

Landstuhl Middle School

Elective Course Descriptions -- 7th and 8th Grade

Following are general explanations for some of the elective courses that may be offered at Landstuhl Middle School. These are brief descriptions, and are not meant to encompass all courses that may be offered, or all the subject matter or activities that may be included in each course. All of the following courses may not always be offered during a given semester or year. Specific course offerings will depend on staffing, scheduling, facilities, etc. Please refer to the course request form for a complete listing of current elective course offerings.

BAND – The instrumental music program is divided into three levels of playing; **Beginning, Intermediate,** and **Advanced Band**. Includes instruction in reading music, playing technique, music theory, and large ensemble performance. Full year.

Second Language Instruction - German, French, and Spanish are offered for 7th and 8th graders at levels I and II. Includes instruction in grammar, vocabulary, sentence structure, literature, and cultural aspects of the language. Speaking, reading, and writing are stressed. For high school credit. Full year.

Exploring Foreign Language - An exploratory course giving students a brief introduction to conversational French, Italian, and Spanish. Not for high school credit. One semester.

Math 4 Fun! - A course designed for those students who love Math and would enjoy the fun, challenge, and excitement of higher level mathematics. Follows the MathCounts curriculum. One semester.

Humanities - A survey course which includes insight into some of the fascinating cultures of the world and their art, philosophy, literature, theater, cuisine, and customs, and a look at “Why we are who we are and how we got that way.” One semester.

Drama - A class that explores the elements of drama production, including acting techniques, characterization, costuming, make-up, scenery design, and production. Culminates with the presentation of skits and a class play. One semester.

Art - Gives students a wide range of experience in drawing, painting, sculpture, and other dimensional art. Emphasizes perspective, technique, and style, and covers some important aspects of art history. One semester.

Literature Enrichment - An exciting look at a variety of different types of literature. Includes reading for pleasure, assigned reading, discussion about what students have read, and journal writing. Also may include a section on **Creative Writing**. One semester.

Outdoor Education - A course designed to emphasize the enjoyment of the natural world, as well as building self-confidence and leadership skills. Includes rock climbing, hiking, and other outdoor activities. Might involve some Saturday time for hiking in the area. One semester.

7th Grade Wheel - The Wheel will include four courses, one for each 9 week quarter. Courses may include Phys. Ed. 7, Health 7, Creative Thinking, and Intercultural Literature. All 7th graders take the wheel. Full year.

8th Grade Wheel - The Wheel will include four courses, one for each 9 week quarter. Courses may include Phys. Ed. 8, Health 8, Creative Writing, and Pathways to Careers. All 8th graders take the wheel. Full year.