



Winship Middle School

Elective Course Descriptions

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Art - Students will learn all types of art; drawing, painting, sculpture and pottery! Everyone can do art and express their creative side. This class will give you the confidence and skills that you can take with you to high school and beyond!

Digital Media - Explore the digital arts and get hands-on experience with graphic design, animation, Photoshop, video production, audio production and more! Build your digital literacy, creativity, and problem-solving skills in this collaborative and fast-paced course.

Technology - Learn all about the exciting technology that powers computers, the internet, photography, video and more! Work with your class to create our school's yearbook, along with websites and even program your own robot!

Music Production - This course offers students the opportunity to create their own professional sounding music for the project of their choice - whether it be music for a game they have written, a video that needs scoring, sound effects or any other music recording project. Students are introduced to recording and editing techniques, as well as basic digital audio techniques. Using these various techniques, students are free to explore their own personal area of musical interest in a project-based environment.

Band - We offer woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. Students have opportunities to perform at games, in the community, for festivals, concerts, parades and competitions. Students get to make music everyday and accept the challenge of strong musicianship.

Chorus - Chorus students perform in the community, for festivals, concerts and competitions. Students get to make music everyday in a variety of styles, including contemporary, jazz, and multicultural.

Adv. Orchestra - Orchestra is a continuation of the elementary school program and gives students the opportunity to learn and understand musical notes, symbols, and terms as well as a chance to develop greater proficiency on their musical instrument. While students of all levels are welcome, previous instrumental experience is strongly recommended and daily home practice will be required. Students with no prior string experience may email the middle school orchestra teacher to discuss class expectations.

AVID (application and teacher recommendation required) - In the AVID elective students are introduced to skills and concepts necessary to be a successful student. The three main components of the program are academic instruction, tutorial support, and motivational activities. The goal of AVID is to educate the “whole student.” Note taking, outlining, writing, speaking, reading, test-taking strategies, and self-awareness are stressed. AVID’s mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

Student Leadership (application required) - This course enables a student to work and understand the importance of effective leadership, working toward an assigned task, building self-esteem, and learning how to work in a team environment.

Spanish - This course teaches basic language patterns and vocabulary while also infusing cultural education and understanding. It includes the practice and learning of written and conversational spanish, with the emphasis on preparing students for high school language courses.

Fitness and Skills for the Athlete - In this elective, students will have the opportunity to create both a fitness and skill enhancing program that matches their individual needs. No matter what sport students participate in, whether it is for Winship or elsewhere, students will research specific training techniques, drills, and important fitness concepts that will be used to improve their own performance. Students will set goals, participate in fitness testing, and continuously strive to improve their performance.

Broadcast Media/Film - The production of a weekly news show is the focus of this course. Students will have the opportunity to develop writing, speaking, and production skills. Students will learn to operate sound and video systems. Students will learn how to use digital and video equipment along with photo and video editing tools. Students will produce short movies/commercials using a variety of hardware and software tools. Students will research and create multimedia projects for a variety of purposes, including animation, news reporting, marketing and entertainment. Students may be asked to video various after school productions/activities. Class size is limited.

Drama/Theatre - This class is for the student who is interested in exploring theatre arts. This is a “hands-on” approach to learn about the different aspects of theatre. Students will learn about acting, directing, scene design, costumes, and stage makeup. The class includes team building games and performance opportunities.

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Winship Middle School Elective Course Selection

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| Student Name: | Current School: |
| Parent/Guardian Name: | Contact Number: |

ACADEMICS

As an AVID school, our rigorous academic program is focused on Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading (WICOR) in conjunction with the California Common Core State Standards. Core academic courses include Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science.

Winship Electives:

Please rank your top 3 elective choices with with a #1, #2 and #3. See attached course descriptions for further explanation of each course. ***Elective class offerings are subject to change based on student interest and the availability of qualified personnel.***

- ___ Art
- ___ Digital Media
- ___ Technology
- ___ Music Production
- ___ Drama/Theatre
- ___ Choir
- ___ Advanced Orchestra
- ___ Band
- ___ Fitness and Skills for the Athlete
- ___ Broadcast Media/Film
- ___ AVID (application required and can be requested from Winship Office)
- ___ Student Leadership (application required and can be requested from Winship Office)
- ___ Spanish

- I would like Zero Period PE - Zero Period PE starts at 7:40am and district transportation is not available. Zero Period PE may enable students to take two elective classes.
- My student would do well in a fast paced math course.

To assist in scheduling, please return this form to Winship Middle School as soon as possible.

Does your student participate in any of the following programs?

- ___ English Learner ___ Indian ED ___ Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
___ 504 Plan ___ GATE ___ Other:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____