



Description of Electives

Art: The goals of the art education program at Oasis Middle School are for students to explore art through a variety of media including, painting, drawing, printmaking, collage and sculpture; to learn about famous artists and their works; to apply aesthetic judgment when viewing art; to exhibit visual expression of their ideas throughout the school and community.

Band: This beginning class introduces students to the world of music. Students must be able to purchase or rent an instrument for this class. Fundamentals of reading music and playing an instrument are developed in school; at-home practice is necessary.

Careers: In this 8th grade elective, students explore various careers. In addition, instruction is provided regarding the job interview process, along with many other valuable strategies related to careers.

Dance: This class is an introduction to dance. We will cover the basics of technique, warm-up exercises, and choreography in multiple genres. Genres will include hip-hop, ballet, jazz, musical theater, and social dance (line dancing, freestyle). An advanced dance class will be offered. Placement into advanced dance will depend on the student's core schedule of classes.

Drama/Exploring Musical Theater: Explore many forms of performing arts that include: Acting, Singing, Choreography, and Theater Production (stage make-up, scenery, lighting, etc. We will also have extra-curricular Musical, Chorus, and Jr. Thespians!!

Health: Health Education is a semester course designed to enhance the awareness and knowledge of making healthy lifestyle choices. It is based on the wellness approach, which integrates social, mental, emotional, and physical health, along with learning life skills, in order to promote a positive and healthy lifestyle for each individual.

Leadership: It aims to teach each of the 18 desired character traits in week long modules. Students will be exposed to real life models of character and leadership and learn how they can be leaders and role models in their own lives.

News Crew (Iguana News): Each day, our students write, produce, and film the OMS news. Opportunities for on and off-camera work are available. This class is typically for 7th and 8th grade students.

Physical Education: All students are required to take one semester of PE each school year. You'll love the variety of activities provided by our team of three coaches.

Spanish: Spanish is designed to give you an introduction to Spanish and a preview of what you will expand upon in your high school Spanish classes. You will be introduced to simple phrases and lots of vocabulary. This class is typically for 8th grade students.

STEM: Students work with the engineering design process to solve a multitude of design challenges. This is a very hands-on program that combines project-based learning with real-world problem solving.

Study Skills: Students will learn the importance of learning, while at the same time discussing strategies to ensure organization. Valuable lessons on growth mindset and character building are provided.

Technology: Students explore the many facets of our technological world, from Microsoft Office products to the latest Google has to offer.

Video Production: Students learn basic understanding of field production equipment and editing software as they work on video projects. Students also learn project planning and research skills all while writing scripts for their projects. Oasis Middle's video production students have won dozens of awards at the District Level for their productions. The classroom is equipped with iMacs and Canon cameras.

Yearbook: A select group of students are selected each year to publish our amazing yearbook. Many areas are covered, including page design, writing, photography, and sales. This class is typically for 7th and 8th grade students.