



JR. HIGH ACADEMIC ELECTIVE CURRICULUM

Astronomy

This course is designed to help students gain a better understanding of the universe we live in. Students will learn about the history of astronomy, the motion of the planets and moons, the size and distance of the cosmos, the Sun and other stars, gravity, and what lies beyond our Solar System. We even discuss the possibility of alien life on other planets! Students will also learn about modern space exploration and science careers in astronomy.

Grades: 7-8

Length: 1 Semester

Prerequisite: None

Creative Expression

Creativity provides new ways of seeing the world and solving problems. This, in turn, offer us inspiration. This course is designed to give students the opportunity to express themselves in a variety of ways, including writing and aspects of the visual arts. Learn what inspires others, and maybe what inspires you!

Grades: 7-8

Length: 1 Semester

Prerequisite: None

Humanities

Humanities is the study and appreciation of the aesthetic and artistic components of society. Students will observe and analyze well-known paintings, sculptures, buildings, poems, symphonies, films, philosophies, etc., both historic and contemporary. Students will be able to recognize famous works by sight/sound, compare and contrast art from different time periods, and understand how arts have changed the world we live in. Units and sub-topics may include: the Renaissance, Impressionism, Shakespearean drama, Classical Music, and Eastern philosophy, as well as modern contributions in all of these fields (i.e. Rap, Music, Pop-Art).

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Length: 1 Semester

Prerequisite: None

People Groups

In People Groups, we will explore the territory, activities, foods, arts, and holidays that make a group of people unique.

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Length: 1 Semester

Prerequisite: None

Science Exploration

This course will focus on a variety of science experiments designed to bring science to life through hands on experiences. Students will participate in weekly science experiments that cross a variety of scientific fields.

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Length: 1 Semester

Prerequisite: None

World Travels

This course will take students around the world as they choose a different location to learn about each week. Students will focus on what makes a location's people and attractions unique. This will be a fun way to visit different parts of our country and world without leaving the classroom!

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