



Samuel Jackman Middle School

Course Catalog

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Electives

Advocacy 7 **14007**

Department: Electives **Grade Level:** 07 **Credits:** 0.0 **Max Credits:** 0.0

This course is designed to provide students with personalized academic guidance. Students will learn study skills that can be applied across disciplines and will receive basic academic guidance each year from their assigned advocacy teacher. This course is Pass/No Pass.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

Advocacy 7-8 **14014**

Department: Electives **Grade Level:** 07-08 **Credits:** 0.0 **Max Credits:** 0.0

This course is designed to provide students with personalized academic guidance along with a connection between the student, teacher, counselor, and the school. Students will learn study skills that can be applied across disciplines and will receive basic academic guidance each year from their assigned advocacy teacher. This course is Pass/No Pass.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

Advocacy 8 **14008**

Department: Electives **Grade Level:** 08 **Credits:** 0.0 **Max Credits:** 0.0

This course is designed to provide students with personalized academic guidance. Students will learn study skills that can be applied across disciplines and will receive basic academic guidance each year from their assigned advocacy teacher. This course is Pass/No Pass.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

AVID 7 **09007**

Department: Electives **Grade Level:** 07 **Credits:** 10.0 **Max Credits:** 10.0

Students enrolled in AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) will receive academic and social support to assist them with preparing for college and career. Students will be taught skills and behaviors for academic success and will be provided with intensive support with tutorials and strong student/teacher relationships.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

AVID 8 **09008**

Department: Electives **Grade Level:** 08 **Credits:** 10.0 **Max Credits:** 10.0

Students enrolled in AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) will receive academic and social support to assist them with preparing for college and career. Students will be taught skills and behaviors for academic success and will be provided with intensive support with tutorials and strong student/teacher relationships.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

Beginning Computer Science **07720**

Department: Electives **Grade Level:** 07-08 **Credits:** 5.0 **Max Credits:** 10.0

This course is designed to introduce students to computer science. The course is designed to focus on helping students understand why certain tools might be utilized to solve particular problems. The goal of this course is to introduce students to the coding, algorithm development, and problem solving within computer science.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned



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Community Service

07704

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course provides students with the opportunity to enhance personal and interpersonal development through service learning. It is designed to help students develop awareness of themselves as a community member and promote a sense of responsibility to contribute to humanitarian issues around the world. Community service is designed to provide opportunities for students to be of service in their communities. Students who complete community service requirements learn the value of giving to others, learn about public relations, and build contacts within the community. Students may have interest in volunteering at animal shelters, churches, schools, food pantries, libraries, hospitals, nursing homes, political campaigns, or community organizations such as Red Cross, Salvation Army, or Habitat for Humanity. Course requirements and hours of service vary from year-to-year and from school-to-school. Check with your school counselor or Advocacy teacher for more information and requirements. This course is Pass/No Pass.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

Computer Technology I

07702

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course is offered to introduce, refresh and enhance basic computer skills. Students will learn computer skills to successfully function in a technological society. Units of study include keyboarding, basic computer hardware, word processing, spreadsheets, desktop publishing, multimedia presentations, and internet research skills. Computer Science issues, technical reading, note taking, critical thinking, and problem solving skills are emphasized throughout the course of study. The course emphasizes the application of technology skills to other areas of the curriculum.

Adopted curricular materials: Educade Academy

NOTE: Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, this course does not satisfy the high school technology proficiency graduation requirement.

Conflict Mediator

07707

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course is open to students who are trained in the Conflict Resolution Model and assist in resolving student conflicts on campus. Conflict Mediator students also work in the office as office aides. Conflict Managers demonstrate responsibility, cooperation, positive attitude and good work ethic.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

Creative Writing I

07715

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This class provides students the opportunity to expand their writing beyond the scope of the core curriculum taught in English 7 or 8. Students explore the genres of short story and screenplay writing in the context of reading and analyzing professionally written works. The course will be taught in a workshop model and students will examine the elements of literary creation as they engage in writing original work.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

Drumming, Introduction to

07776

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 10.0

In this course students will learn the fundamentals of basic drumming, including correct posture, hand and stick position, note reading, time signatures, rudiments, scales and music terminology. Students will have the opportunity to play the drum.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned



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English Language Learner Support

07785

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 20.0

This course is designed to support English learner students with the acquisition of academic English. This course is repeatable for up to 20 credits.

Co-requisite: Concurrent enrollment in either English 7, English 8, and/or EL Intensive I-IV.

Adopted curricular materials: Inside, Study Sync, or Get Ready (dependent upon student's core English course)

Exploring Science I

07752

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course is a hands-on laboratory based elective course in which students explore science in the world. Topics may include energy, ecosystems, technology, and human impact on natural systems. Students will engage in science and engineering practices to ask questions, solve problems, and construct explanations.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

Exploring Technology I

07742

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course introduces students to the nature of technology and problem solving. Students have opportunities to study the scope of technology and its impacts on society. Students will learn about the core concepts of technology and about the various approaches to solving problems, including engineering design and experimentation. Students will learn to apply concepts through a variety of challenge-based projects.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

Exploring Technology II

07743

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course addresses complex problems through innovative technological proposals and solutions. Students will be involved in activities and experiences that build brainstorming, visualization, modeling, constructing, testing, experimentation, and refinement skills. Students will also develop skills in researching for information, and communicating design information.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

Film Studies

07717

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course introduces the basics of film elements, genre, and narrative structure, and helps students develop the skills to recognize, analyze, describe and enjoy film as an art and entertainment form. Film is capable of capturing our interest and provoking the senses as a storytelling device, historical document, expression of imagination, and an artistic object. Elements from selected novels, short stories and plays will be analyzed and compared to film versions of the same work.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

Future Quest

07729

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 20.0

This course is designed to involve students in practical, career-oriented learning adventures that will help shape their educational journey. Students will be immersed in authentic, real-world problem-solving experiences. Through self-paced career exploration modules, students will acquire industry specific skills across various California sectors, like agriculture, child development, manufacturing, and culinary arts. After completing each module, they assess potential career options within these industries. It's an engaging way for students to discover their interests and talents while preparing for the future, and to learn about Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways in high school.

Adopted curricular materials: Paxton Patterson College & Career Ready Labs



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Geography Around the World

01009

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 5.0

This course focuses on the five themes of geography: location, place, human environment interaction, movement, and region. Students will acquire a framework for thinking about the world, improve geographical literacy, and develop geographical skills that will enable them to better understand and appreciate the world in which they live.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

Project Lead The Way Gateway

07725

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 20.0

This course includes units and concepts from the Project Lead the Way Gateway program providing foundational knowledge preparing students for high school, college, and potential careers. Topics include robotics, engineering, computer science, energy, technology, flight, and more.

Adopted curricular materials: Project Lead the Way, <https://www.pltw.org/>

Robotics, Introduction to

07777

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course introduces students to basic programming as well as problem-solving strategies. Students will develop, build, and program simple robots. Students will build strong interpersonal skills through teamwork and project-based learning.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

Science Elective

04013

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course offers students the opportunity to apply science and engineering concepts and knowledge to solve a variety of real world investigations, promoting a challenging classroom environment that actively engages students in scientific inquiry, reasoning, and critical thinking in a project-based setting.

Adopted curricular materials: Project Lead the Way, <https://www.pltw.org/>

Student Assistant

07711

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course introduces students to the various tasks associated with assisting a teacher with various tasks or school office personnel with the day-to-day operations of the school office. Under the supervision of school personnel, students will learn a wide range of practices to support classroom teachers or general office practices and functions to assist the school that may include answering phones, operating equipment, assisting with new student orientation, and giving campus tours. Student Assistants may be assigned to teachers, counselors, librarians, or office staff with providing vital service to the school campus. An application process may be required for enrollment in this course. Check with your school counselor to inquire about requirements.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

Student Leadership I

07722

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course is for students who are selected (through an application process) to lead the Associated Student Body. Students will plan and lead activities that include field trips, assemblies, lunchtime activities, and student recognition programs. Students will develop and implement a budget that meets their goals and carry out school-wide fundraisers to support the many programs for students at the school. Students will also promote school spirit and develop leadership skills. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA with no "F's" or "U's" in citizenship in order to remain enrolled in Leadership. This course is Pass/No Pass.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned



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Student Leadership II

07723

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course is designed for students interested in school leadership and school government. Students may plan and lead activities such as field trips, assemblies, dances, school rallies, spirit days, lunch-time activities, and student recognition programs. Students may implement a budget that meets school goals and carry out school wide fundraisers to support the many programs for students at the school. Students also promote school spirit and develop leadership skills. Students enrolled in this course may be asked to attend school early or stay after from time-to-time to support school activities. An application process may be required for enrollment in this course. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA with no "F's" or "U's" in citizenship in order to remain enrolled in Leadership. This course is Pass/No Pass.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned.

Study Skills

07710

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course is designed for students to learn how to effectively work with small groups of students in a variety of content areas. An emphasis will be placed on employing inquiry strategies in peer tutoring groups.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned.

Television Production

07716

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course is designed for students who would like to participate in the video production of daily announcements, special feature productions, and informational reporting. Students will learn technical aspects, gain performance skills, and study the process of communicating through the television medium.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

Yearbook

02636

Department: Electives

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 20.0

Yearbook is an elective course designed to teach students the fundamental principles used to prepare, create, proof, and distribute a middle school yearbook while participating in leadership roles and activities. Key skills for creating the yearbook include layout and design, photography, interviewing, and writing with clear purpose and audience in mind. Yearbook can be both a fun and exciting experience in which students realize their creative potential.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned



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English

Academic Writing for Success

02709

Department: English

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This English elective course is designed to build language, improve literacy skills, and expand content knowledge for Long-Term English Learners (LTEL) and struggling Redesignated English learner students. The areas of emphasis are language development, academic vocabulary acquisition, and the development of written skills. Thematic units ensure that students make connections to science, math, and social studies core content areas. Instruction includes student-centered activities that are culturally and linguistically responsive while simultaneously teaching students effective reading strategies. Students engage in lessons with culminating writing and oral projects for teaching listening, speaking, reading, and writing required to equip today's English Learner with communicative confidence.

Pre-requisite(s): Placement by site's EL team

Adopted curricular materials: English 3D Course B, Volume 1

Advanced Academic Writing for Success

02712

Department: English

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This English elective course is designed to build language, improve literacy skills, and expand content knowledge for long-term English Learners and struggling re-designated students. The academic areas of emphasis in this course are language development, academic vocabulary acquisition, and the development of written language skills. Thematic units ensure that students make connections to science, math, and social studies core content areas. Instruction includes student-centered activities that are culturally and linguistically responsive while simultaneously teaching students effective reading strategies. Students engage in lessons with culminating writing and oral projects which are supported by the use of research-based best practices.

Pre-requisite: Placement by site's English Learner (EL) team based on multiple data points and assessments.

Co-requisite: 7th or 8th grader who is either a LTEL or Struggling RF

Adopted curricular materials: English 3D, Course B, Volume II

EL English Intensive, MS Course I

02702

Department: English

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course provides English Learners with fundamental skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening via a rigorous and rich academic curriculum that begins to move students to grade-level performance. Students who begin in this course need sequential work in phonemic awareness, phonics, decoding and spelling as well as foundational work in reading comprehension, vocabulary, language, and writing. This course builds language and literacy proficiency with robust instruction, accessible instructional level text, close reading of grade level text, and multiple short and in-depth integrated reading and writing opportunities.

Pre-requisite(s): Initial identification should be determined by multiple measures (CELDT, CST, SBAC, MYPAS, primary language proficiency, etc.); however, the program placement assessment should be used to determine specific course placement.

Adopted Curricular Materials: Get Ready! by Vista Higher Learning



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EL English Intensive, MS Course II

02703

Department: English

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course provides English Learners with the next level of skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening via a rigorous and rich academic curriculum that continues to move students to grade-level performance. While students who begin in this course have more language proficiency, they need intensive work to build academic vocabulary and language, build fluency with more complex texts, and develop skill in comprehension, literary analysis, and writing. This course builds language and literacy proficiency with robust instruction, accessible instructional level text, close reading of grade level text, and multiple short and in-depth integrated reading and writing opportunities.

Prerequisite: Initial identification should be determined by multiple measures (CELDT, CST, SBAC, MYPAS, primary language proficiency, etc.); however, the program placement assessment should be used to determine specific course placement.

Adopted Curricular Materials: Get Ready! by Vista Higher Learning

EL English Intensive, MS Course III

02704

Department: English

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course provides English Learners with the next level of skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening via a rigorous and rich academic curriculum that continues to move students to grade-level performance. While students who begin in this course have more language proficiency, they need intensive work to build academic vocabulary and language, build fluency with more complex texts, and develop skill in comprehension, literary analysis, and writing. This course builds language and literacy proficiency with robust instruction, accessible instructional level text, close reading of grade level text, and multiple short and in-depth integrated reading and writing opportunities. This course meets CSU and UC a-g requirements if it is the first high school intensive English course taken by a student.

Adopted Curricular Materials: Bridges (A), Vista Higher Learning

EL English Intensive, MS Course IV

02705

Department: English

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course provides English Learners with the next level of skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening via a rigorous and rich academic curriculum that continues to move students to grade-level performance. While students who begin in this course have more language proficiency, they need intensive work to build academic vocabulary and language, build fluency with more complex texts, and develop skill in comprehension, literary analysis, and writing. This course builds language and literacy proficiency with robust instruction, accessible instructional level text, close reading of grade level text, and multiple short and in-depth integrated reading and writing opportunities.

Prerequisite: Initial identification should be determined by multiple measures (CELDT, CST, SBAC, MYPAS, primary language proficiency, etc.); however, the program placement assessment should be used to determine specific course placement.

Adopted Curricular Materials: Bridges (A), Vista Higher Learning

ELA Literacy 7-8

02451

Department: English

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 20.0

This course is an intensive intervention class designed for students who have a multi-year trend of being more than two years below grade level in reading and writing and who have demonstrated eligibility for the course based on targeted assessments. The goal of ELA Literacy is to accelerate student learning for the purpose of being able to exit the course and to be successful with grade-level ELA and literacy standards in all content areas. This class provides students with opportunities to remediate foundational literacy skills via an engaging technology component that addresses a student's individual needs and learning pace. Additionally, whole class and small group instruction are provided in a scaffolded manner anchored in the ELA Common Core State Standards. This course earns English credit.

Pre-requisite(s): Placement by site's intervention team based on identified district data points and assessments

Adopted Curricular Material: Language! Live (California edition), Voyager Sopris Learning, Inc.



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English 7

02400

Department: English

Grade Level: 07

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course is designed to address California's 7th grade Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts. The individual performance standards at these grade levels define competencies for 7th grade and will gauge the degree to which a student has met the overall content standards. Instruction will attend to the skills and concepts necessary for mastery of reading informational and literary text, writing, speaking and listening; and language.

Adopted curricular materials: CA StudySync 7, McGraw-Hill Education

English 7 Honors

02430

Department: English

Grade Level: 07

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course will provide students with a rigorous curriculum that teaches to the same standards as the English 7 course. At the honors level, however, extended learning activities move at an accelerated pace with a more concentrated focus on complex texts.

Adopted curricular materials: CA StudySync 7, McGraw-Hill Education

English 8

02500

Department: English

Grade Level: 08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course is designed to address California's 8th grade Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts. The individual performance standards at these grade levels define competencies for 8th grade and will gauge the degree to which a student has met the overall content standards. Instruction will attend to the skills and concepts necessary for mastery of reading informational and literary text, writing, speaking and listening; and language.

Adopted curricular materials: CA StudySync 8, McGraw-Hill Education and Refugee, Scholastic Inc.

English 8 Honors

02530

Department: English

Grade Level: 08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course provides students with a challenging curriculum that teaches to the same standards as the English 8 course. At the honors level the curriculum moves at an accelerated pace with a more concentrated focus on complex texts.

Adopted curricular materials: CA StudySync 8, McGraw-Hill Education



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Health

Healthy Life Skills 7-8

15050

Department: Health

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 5.0

This course is designed to introduce students to the components of health education and healthy living. The skills learned in this class will be a foundation for future careers in the health sciences and will prepare students for many other life experiences. The following concepts will be explored: Nutrition, Mental health, Physical health/fitness, First aid, Viruses/illness, Disease prevention, Foodborne illness, Drugs and alcohol, Healthy relationships, and Health careers.

Adopted curricular materials: Glencoe Teen Health - Course 2 (California Edition), Glencoe/McGraw-Hill



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History/Social Science

Social Science 7 **01510**

Department: History/Social Science **Grade Level:** 07 **Credits:** 10.0 **Max Credits:** 10.0

This course will introduce students to world cultures and geography. All units will be taught within a structured format to present the essential elements of government, religion, economics, achievements, and geography. Students will examine the social, cultural and technological changes during the period of 500 - 1789 A.D. Thematic units will drive the curriculum and will guide students through the acquisition of the lifelong skills of reading, writing, technology, research, and oral communication. Adopted curricular materials: World History & Geography: Medieval to Early Modern Times, McGraw Hill

Social Science 7 Honors **01520**

Department: History/Social Science **Grade Level:** 07 **Credits:** 10.0 **Max Credits:** 10.0

In this course, students will study the same standards as in the Social Science 7 course. At the honors level, the increased academic rigor of the course is based on additional reading and writing assignments. These extended learning activities will require students to utilize skills in critical analysis, synthesis, evaluation, and problem solving. Honors students must have the motivation to accelerate through standards and handle a more rigorous pace when learning. Adopted curricular materials: World History & Geography: Medieval to Early Modern Times, McGraw Hill

Social Science 8 **01550**

Department: History/Social Science **Grade Level:** 08 **Credits:** 10.0 **Max Credits:** 10.0

In this course students will study United States history from 1600 to 1920, concentrating on the critical events from the framing of the Constitution to World War I. Students will examine the social, cultural, political, and technological changes during this time in American history. The in-depth investigation of historical events and periods, the fostering of multicultural awareness, and the recognition of ethical, civic, and democratic values present in American history represent the major aspects of this course. Adopted curricular materials: United States History & Geography: Growth & Conflict, McGraw Hill

Social Science 8 Honors **01560**

Department: History/Social Science **Grade Level:** 08 **Credits:** 10.0 **Max Credits:** 10.0

In this course students will study the same standards as in the Social Science 8 course; however, at the honors level, the increased academic rigor of the course is based on additional enrichment activities, reading, and writing assignments. The extended learning activities require students to increase their use of critical thinking styles to include analysis, synthesis, evaluation, and problem solving. Honors students must have the motivation to accelerate through standards and handle a more rigorous pace when learning. Adopted curricular materials: United States History & Geography: Growth & Conflict, McGraw Hill

Social Science: US Hist & Geography, Newcomer EL **01565**

Department: History/Social Science **Grade Level:** 07-08 **Credits:** 10.0 **Max Credits:** 10.0

This course is for beginning and emerging English Language Learner students. In this course, students will study United States history from 1600 to 1920, concentrating on the critical events from the framing of the Constitution to World War I. All units will be taught within a highly scaffolded, structured format to present the essential elements of ethical, civic, and democratic values present in American history. This course will address both the California history content standards and framework in addition to the ELD standards. Highly visual thematic units with an emphasis on language and vocabulary will drive the curriculum and will guide students through the acquisition of English language skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Scaffolding should include, but not be limited to, maps, pictures, videos, graphic organizers, and realia at levels appropriate to meet the Newcomer EL student needs.

Co-Requisite(s): EL English Intensive, MS Course I, EL English Intensive, MS Course II, EL English, MS Course III, or EL English Intensive, MS Course IV; OR enrolled in the site's Newcomer Program

Adopted curricular materials: Impact Social Studies: U.S. History & Geography: Growth & Conflict, McGraw-Hill, Copyright 2019



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Social Science: World History, Newcomer EL

01525

Department: History/Social Science

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course will introduce emerging English Language Learner students to world cultures and geography. All units will be taught within a scaffolded, structured format to present the essential elements of government, religion, economics, achievements, and geography. Students will examine the social, cultural, and technological changes during the period of 500-1789 A.D. This course will address both the California history content standards and framework in addition to the ELD Standards. Visual thematic units with an emphasis on language and vocabulary will drive the curriculum and guide students through the acquisition of English language skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Scaffolding should include but not be limited to maps, pictures, videos, graphic organizers, and realia at levels appropriate to meet the Newcomer EL student needs. The content emphasis will be on the World History, and topics may include how regions of the time became more interconnected; how these cultures interacted; the effects of their interactions on agriculture, cities, religion, human populations, and the power of government. In addition, a look at how these changes impacted the environment. Content can also include Rise and Fall of Rome; Medieval Europe; Islamic Civilization; India in the Middle Ages; Imperial China; Korea & Japan; the Americas; African Civilization; and World Religions (1300-1750 A.D.).

Co-Requisite(s): EL English Intensive, MS Course I, EL English Intensive, MS Course II, EL English, MS Course III, or EL English Intensive, MS Course IV; OR enrolled in the site's Newcomer Program

Adopted curricular materials: Impact Social Studies: World History & Geography: Medieval to Early Modern Times, McGraw-Hill, Copyright 2019



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Humanities

Humanities 7

00902

Department: Humanities

Grade Level: 07

Credits: 20.0

Max Credits: 20.0

In this course students will examine world cultures and turning points in history from the end of the Roman Empire through the Middle Ages, up to and including the Renaissance, the Reformation, and the Enlightenment. Grade level English/Language Arts standards (Reading, Writing, Speaking/Listening, and Language) will be integrated with the History/Social Science Content Standards creating a cohesive and seamless Humanities curriculum. Themes in 7th Grade Humanities include world religions, geography, economics, government, and achievements.

Adopted curricular materials: Study Sync (ELA); Medieval to Early Modern Times (History/Social Science)

Humanities 8

00904

Department: Humanities

Grade Level: 08

Credits: 20.0

Max Credits: 20.0

In this course students will examine the development of the United States from the shaping of the American Revolution through the Civil War and Reconstruction. Grade level English/Language Arts standards (Reading, Writing, Speaking/Listening, and Language) will be integrated with the History/Social Science Content Standards, creating a cohesive and seamless humanities curriculum. Students will focus on the understanding of democratic and civic principles, the nation's history and constitutional heritage, and the rights and responsibilities of all citizens.

Adopted curricular materials: Study Sync (ELA); U.S. History, Independence to 1914 (History/Social Science)



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Mathematics

Mathematics 7

03511

Department: Mathematics

Grade Level: 07

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course focuses on four critical areas: (1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships, including percentages; (2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; (3) solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions and working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and (4) drawing inferences about populations based on samples.

Adopted curricular materials: Imagine IM, Grade 7, Imagine Learning and ALEKS

Mathematics 7 Accelerated

03513

Department: Mathematics

Grade Level: 07

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course is an accelerated math course for the student who not only is advanced in the math skills and understanding, but who can move through the math standards at a faster pace. The CA framework suggests this "compacted" pathway in which the standards from grade seven, grade eight, and the Mathematics I course be compressed into an accelerated pathway. Students will complete all 7th grade standards and the first half of the 8th grade standards. This course leads to the completion of high school Mathematics I by the end of 8th grade, but does not skip any grade-level standards along the way.

Adopted curricular materials: Imagine IM Grade 7, Imagine IM Grade 8, ALEKS (digital on-line curriculum)

Mathematics 7 Focus

03523

Department: Mathematics

Grade Level: 07

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course is designed for students at schools with a traditional six-period schedule who require a more supportive learning environment to master not only the Grade 7 math standards but also those from previous grades. In addition to instruction to master previous standards, this course includes the four critical areas of Grade 7 mathematics: (1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships, including percentages; (2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; (3) solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions and working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and (4) drawing inferences about populations based on samples.

Adopted curricular materials: Imagine IM, Grade 7, Imagine Learning or ALEKS (Digital)

Mathematics 8

03514

Department: Mathematics

Grade Level: 08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course focuses on three critical areas: (1) formulating and reasoning about expressions and equations, including modeling an association in bivariate data with a linear equation, and solving linear equations and systems of linear equations; (2) grasping the concept of a function and using functions to describe quantitative relationships; (3) analyzing two- and three-dimensional space and figures using distance, angle, similarity, and congruence and understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem.

Adopted curricular materials: Imagine IM, Grade 8 or ALEKS (digital curriculum)

Mathematics 8 Focus

03524

Department: Mathematics

Grade Level: 08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course is designed for students at schools with a traditional six-period schedule who require a more supportive learning environment to master not only the Grade 8 math standards but also those from previous grades. In addition to instruction to master previous standards, this course includes the three critical areas of Mathematics 8: (1) formulating and reasoning about expressions and equations, including modeling an association in bivariate data with a linear equation, and solving linear equations and systems of linear equations; (2) grasping the concept of a function and using functions to describe quantitative relationships; (3) analyzing two- and three-dimensional space and figures using distance, angle, similarity, and congruence, and understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem.

Adopted curricular materials: Imagine IM, Grade 8 or ALEKS (digital curriculum)



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Mathematics I

03015

Department: Mathematics

Grade Level: 08-12

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics I

UC/CSU: Mathematics I (c)

NCAA: Yes

This course is the first course in a series of three that uses an integrated approach to cover the following domains: Number and Quantity, Algebra, Functions, Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. The problem situations, models, and technology used will foster connections to the eight standards of mathematical practice, which develop concepts from multiple perspectives. Mathematics I topics focus on the interconnectedness of function elements, tables, graphs, and equations; comparison and contrast and decision-making using Algebraic models; proving Geometric theorems about two-dimensional figures; and modeling using mathematical probability. Technology will be used to introduce and expand upon all areas of focus. Pre-requisite for students taking Mathematics I in Grade 8: Mathematics 7 Accelerated with a grade of C or better. Adopted curricular materials: Reveal Math Integrated I, McGraw Hill or ALEKS (digital curriculum)

Newcomer Mathematics 7

03817

Department: Mathematics

Grade Level: 07

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course provides English learners in a Newcomer Program with the foundational algebra and geometry skills needed for success in subsequent middle and high school math courses. Topics include operations with rational numbers, proportional relationships, using equations and inequalities to solve problems, and the basics of geometry related to area, volume, and angles. The course integrates ELD standards-based instruction to include a focus on academic vocabulary, expository writing, and expository reading of mathematics tests. Instructors use a variety of scaffolded instructional techniques focusing on listening, speaking, reading, and writing to address the specific needs of Newcomer English Learners. Adopted Curricular Materials: Imagine IM, Grade 7, Imagine Learning or ALEKS (Digital)

Newcomer Mathematics 8

03818

Department: Mathematics

Grade Level: 08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course provides English learners in a Newcomer Program with the foundational algebra and geometry skills needed for success in high school math courses. Topics include exponents, square and cube roots, proportional relationships, lines, linear equations, and systems of linear equations, constructing and modeling with functions, and applying the Pythagorean Theorem. The course integrates ELD standards-based instruction to include a focus on academic vocabulary, expository writing, and expository reading of mathematics texts. Instructors use a variety of scaffolded instructional techniques focusing on listening, speaking, reading, and writing to address the specific needs of Newcomer English Learners. Adopted Curricular Materials: Imagine IM, Grade 8 or ALEKS (digital curriculum)



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Physical Education

Physical Education 7

08000

Department: Physical Education

Grade Level: 07

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course is the study and practice of the science and art of human movement. Through physical education, individuals demonstrate the knowledge and ability to perform motor skills and movement patterns for everyday life. Students will assess and maintain physical fitness to improve health and performance through vigorous activities while demonstrating knowledge of fitness concepts, principles, and strategies. Students will utilize knowledge of psychological and sociological concepts, principles, and strategies throughout physical activity. The 7th-grade activities and sports may include fitness training, cooperative activities, net games, invasion games, target games, track and field skills, and multi-cultural dance.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

Physical Education 8

08010

Department: Physical Education

Grade Level: 08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course is the study and practice of the science and art of human movement. Through physical education, individuals demonstrate the knowledge and ability to perform motor skills and movement patterns for everyday life. Students will assess and maintain physical fitness to improve health and performance through vigorous activities while demonstrating knowledge of fitness concepts, principles, and strategies. Students will utilize knowledge of psychological and sociological concepts, principles, and strategies throughout physical activity. The 8th-grade activities and sports may include volleyball, flag football, team handball, soccer, basketball, square dance, gymnastics/tumbling, fitness training, cooperative activities, and striking and fielding games.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned



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Science

Life Science, Newcomer EL

04800

Department: Science

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course will introduce newcomer English language learners to the science and engineering practices through exploration of phenomena, hands-on laboratory activities, problem-solving situations, open-ended investigations, and cooperative/collaborative work. Life Science EL will address both the California science content standards and the ELD standards. Students will develop their language skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking through learning the content scaffolded to meet their needs. The emphasis will be on the life sciences, and topics may include: structures and processes, ecosystems, heredity, and biological evolution. A unit on comprehensive sexual health is also included as part of the curriculum.

Adopted curricular materials: STEMscopes CA-NGSS-3D, Grade 7 Life Science

Physical Science, Newcomer EL

04801

Department: Science

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course will help newcomer English language learners build on science and engineering practices explored in earlier grades. Physical Science EL will address both the California science content standards and the ELD standards. Students will continue development of their language skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking through exploration of phenomena, hands-on laboratory activities, problem-solving situations, open-ended investigations, and cooperative/collaborative work. The content will be scaffolded to meet their needs. The emphasis will be on the physical sciences, and topics may include: matter and its interactions, motion and stability, energy, and waves and their applications.

Adopted Curricular materials: STEMscopes CA-NGSS-3D, Grade 8 Physical Science

Science 7

04010

Department: Science

Grade Level: 07

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course engages students in science and engineering practices through exploration of phenomena, hands-on laboratory activities, problem-solving situations, open-ended investigations, and cooperative/collaborative work. The course emphasis is on the life sciences, and topics may include structures and processes, ecosystems, heredity, and biological evolution. A unit on comprehensive sexual health is also included as part of the curriculum.

Adopted curricular materials: STEMscopes CA-NGSS-3D, Grade 7 Life Science

Science 8

04020

Department: Science

Grade Level: 08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course builds on the science and engineering practices explored in earlier grades. The course emphasis is on the physical sciences, and topics may include matter and its interactions, motion and stability, energy, and waves and their applications.

Adopted curricular materials: STEMscopes CA-NGSS-3D, Grade 8 Physical Science



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Visual/Performing Arts

Art I 06516

Department: Visual/Performing Arts **Grade Level:** 07-08 **Credits:** 5.0 **Max Credits:** 10.0

This course introduces students to the basic elements and principles of art. The students will experience many of the following two-dimensional media and techniques: paint (watercolor, tempera, and acrylic), oil and chalk pastels, pen and ink, linoleum printing, silk screening, cartooning, and calligraphy. Students will create three-dimensional projects using some of the following materials: clay, paper, wood, leather, glass, enamel, plastic, and metal.

Adopted curricular materials: Exploring Visual Design, Davis Publishing

Art II 06517

Department: Visual/Performing Arts **Grade Level:** 08 **Credits:** 10.0 **Max Credits:** 10.0

This course exposes students to art through hands-on creation using a variety of media and artistic techniques. Graphite pencil, charcoal pencil, watercolors and tempera paint are just a few of the art media that will be explored. The Elements of Art and Principles of Design will be examined through discussion, activities, and the exploration of historical works. The class will consist of projects, warm-ups, technical exercises, critiques and final exams.

Adopted curricular material: No textbook assigned

Band I 06531

Department: Visual/Performing Arts **Grade Level:** 07-08 **Credits:** 10.0 **Max Credits:** 10.0

In this course, students will learn to play a musical instrument. The student is able to choose which instrument he or she will play. Students also learn necessary musical concepts in order to graduate to Band II and/or Jazz Band I. Some school instruments are available for check out to students free of charge.

Adopted curricular materials: Tradition of Excellence: Comprehensive Band Method, Book 1, Kjos Music Press for Band

Band II 06532

Department: Visual/Performing Arts **Grade Level:** 07-08 **Credits:** 10.0 **Max Credits:** 10.0

This course is designed for seventh and eighth grade students with at least one full year of band experience. This class is designed for the serious music student who wants to learn the fundamentals of playing an instrument and interested in developing good musicianship skills. Practice at home and attendance at concerts are required. Note: Parent participation to provide transportation for field trips and to competitions is highly encouraged. Enrollment by teacher request.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned.

Guitar I 06704

Department: Visual/Performing Arts **Grade Level:** 07-08 **Credits:** 5.0 **Max Credits:** 10.0

This course introduces the fundamentals of beginning guitar, including correct posture, hand position, note reading, time signatures, basic chords, intervals, scales and music terminology. Students will have the opportunity to learn basic guitar playing skills.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

Music I 06587

Department: Visual/Performing Arts **Grade Level:** 07-08 **Credits:** 5.0 **Max Credits:** 10.0

This course is designed to provide familiarity with musical concepts, history, and performance. Each unit will target a specific area of musical knowledge with a combination of study, collaborative activities, and hands-on exercises. Units of study include: the families of instruments (including the countries of origin and the traditional uses of the instruments), styles of music from different time periods and cultures, such as: Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, 20th Century Jazz and Rock and contemporary forms. Students will learn to read music by playing percussion instruments and singing in two and three part arrangements.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned



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Video Production I

06591

Department: Visual/Performing Arts

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course is an introductory course where students will learn the basic rules for video composition, script writing, storyboarding, lighting, audio, using a digital video camera, and computer editing to create video projects. Student projects may include commercials, public service announcements, interviews, "how-to" videos, news reports and other creative videos.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned

Video Production II

06592

Department: Visual/Performing Arts

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 5.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This course builds upon skills taught in Video Production I. Students will use more advanced video equipment and learn advanced editing skills. The emphasis of this course is on the planning and production of a variety of projects that will further develop independent skills and team roles in all areas of digital video production. Projects will involve pre-production and post-production stages with the goal of producing work that can be entered in regional teen filmmaking competitions.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned



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World Language

Spanish I

05010

Department: World Language

Grade Level: 07-12

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

Graduation Requirement: World Language I

UC/CSU: World Language I (e)

NCAA: Yes

This high school level college preparatory course focuses on communication in Spanish by speaking, reading, writing, and understanding written and spoken Spanish. Students will study the countries and cultures where Spanish is spoken and will make comparisons and connections with their own language and culture. This class will be conducted mostly in Spanish. This course is for students who can devote the time necessary to learn a world language. Students who take this course will be encouraged to take Spanish for at least four years.

Adopted curricular materials: EntreCulturas 1 Español; Copyright 2017, Wayside Publishing

World Language Studies

07783

Department: World Language

Grade Level: 07-08

Credits: 10.0

Max Credits: 10.0

This is an introductory course to the language and the culture of its speakers. The purpose of this course is to facilitate the practical application of the language in everyday oral and written communication. The focus of this course will be on basic communication skills in Spanish, French and/or German.

Adopted curricular materials: No textbook assigned