

## Performing Arts

### Theatre Arts

Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 6, 7, 8

Fee \$20

This course allows students to develop self-confidence while learning the elements of drama. Students will explore movement and voice as tools for actors, podcasts, reader's theatre, improvisation, and acting. The final project of this class will be rehearsing and performing in a play.

### Choir

Full Year – 2 Units Grades: 6, 7, 8

Fee \$20

No prior experience needed. Students learn to sing in a fun, energetic working environment. Curriculum focuses on developing proper vocal technique skills in a variety of music styles. Students perform throughout the year in school concerts, festivals, and contests. Attendance at these events is required.

### Concert Band Level 1 (6)

Full Year – 2 Units Grade 6

Fee \$20 (Concert Polo Shirt)\*

This course is available for students in any grade who have one year of playing experience. If you played for one year in elementary school, this class is for you! This is a year-long course, focusing on developing fundamental techniques and ensemble skills for the second year player. One year of elementary band experienced required, or Teacher Approval.

### Concert Band Level II (7)

Full Year – 2 Units Grade 7

Fee \$20 (Concert Polo Shirt)\*

This course is designed for students who are third year players. Students who have completed two years of elementary band should sign up for this class. We will focus on individual techniques on brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments, as well as ensemble concepts. 2 years of playing experience is required, or Teacher Approval.

### Symphonic Band (8)

Full Year – 2 Units Grade 8

Fee \$20 (Concert Polo Shirt)\*

This course is designed for students who are fourth year players. Students who have completed Concert Band should sign up for this course. We will focus on advanced individual techniques on brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments, and explore challenging literature. 3 years of playing experience is required, or Teacher Approval.

### Orchestra Level 1 (6)

Full Year – 2 Units Grade 6

Fee \$20 (Concert Polo Shirt)\*

Elementary orchestra experienced preferred or by Teacher Approval. Orchestra courses are designed to develop students' abilities to play string instruments, covering a variety of string and orchestral literature styles. This class is available to students in any grade level at the beginning of the year. Evening concerts are required.

### Orchestra Level II (7)

Full Year – 2 Units Grade 7

Fee \$20 (Concert Polo Shirt)\*

This orchestra course is designed to develop students' abilities to play string instruments, covering a variety of string and orchestral literature styles. 2 years elementary orchestra experience is the prerequisite for this orchestra or by Teacher Approval.

### Orchestra Advanced (8)

Full Year – 2 Units Grade 8

Fee \$20 (Concert Polo Shirt)\*

Concert Orchestra is the prerequisite for this orchestra or by Teacher Approval. This orchestra will be focusing on advanced fundamentals. Orchestra courses are designed to develop students' abilities to play string instruments, covering a variety of string and orchestral literature styles.

\*Additional fees for music classes may be incurred depending on the instrument your student plays. Please contact the instructor for more information.

*If you have questions about our course offerings, please contact our Counseling Office at 303-982-6282*



# Creighton Middle School

2021-22

## Course Information Guide

This guide contains information about all the elective offerings at Creighton Middle School. Please note that for each offering, the first line contains some important information, including the number of units in a student schedule, the grade levels the course is available for, and the course fee. Students will need to choose 4 TOTAL units of elective programming for the 21-22 school year. While we intend to offer the classes in this guide, they are subject to change based on available staff and funding for elective positions.

### Art

#### Creative Art-Drawing (Art 2-D)

Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 6, 7, 8

Fee \$20

Students work with several different medium (such as pen-and-ink, graphite pencil, charcoal, chalk, etc). Students learn about artists and different ways to express themselves visually. Students learn to draw realistic objects such as human portraits, animals and objects. Shading is a focus.

#### Creative Art- Sculpture (Art 3-D)

Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 6, 7, 8

Fee \$20

Students explore three-dimensional art such as, ceramics, jewelry, and sculpture. Different media and processes: low fire pottery, jewelry, metals, paper mache, and plaster are explored. Students learn about artists and different ways to express themselves visually. The process of developing ideas through journaling and sketchbooks is emphasized.

#### Visual Arts Level II

Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 7, 8

Fee \$20

Completion of either Creative Art class is the prerequisite to be in this course. Advanced Art will allow students who have demonstrated technical skills to begin exploring their own art interests. The goal of this course is to prepare students for advanced high school art classes by helping them build a varied portfolio and find their artistic voice.

### Academic

#### Creative Writing

Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 6, 7, 8

Fee \$20

This course offers students the opportunity to develop and improve their technique and individual style in poetry, short story, drama, essays, and other forms of prose. The emphasis of this course is on writing; however, students may study exemplary representations and authors to obtain a fuller appreciation of the form and craft.

#### GT Enrichment

Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 7, 8

Fee \$20

Students choose projects, which may take many forms, and complete them under the supervision of a teacher. Projects involve planning, research, and a high degree of personal reflection. This class provides opportunities for independent, high achieving learners to explore areas of interest.

#### Science Exploration

Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 6, 7, 8

Fee \$20

Students will engage in hands on, inquiry-based experiments and design their own labs to investigate the scientific method. Students will become aware of current research happening in Colorado and around the world. Students are introduced to different careers in the sciences and what requirements are needed to obtain those careers.

## ***Career and Technical***

### **Family and Consumer Science**

**Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 6, 7, 8**

**Fee \$20**

Knowledge and skills that are useful for the efficient and productive management of the home. Course topics typically include foods and nutrition; clothing; child development and care; housing design, decoration, and maintenance; consumer decisions and personal financial management; and interpersonal relationships.

### **Family and Consumer Science II**

**Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 7, 8**

**Fee \$20**

Family and Consumer Science is the prerequisite to be in this course. FACS II provides an understanding of food's role in society, instruction in how to plan and prepare meals, experience in the proper use of equipment and utensils, and background on the nutritional needs and requirements for healthy living. This course exposes students to opportunities related to the Hospitality and Tourism career cluster.

### **Computer and Information Technology**

**Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 6, 7, 8**

**Fee \$20**

Students develop skills in problem solving, programming, building websites (using HTML and CSS) and debugging. Students will learn coding to program animation, 3D modeling, digital photo editing, multimedia production, and robotics. This course includes a student portfolio of digital work showing their creativity and problem-solving skills.

### **Digital Design**

**Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 7, 8**

**Fee \$20**

Computer and Information Technology is the Prerequisite to be in this course. Students work on projects and solve problems in web design, game programming, 3D modeling, photo manipulation, and audio production. Students will develop a prototype to solve a problem in App Lab. Using the App Lab and Circuit Playground students will work on an innovative design challenge.

### **Technology Education**

**Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 6, 7, 8**

**Fee \$20**

Technology Education is an introduction to the design process, tools, machines and safety in a manufacturing workshop. Problem solving, math and science skills are emphasized. Students will complete various technical modules to gain understanding of industrial processes, materials and production/construction techniques.

### **Technology Education II**

**Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 7, 8**

**Fee \$20**

Technology Education is the prerequisite to be in this course. This course exposes students to the tools and machines and seeks to develop the advanced skills using these tools in various applications. This course goes into more detail on topics, which typically include drawing and planning, woodwork, metalwork, plastics, and power technology. General safety and career exploration are covered.

### **Intro STEM (Science/Tech/Engineering/Math)**

**Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 6, 7, 8**

**Fee \$20**

The Intro to STEM class fosters personal growth, leadership, and opportunities in technology, design, and engineering. Students apply and integrate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics concepts through co-curricular activities, competitive events, and related programs. The design process is a key component of this project-based class.

### **Engineering and Technology**

**Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 7, 8**

**Fee \$20**

Intro to STEM is the Prerequisite to be in this course. STEM 2 selects standards from 7th and 8th grade math and science curriculums to explore in-depth. A combination of computer-based research, peer-to-peer brainstorming and investigating, and student engineered solutions will be used.

## ***Media***

### **Audio/Visual Production**

**Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 6, 7, 8**

**Fee \$20**

Writing scripts, camera operation, use of graphics and other visuals, lighting, audio techniques, editing, production principles, and career opportunities are explored. Additional topics such as broadcast industry regulations, radio/TV operation, power of the medium, photography, transmission technology, and so on may be included.

### **Publication Production (Yearbook)**

**Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 6, 7, 8**

**Fee \$20**

Help create the written history of Creighton Middle School, and learn valuable publishing, writing, and photography skills at the same time. Students eligible for Yearbook must have an A/B average, good attendance, demonstrate responsible, mature behavior and strong writing skills.

## ***Human Interest***

### **Peer Mentoring (at Creighton)**

**Semester – 1 Unit Grades: 7, 8**

**No Fee**

Be a positive peer model in both our Special Needs classroom as well as being out with students in other academic classrooms and electives. If you are a flexible, positive, optimistic person and have a strong interest in helping others, consider this course. Good listening and communication skills as well as consistent attendance are a must.

### **Mentorship (Fletcher Miller)**

**Semester – 1 Unit Grade 8**

**No Fee**

Mature Creighton students will walk to Fletcher Miller School to work with students who have profound disabilities. Enrollees must be able to work as part of a team, be dependable, and make a commitment to helping others. Good listening, communication skills, and attendance are a must! Teacher recommendation is required. Class size is limited. Must complete application to be considered.

### **Leadership (WEB)**

**Semester – 1 Unit Grade 8**

**No Fee**

Students apply to be selected as a WEB leader. The application process will take place in April. In this course, class members will experience a sense of personal growth and character development. Students will focus on leadership skills, anti-bullying skills, service, organization, and communication. WEB leaders will mentor a group of 6th grade students throughout the year and work to create and provide meaningful events and lessons for those students.

### **Teacher/Office Assistant**

**Semester – 1 Unit Grade 8**

**No Fee**

Responsible, self-directed students with good attendance work with staff members in the classroom or main office helping with various daily tasks. Must complete application – see your counselor for details.

## ***Physical Education***

### **Physical Education**

**Semester – 1 Unit Grades 6, 7, 8**

**Fee \$10 – (T-shirt)**

Using a running and lifetime fitness program as a basis, students will be participating in many activities which may include: soccer, softball, track, field, volleyball, basketball, badminton, flag football, introduction to weights, team handball, and several recreational games. Students test their fitness level in the areas of strength, speed, flexibility, power, endurance, and agility. Skills tests may be given in each activity. (Courses are scheduled by grade-level groupings)

### **Specific Sports Activity - All Girls PE**

**Semester – 1 Unit Grades 7 and 8**

**Fee \$10 – (T-shirt)**

This PE program provides each female with the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive program consisting of skill development, lead up games, team sports and physical fitness activities. The students receive instruction in resistance training, yoga, spin and other activities that promote physical fitness. Additionally, this class specifically provides female students a positive environment in which to be physically active, build confidence/self-esteem, and promote cooperation, leadership and friendly competition. Both 7th and 8th grade female students are encouraged to take this class.

## ***World Languages***

### **Spanish 101**

**Full Year – 2 Units Grades: 6, 7**

**No Fee**

Students explore the Spanish language to gain fluency. Focus is placed on speaking, listening, reading, and writing using skits, reading stories, watching interactive videos, conversing, and learning the basics of communication. Students learn about Spanish-speaking cultures through class discussion and interaction as well as through videos and projects.

### **Spanish 102**

**Full Year – 2 Units Grades: 7, 8**

**No Fee**

Successful completion of Spanish 101 is the prerequisite to be in this course. This is the second year following Spanish 101. Course continues Spanish language and culture, emphasizes basic grammar and syntax, simple vocabulary, and the spoken accent so that students can read, write, speak, and understand Spanish. Successful completion of this course will allow students to enter High School Spanish Level II.

### **Spanish II**

**Full Year – 2 Units Grade: 8**

**No Fee**

Prerequisites: Spanish I, both Spanish 101 and 102, or teacher approval. Spanish II builds upon skills and knowledge developed in Spanish I, extending students' ability to understand and express themselves in Spanish. This includes improving pronunciation and application of basic grammatical structures, expansion of vocabulary, and deeper understanding of cultural information and norms. Successful completion of this course will allow students to enter High School Spanish Level III (3).