):

- Studio Art
- Technology & Graphics
- Woodwork
- Theatre
- Choir
- Engineering
- Advanced PE ____ (teacher initials required)

Printed Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

I have reviewed the course descriptions with my student and am comfortable with the choices we have made above. I further acknowledge that our selection is final for the 2024/2025 school year.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____