

Semester Courses and Physical Education Curriculum

Sixth Grade

Music

Students will learn how to read notes and rhythms that make up music. Opportunities to write music and perform on various instruments will be provided. Students will also explore different eras and genres of music and different styles in the eras and genres. Topics addressed in this class include:

- Notation identification
- Rhythmic interpretation
- Playing music
- Tonality and harmony
- Composition
- American and European music history
- The Orchestra

Computer/Technology

Students are given a variety of projects to complete in the semester computer course. Skills and topics emphasized include:

- Keyboarding skills
- Computer history
- Creating different types of documents using a word processor
- Manipulating and using graphics in a variety of ways
- Using multimedia software to create presentations
- Using spreadsheets to record data, use formulas and create graphs
- Internet safety and Internet searching

Seventh Grade

Drama

This class focuses on helping to free the performer's creativity and develop confidence for performing and speaking in front of a group. The activities in class will target three main areas of drama:

- Pantomime
- Voice
- Improvisation

Student may be expected to perform a memorized short skit and and/or participate in a short play

Spanish

This course introduces students to the study of a foreign language. Lessons will include pronunciation, vocabulary, basic conversation, and culture. Students will be expected to participate in class and maintain weekly vocabulary lists. There will be weekly quizzes and/or tests on each lesson. Students will also be expected to complete one or more projects.

Eighth Grade

Art

Students will learn how to describe sensory elements such as lines, colors, shapes, textures and space in their environments. Students will also learn about the lives of famous artists and discover the individual style that each artist portrays in his work. The main topics and activities of this class are:

- Painting
- Graphic design
- Still-life drawing
- Perspectives
- Figure drawing
- Art history
- Advertising design

French

This course introduces students to the study of another foreign language. Lessons will include pronunciation, vocabulary, basic conversation and culture. Students will be expected to participate in class maintain weekly vocabulary lists. There will be weekly quizzes and/or tests on each lesson. Students may also be expected to complete one or more projects.

Eighth Grade Option

Spanish (Full Year)

This course begins the process of developing Spanish language communication skills. A variety of activities are presented each day to practice speaking, reading, writing, and listening of Spanish. The course also include study of Hispanic cultures and traditions. The skills and understandings learned in this course may be valuable for travel and employment opportunities.

Students will be expected to learn new vocabulary every two weeks, as well as to complete a Family Tree project.

A grade point average of "B" or higher in Language Arts is required, as well as successful completion of the seventh grade semester course in Spanish. At the end of the eighth grade Spanish class, students will take a placement test. Students may have the opportunity to enroll in Spanish II and take up to Spanish V at Lincoln-Way East if the material has been mastered.

Physical Education

Units covered in the junior high school curriculum:

- Archery
- Basketball
- Flickerball
- Physical fitness
- Softball
- Track & field
- Badminton
- Creative jump rope
- Floor Hockey
- Pickleball
- Table tennis
- Volleyball

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade student objectives include

- Demonstrate proper techniques of skills in various games/sports
- Become familiar with the rules of various games/sports
- Discuss the advantages of exercise and risks of physical inactivity
- Learn how to identify resting, maximum, and target heart rate
- Set individual short and long term fitness goals based on an individual fitness profile
- Monitor heart rate during various activities
- Identify and demonstrate proper warm-up stretching activity, and cool-down techniques
- Display good sportsmanship as a player and a spectator
- Cooperate with other team members
- Show respect for self and others

"Warning: The surgeon general has determined that a lack of physical activity may be detrimental to one's health."