



8th Grade Choice of Electives for 2018-19

All 8th graders will have one semester of PE and one semester of Careers.

If there is still room in your schedule for electives this sheet will be used to help us choose electives to put in your schedule.

Please *RANK* the following classes in order of how much you would like to take them – “1” being your top choice.

PLEASE NOTE: It is quite possible you will not receive your first choice. We will do our best to accommodate your requests.

Student Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Art

_____ Band (year-long – must rent or purchase an instrument)

_____ Dance

_____ Drama

_____ Health

_____ Spanish (year-long – high school credit)

_____ STEM

_____ Video Production

*See class descriptions on back of this sheet.

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: Intermediate band class takes students to the next level in 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 further developed in school; at-home practice is necessary.

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.

Spanish: Spanish is a beautiful, rich language spoken on many continents. You will come to understand and appreciate the way of life, customs, values and cultures of people from many different areas of the world. 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.

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.

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. This class is offered for various grade levels. The classroom is equipped with iMacs and Canon cameras.