



SEVENTH GRADE ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Chorus

Students who are members of the Vineyard Chorus will be singing in performances including two concerts a year. Chorus members will learn how to sing, how to breathe when singing, how to read music, and how to perform. There are also opportunities to showcase solo performers. Chorus is great fun and provides an opportunity for students to explore their creativity.

Band

Students involved in the Vineyard Junior High Band focus on learning and performing concert band music related to their chosen instrument. Instruments taught include flutes, oboes, clarinets, saxophones, trombones, trumpets, baritones, French horns, tubas, keyboards, violin, viola, cello, bass, bells and percussion. Students' responsibilities are to participate in band activities which include concerts, class participation, and individual practice. Students who would like to begin an instrument may join band class. Instruments can be rented from local music stores (there are some instruments available for students to use from school). The band at Vineyard Junior High School has a tradition of excellence and is a lot of fun!

Exploratory Wheel – Students will explore a different subject area each trimester. Below is an example of our 2020-2021 wheel classes. The 2021-2022 wheel classes are **subject to change**.

- **Art 7** – Art 7 class introduces students to the basic elements of art. Students will develop their creativity through a variety of media. Units will include collage, ceramic (clay) and street art. Artistic accomplishments will be presented.
- **S.T.E.M. 7** – This class combines **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math** as students design, diagram and build projects in an introduction to engineering class.
- **That's Life** – This is a comprehensive health and life course covering mental, physical and social-emotional health as well as hygiene, manners, goal setting, bullying/self-esteem and much more. It is a course geared towards developing adolescents into confident, healthy and prepared citizens for all that this life offers!

Intro to Spanish – Students must meet grade requirements.

Intro to Spanish is designed to give an introduction to the Spanish Language through reading, writing, speaking and listening. Students should anticipate some homework in this elective. Students who take Intro to Spanish may be eligible to take Spanish I in 8th grade (**depending on available space**).