

6th Grade Related Arts

6th Grade Beginning Band (year-long)

Sixth Grade Beginning Band is the introductory level instrumental class at EJHS. Here, students learn the basics of playing an instrument and group performance. Percussion is an auditioned set of instruments chosen at the end of the first semester. No experience is necessary to join. The Sixth Grade Beginning Band typically gives three performances a year.

Concert Choir (year-long)

Students learn correct vocal technique and apply their skills to a variety of songs throughout the year. Students practice music reading and theory skills in application to real music. Performances include two concerts per year, in December and May.

Health and Wellness (semester)

The core expectation of the middle school health education program is that students will learn about physical, mental, emotional and social health. It builds students' knowledge, skills, and positive attitudes about health. The health education program motivates students to improve and maintain their health, prevent disease, and reduce risky behaviors. A planned and sequential 6-8 health education curriculum addresses all dimensions of health in a way that results in students who possess the knowledge and skills to live a healthy life. By providing a comprehensive junior high health education program, we are facilitating optimum student learning. When students are healthy, they can learn; when they are educated, they can stay healthy.

Physical Education (semester)

A class dedicated to health-related fitness. Students will experience a variety of exercise forms including strength and conditioning, sports, and games, both in physical activity and traditional writing types of assignments.

Visual Art (semester)

Sixth grade art is a semester long class in which students learn about art, artists, and pop culture while creating both two-dimensional and three-dimensional projects using media such as paint, color pencil, collage, watercolors, ceramic clay, polymer clay, paper mache, fibers, recycled items, and scratchboard. Students also practice talking about art critically and expressing their individuality in a safe environment. Other academic disciplines are integrated into art lessons. Careers that require creativity, problem solving, and technical abilities are also explored.

7th and 8th Grade 9-Week Rotational Classes

Exploring Music

Students will be introduced to basic musical concepts and skills in this class. Aspects of music in popular culture such as movies and TV will be explored. Exposure to different musical genres and time periods will also be presented. The approach of this class is to introduce a wider view of music for students who may not get it through musical performance.

Creative Writing

Creative Writing is a semester-long course supporting the Indiana College and Career Readiness Standards for English/Language Arts. It is a combined 7th and 8th-grade class in which students will study and apply creative writing strategies for prose and poetry. Using the writing process, students will demonstrate a command of the nuances of language and vocabulary, English language conventions, an awareness of the audience, the purposes for writing, and will experiment with developing their own writing style while writing in different creative genres. Students will complete a portfolio project at the end of the course comprised of their best pieces including short stories, narratives, poetry, scripts or short plays, or other creative compositions, which demonstrate knowledge, application, and writing progress in the Creative Writing course content.

Current Events

Students will look at and analyze current events through a variety of media. Activities in class include recording information gathered about events, processing implications of these events through discussion, and expressing their views of the relevancy of current events in their lives.

Personal Finance

The goal of personal finance is all about informing students how to handle money both now and in the future. The main topics of focus include understanding and avoiding debt, creating a budget, knowing how and why to save money, preparing for life after high school, and finding ways to cut costs to make your money go further. Everyone interacts with money so this is an important class for all students!

7th Grade English Topics

This course is all about making you the best English/Language Arts student you can be. It is a small class where support and individualized instruction is offered, all with the goal of meeting you where you are and helping you grow as a learner.

7th Grade Math Topics

This course is intended to provide co-requisite support for students requiring remediation in 7th grade mathematics. Topics covered will be prerequisite skills that are necessary for success in 7th grade math. The course content will focus on developing mathematical maturity through conceptual understanding and mastery of foundational skills.

8th Grade English Topics

This course is all about making you the best English/Language Arts student you can be. It is a small class where support and individualized instruction is offered, all with the goal of meeting you where you are and helping you grow as a learner.

8th Grade Math Topics

This course is intended to provide co-requisite support for students requiring remediation in 8th grade mathematics. Topics covered will be prerequisite skills that are necessary for success in 8th grade math. The course content will focus on developing mathematical maturity through conceptual understanding and mastery of foundational skills.

7th and 8th Grade Semester Related Arts Classes

English Literacy

This semester-long reading class incorporates both small group and large group instruction with intensive guided practice and modeling of reading strategies that will enable students to improve their overall reading performance. Fiction and nonfiction texts of varying lengths and difficulty will be used. An emphasis will be made on comprehension, vocabulary, and thinking skills. A self-selected, differentiated reading component will be an expectation of students' work in addition to our in-class reading selections. Reading practices within this class will increase students' reading stamina, improve their reading fluency, and allow students to practice their reading strategies to monitor comprehension.

Math Literacy

This course uses real-world applications to answer the question, “When will I ever use this?” Students work individually and in small groups on projects that enrich what is being taught in the regular math class.

Publications

Journalism is a nine-week course supporting the Indiana College and Career Readiness Standards for English/Language Arts. It is a combined 7th and 8th-grade class in which students will study and apply non fiction and journalistic writing strategies. Students will study elements of journalism, journalism ethics, fact and opinion, copy editing, news writing, and feature writing as they apply to print and digital media products. It includes a comparison study of journalistic writing to other types of English writing with practical application of news, features, editorials, reviews, columns and digital media writing forms.

Health and Wellness

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Visual Art

7/8 grade visual art is a semester long class in which students learn about art, artists, and pop culture while creating both two-dimensional and three-dimensional projects using media such as graphite, photo editing apps, paint, color pencil, collage, printing inks, watercolors, ceramic clay, wire, fibers, recycled items, oil pastels, and scratchboard. Students also practice talking about art critically and expressing their individuality in a safe environment. Other academic disciplines are integrated into art lessons. Careers that require creativity, problem solving, and technical abilities are also explored.

Physical Education

A class dedicated to health-related fitness. Students will experience a variety of exercise forms including strength and conditioning, sports, and games, both in physical activity and traditional writing types of assignments.

7th and 8th Grade STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)

STEM Computer Science (1 Semester)

Computer Science in Science is a class that situates computer science practices and concepts within the context of life, physical, and earth sciences. A scaffolded series of highly-engaging design and build activities guide students through developing their first computer model.

Throughout the process of computer modeling and simulation, students will follow a “Use-ModifyCreate” progression in which they first gain experience with the concepts by using an existing model, then expand on and modify that model, and finally create a model of their own that builds off the knowledge and experience gained in the use and modify phases.

STEM Forensic Science (9-weeks)

In this STEM course, students will solve a crime that has occurred right here at EJHS! Students will learn a number of different forensic investigative techniques including evidence collection, forensic photography, blood typing, blood spatter analysis, DNA Fingerprinting, handwriting analysis, fingerprinting and more!

STEM Music Science (9-weeks)

Students will be introduced to the basic science of music in the class. The approach of this class is to introduce a wider view of music for students who may not get it through musical performance.

Year-Long Music Classes

Intermediate Concert Band

Intermediate Concert Band is the secondary level of band at EJHS. Students continue to learn and progress on their chosen instrument throughout the year. This group moves forward with more advanced techniques beyond those learned in sixth grade.

Intermediate Concert Band typically gives five performances a year, including a concert band contest in the spring. Sixth grade students move into this class with no audition needed.

Accelerated Concert Band

Accelerated Concert Band is the top level band at EJHS. Students continue to learn and progress on their chosen instrument throughout the year and begin to explore more advanced music and playing techniques. By the end of this class, the goal is that students who choose to participate in music at Edgewood High School should be well prepared for that experience. The Accelerated Concert Band typically gives six or seven performances a year including a concert band contest in the spring. Seventh grade students in Intermediate Band will audition for this class at the end of the year. Sixth grade students may also audition for open spots and skip Intermediate Band and move directly into this class.

7th Grade Jazz Band

The Seventh Grade Jazz Band is an auditioned group made up of select instruments that focuses on music in the styles of swing, rock and Latin. Emphasis is placed on learning to play in a jazz big band setting and the basics of solo improvisation are presented. Students are expected to also be in the concert band unless they have a scheduling conflict. The Seventh Grade Jazz Band typically performs five or six times each year including at least one jazz festival.

8th Grade Jazz Band

The Eighth Grade Jazz Band is an auditioned group made up of select instruments that continues to explore music in the styles of swing, rock and Latin at a more in-depth level than in seventh grade. More advanced improvisational techniques and other new jazz concepts are presented. Students who complete this class will have the necessary skills to participate in the basic jazz class at Edgewood High School if they choose to pursue music in high school. Students are expected to also be in the concert band unless they have a scheduling conflict. The Eighth Grade Jazz Band typically performs around eight times each year including at least two jazz festivals.

Concert Choir

Students learn correct vocal technique and apply their skills to a variety of songs throughout the year. Students practice music reading and theory skills in application to real music. Performances include two concerts per year, in December and May.

Show Choir (Mini Warehouse and Center Stage)

Students learn vocal and dance technique through team rehearsal in these auditioned, highly specialized groups. Students compete in 4-5 competitions throughout the country and rehearse up to a couple of times per week outside of class time. Students have opportunities to work with nationally known dance and vocal coaches.