

Department:

Personal Development

Course Offerings

Character Development *½ credit*

Character Development is geared to help your son/daughter to better understand the importance of their own character, to work on developing their character and leadership traits and have a better awareness on how their character will affect them throughout their lifetime.

Study Skills *½ credit*

Study skills is designed to empower students to be successful in school and community settings. Throughout the semester, students will learn and develop habits related to topics such as binder organization, planner use, time management, note/test-taking strategies, teacher relationships, library use, research projects, and career interest projects.

Speech: Communication Skills (Middle School) *1 credit*

This elective course will introduce students to skills that will help them become better speakers. The basic speech skills of critical thinking, listening, speaking and delivery will be covered in the class. Students will learn to utilize these skills in different situations.

Media Literacy *½ credit*

The course helps students learn to think critically about the thousands of media messages they encounter each day via art, music, video games, radio, TV, websites, newspapers, magazines, ads, and packaging. The standards-based activities require students to deconstruct, examine, discuss, and create media messages. As they develop media literacy, they learn to make thoughtful, informed decisions.

Middle School Beginning Band, Musical Fundamentals and Literacy *1 credit*

Students will learn the fundamentals of musical literacy through the medium of a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument. The course will cover the reading of musical notation and translating the written music into sound via the student's instrument. Musician etiquette and common practices will be explained, presented, and implemented. Students will be required to participate in performances as scheduled as well as rehearsals to bring the ensemble together with the other beginning band sections.

Course Fees: Instrument Rental (\$80.00 for the school year; variable instrument kit cost)

Middle School Intermediate Band, Intermediate Musicianship *1 credit*

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Students will begin to refine skills acquired in the previous band class. More emphasis will be placed on accuracy and technique as they apply to artistic considerations. All students will be expected to participate in performances for the school and community as well as rehearsals in preparation for those performances.

Course Fees: Instrument Rental (\$80.00 for the school year)