

## 7th Grade Sequoyah Middle School Year Long Electives

### BAND

*\*Students must have taken Band as a 6th grader.*

*\*A Sequoyah Band uniform is required*

7th grade band combines instruments into the 3 instrument families—Woodwinds, Brass and Percussion. Students will continue to progress from their beginning band year as they prepare and perform various styles of music at concerts and festivals throughout the year. Students have the opportunity to perform solos and small ensembles at contest, as well as travel out of Edmond to a band festival in the spring. Emphasis will be placed on furthering technique and enhancing musicianship.

### ORCHESTRA

*\*Students must have taken Orchestra as a 6th grader.*

*\*A Sequoyah Orchestra uniform is required*

Students will participate in contests, festivals and concerts as an orchestra group member. They will also have the opportunity to perform solos and small ensembles in a contest situation. Contest orchestra will be composed of those students who perform with the musicianship and have the discipline required to represent their school in a competitive situation.

### PHYSICAL ED

*\*Tennis shoes are required.*

The P.E. class is co-educational with an emphasis on team and lifetime activities and noncompetitive, organized games. Units of study include kickball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, cageball, ultimate football, speedball and badminton. There will be quizzes over weekly lessons in addition to written unit tests at the end of each unit.

### VOCAL MUSIC

*\*A Sequoyah choral uniform is required.*

The overall goals are to expand and refine musical skills, while developing quality in performance. Emphasis is placed on sight-reading literacy and two and three-part harmony. Each class will have exposure to all music styles and periods. The choir performs in the OSSAA District choir and ensemble contests. Additional opportunities are afforded by optional solo preparation and performance at District Contest, auditioning for Junior High All-State Choir and COCDA Honor Choir. At least four performances are scheduled during the year.



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### AROUND THE WORLD

Are you curious about the way other people around the globe live? Why do people act the way they do? Around the World is a class that allows students to gain a global perspective of why cultures are unique by exploring current events, art, holidays and religions. This is a fun opportunity to get better connected to the world!

### ART EXPRESSION

*\*\$10 Art fee for supplies*

The Art Expression curriculum provides the student with the opportunity to work with and learn about ceramics, silkscreen printing, leatherwork, weaving, drawing and painting. The principles and elements of design, creativity and craftsmanship will be emphasized.

### COUGAR STUDIO

*\*\$10 Art fee for supplies*

Cougar Studio is designed to expand students' imagination and to develop their confidence in their abilities as artists. Students will learn to identify and use the elements and principles of design to creatively express themselves through their original works of art. They will explore various art media, tools, and techniques in studio activities such as drawing, painting, graphic design, clay and paper mache. In addition, students will study the lives of famous artists and learn to critique paintings.

### DRAMA

In this class, students will learn how to prepare and present a variety of material for performances such as monologues, duets, skits, speeches, and possibly a one act play. They will participate in improvisation activities and acting games that promote characterization, concentration, and creativity. Students will learn effective strategies for both verbal and non-verbal communication that will enhance overall social/self-awareness. They may also learn about the technical side of theater and participate as a crew member in the area of costuming, lighting or sound.

### ENRICHMENT

*\*Students must meet district criteria requirements to qualify for this class.*

Students describe this class as interesting, challenging, creative, informative, and FUN! We brainstorm and create (in class) projects that may include TV commercials, theme park design, tropical island or arctic survival, new animal creation, hot air balloons, drama, ACT preparation, Explore, mythology and other areas of individual interest. Through hands-on activities, students develop skills in problem solving, various types of thinking, creativity, inquiry, leadership and communication. A frequently heard question is "what if?" as we expand our imaginations as well as knowledge.



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## FOCUS

Students are automatically enrolled in FOCUS in place of an elective if they score less than satisfactory on the previous year's OCCT in Math or Reading

## FACS: Tween Life

This course is designed to assist students in developing essential skills for healthy growth and problem solving abilities. The course offers students the opportunity to explore learning through hands on activities in the areas of relationships, physical development, money management, child care, sustainability, and career exploration. The skills gained at this early age will assist in creating a work and family life balance in the future. Student leadership through Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is an integral part of this course.

## GATEWAY TO TECHNOLOGY

Designed to engage students in learning how to use engineering skills and concepts to solve everyday problems. Through hands-on and problem-based learning projects, students will use scientific principles and math concepts to solve real-world problems. Students will focus their active learning to help strengthen S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) inquiry skills.

## I TEACH

Students will examine the world of education while learning by serving. As they serve in placement sites around the school and help in the community, students will gain an understanding of what it takes to make a school day run smoothly. They will examine educational trends by reading various articles and journals. They will discover various types of learning and how disabilities can affect the process. They will understand the multitude of careers offered in education. They will learn to serve and serve to learn!

## MULTIMEDIA

This class will focus upon a broad range of computer applications and experiences for the student. The dynamic nature of the computers will allow students to pursue a level of work based on their knowledge and experience. With the exposure to the wide variety of computer applications and projects, this class will develop in students a foundation of experience that will be built upon throughout their educational career.

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Newspaper

This class involves creating the school's newspaper. Students will learn interviewing techniques that they will practice monthly. They will then write and edit articles for our monthly newspaper, The Sequoyah Times. Team building activities will help them work together as one staff. Students who love to write and see their work published will enjoy this class.

## TECHNOLOGY LITERACY

*\*This is a REQUIRED course to be completed before going to high school.*

Students will learn the basic technology skills that will be necessary for high school and will meet the Federal mandate in No Child Left Behind. Keyboarding will be taught in addition to basic skills of word processing, creating presentations, spreadsheets, and databases. These skills will be developed using a project-based approach. An understanding of some computer history, digital media and research techniques will also be developed.

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