



Creighton Middle School

2024-25

Electives Information Guide

Academic, Continued

This guide contains information about the elective offerings at Creighton Middle School for the 24-25 school year. For each course, the first line contains the number of units in a student schedule, the grade levels the class is available for, and the course fee. Students need to choose 4 TOTAL units of elective programming for the 24-25 school year (2 periods of electives x 2 semesters). While we intend to offer the classes in this guide, they are subject to change based on available staff and funding for elective positions.

Art

Creative Art – Drawing **6/7/8 Grade** **Semester (1 Unit)** **Fee \$25**

In the tradition of strictly two-dimensional work, students will work with several different media, such as pen-and-ink, graphite pencil, charcoal, chalk, and more. Students will learn how to draw human portraits, animals, objects, and more with greater realism, and will enhance drawings by learning to shade.

Creative Art - Sculpture **6/7/8 Grade** **Semester (1 Unit)** **Fee \$25**

Students will focus on creating three-dimensional art forms. Students will work with a variety of different media, including ceramics, wood, metals, textiles, and more. This course will also provide exploration of career opportunities in the art world and include the study of significant artists, movements, and styles.

Visual Arts Level 2 **7/8th Grade** **Semester (1 Unit)** **Fee \$25**

Visual Arts Level 2 provides students with the opportunity to build knowledge and explore different forms of art. Students will work with a variety of media to create their own projects and explore their artistic interests. Successful completion of either Creative Art class is a prerequisite for this course.

Academic

Creative Writing **6/7/8 Grade** **Semester (1 Unit)** **No Fee**

This course offers students the opportunity to develop and improve their technique and individual style in poetry, short story, drama, essays, and prose. The emphasis of the courses is on writing; however, students may study exemplary representations to obtain a fuller appreciation of the craft.

Science Exploration **6/7/8 Grade** **Semester (1 Unit)** **Fee \$25**

Students will engage in hands-on, inquiry-based experiments and design their own labs to investigate the scientific method. This course will also include a study of current scientific research happening in Colorado and around the world. Students will be introduced to different careers in the sciences and the requirements that are needed to obtain those careers.

Literature and Film **6/7/8 Grade** **Semester (1 Unit)** **No Fee**

This course provides students an opportunity to examine films with books as their source. Students will read a variety of texts, including short stories and novels, then analyze the film versions of them. Discussions will center around cinematography, theme, the use of music, character development, and the importance of setting and mood.



Media

Publication Production: Yearbook **7/8 Grade** **Semester (1 Unit)** **No Fee**

This course provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to produce the school yearbook. Students will learn interviewing skills, photography, caption writing, graphic design, and how to stick to deadlines. Additionally, the class will explore and produce other forms of print and online publications, including newspapers, literary magazines, and/or websites.

Current Events **6/7/8 Grade** **Semester (1 Unit)** **No Fee**

Current Events is designed to provide students with the opportunity to discuss, understand, and explore local, national, international, political, economic and social issues in a respectful, meaningful, and active way. Throughout the term, students will stay up to date on current issues and trends.

Intro to Audio/Visual Production **6/7/8 Grade** **Semester (1 Unit)** **Fee \$25**

Intro to Audio/Visual Production begins to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary for creating content they may find online, in television and films, and in radio and podcast formats. Students will learn scriptwriting, pre-production, camera operation, use of graphics and other visuals, lighting, audio techniques, editing, and production principles. Students are required to produce their own creative content in a team setting. Collaboration, career exploration and leadership development will be emphasized throughout the course.

Human Interest

Peer Mentor (at Creighton)	7/8 Grade	Semester (1 Unit)	No Fee
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Students have the opportunity to be a peer mentor in Creighton's SSN classrooms, as well as in academic and elective classes. If you are flexible, positive, optimistic, and have a strong interest in helping others, consider this course! Good listening and communication skills as well as consistent attendance are a must.

Mentorship (at Fletcher Miller)	8th Grade	Semester (1 Unit)	No Fee
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Creighton students walk to Fletcher Miller School to work with students who have profound disabilities. Enrollees must be able to work as part of a team, be dependable, and make a commitment to helping others. Good listening, communication skills, and attendance are a must! Teacher recommendation is required. Class size is limited. Must complete application to be considered.

Teacher/Office Assistant	7/8 Grade	Semester (1 Unit)	No Fee
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Responsible, self-directed students with good attendance work with staff members in the classroom or main office, helping with various daily tasks. Office assistants are for 8th grade students only. Must complete application to be considered.

Physical Education

Physical Education	6/7/8 Grade	Semester (1 Unit)	Fee \$10 - (T-shirt)
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Using a running and lifetime fitness program as a basis, students will participate in activities, including soccer, softball, track, field, volleyball, basketball, badminton, flag football, an introduction to weights, team handball, and other recreational games. Students are tested on their fitness levels in the areas of strength, speed, flexibility, power, endurance, and agility. Skills tests may be given in each activity. Students are expected to consistently put forth the effort to improve their skill/ability and maintain or achieve a high level of fitness.

Unified PE	7/8th Grade	Semester (1 Unit)	Fee \$10 - (T-shirt)
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Unified Physical Education is designed for students who have a firm grasp on basic sports skills and are interested in developing leadership skills while working with students with special needs. All students will participate in various individual and team sports while learning about themselves and others as they work towards the Colorado Academic Health and Physical Education Standards. Students enrolled in the Unified PE serve as mentors to students with intellectual and/or physical disabilities. As mentors, they will set an example of what it means to be a teammate and help the athletes develop skills in various sports throughout the year to prepare them for the monthly JEFFCO Adapted Athletic competitions.

Weight Lifting	7/8th Grade	Semester (1 Unit)	Fee \$10 - (T-shirt)
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Weight Training develops knowledge and skills with free weights and universal stations while emphasizing safety and proper body positioning; they may include other components such as anatomy and conditioning. *NOTE: Successful completion of another PE class is a prerequisite to this course.*

Career and Technical

Family and Consumer Science 1	6/7/8 Grade	Semester (1 Unit)	Fee \$25
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Family and Consumer Science 1 is a study of knowledge and skills needed for the efficient management of the home. Course topics typically include foods and nutrition, clothing, child development and care, housing design, decoration, home maintenance, consumer decisions, personal financial management, and interpersonal relationships.

Family and Consumer Science 2	7/8 Grade	Semester (1 Unit)	Fee \$25
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This course provides students with an opportunity to hone in on skills learned in FACS 1 with more of a challenge. Students will learn to sew on a machine and continue to practice their cooking skills with more advanced recipes. This course will also expose students to basic economic concepts and money management skills that are necessary for success in life. This course exposes students to opportunities related to the Hospitality and Tourism career cluster. *NOTE: Successful completion of FACS 1 is a prerequisite to this course.*

Intro to Skilled Trades	6/7/8 Grade	Semester (1 Unit)	Fee \$25
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Intro to Skilled Trades exposes students to the tools and machines that they may encounter in manufacturing-related occupations. This course enables students to develop the skills they need to use these tools in various applications. Course topics typically include drawing and planning, electricity, graphic arts, woodwork, and power technology. General safety and career exploration are included in the curriculum.

Skilled Trades Intermediate	7/8th Grade	Semester (1 Unit)	Fee \$25
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This course exposes students to the tools and machines that they may encounter in manufacturing-related occupations and develops the skills to use these tools in various applications. Course topics typically include drawing and planning, electricity, graphic arts, woodwork, and power technology. These courses build upon the skills taught in Intro to Skilled Trades and cover general safety, leadership, and career exploration. *NOTE: Successful completion of Intro to Skilled Trades is a prerequisite to this course.*

STEM Exploration 1	6/7/8 Grade	Semester (1 Unit)	Fee \$25
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STEM Exploration 1 introduces students to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) pathways. Students will explore a wide variety of STEM-related topics, including computer science, technical design, and engineering through fun hands-on challenges designed to test student's creativity. Career exploration and leadership development will be emphasized throughout the course.

STEM Exploration 2	7/8 Grade	Semester (1 Unit)	Fee \$25
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STEM Exploration 2 allows students to further explore STEM pathways. Students will apply STEM skills as they further their knowledge with challenging hands-on projects designed to engage them in computer science, technical design, and engineering. Career exploration and leadership development will be emphasized throughout the course. *NOTE: Successful completion of STEM 1 is a prerequisite to this course.*

Exploring Computer Science 1	6/7/8 Grade	Semester (1 Unit)	Fee \$25
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Exploring Computer Science 1 is an introductory computer science course that engages with computer science as a medium for creativity, communication, problem-solving, and fun. The course takes a wide lens on computer science by covering topics such as programming, physical computing, HTML/CSS, and data. The course inspires students as they build their own websites, apps, games, and physical computing devices. Students will also program with Sphero robots and Microbits.

Exploring Computer Science 2	7/8th Grade	Semester (1 Unit)	Fee \$25
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In this course, students complete projects and solve problems in web design, game programming, 3D modeling, photo manipulation, audio production in addition to programming and flying drones. Using the App Lab and Circuit Playground, students will participate in an innovative design challenge. Students will also learn about professional practices and explore college and career paths in these areas, which includes class visits from current professionals. This course includes the creation of a student portfolio of digital work, showing their creativity and problem-solving skills. *NOTE: Successful completion of Exploring Computer Science 1 is a prerequisite to this course.*



Performing Arts

Concert Band 1	6th Grade	Full Year (2 Units)	Fee \$25**
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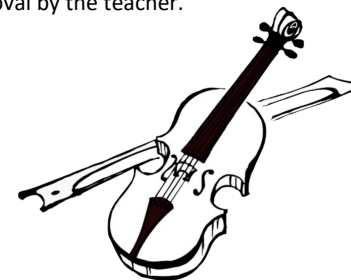
This course is available for students in any grade who have one year of playing experience. If you played for one year in elementary school, this class is for you! This is a year-long course, focusing on developing fundamental techniques and ensemble skills for the second year player. Elementary Band experience or teacher approval is the prerequisite for this class.

Concert Band 2	7th Grade	Full Year(2 Units)	Fee \$25**
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This course is designed for students who are third year players. Students who have completed two years of elementary band or Concert Band 1 should sign up for this class. We will focus on individual techniques on brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments, as well as ensemble concepts. Two years of playing experience or teacher approval is required.

Symphonic Band	8th Grade	Full Year (2 Units)	Fee \$25**
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This course is designed for students who are fourth year players. Students who have completed all Concert Band courses should sign up for this class. We will focus on advanced individual techniques on brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments, and explore challenging literature. Three years of playing experience or teacher approval is required, however students in 7th grade may register for this course after completing an audition and approval by the teacher.



Orchestra 1	6 Grade	Full Year (2 Units)	Fee \$25**
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Orchestra courses are designed to develop students' abilities to play string instruments, covering a variety of string and orchestral literature styles. Elementary orchestra experience preferred or by teacher approval.

Orchestra 2	7th Grade	Full Year (2 Units)	Fee \$25**
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Orchestra courses are designed to develop students' abilities to play string instruments, covering a variety of string and orchestral literature styles. Two years of orchestra experience or teacher approval is the prerequisite for this orchestra.

Symphonic Orchestra	8th Grade	Full Year (2 Units)	Fee \$25**
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This orchestra will be focusing on advanced fundamentals. Orchestra courses are designed to develop students' abilities to play string instruments, covering a variety of string and orchestral literature styles. Orchestra 2 or teacher approval is the prerequisite for this orchestra, however Students in 7th grade may register for this course after completing an audition and approval by the teacher.

Choir	6/7/8 Grade	Full Year (2 Units)	Fee \$25**
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Choir courses provide the opportunity to sing a variety of choral literature styles for mixed voices. Students will develop vocal techniques and the ability to sing parts. No previous musical training is required.

Theater Arts	6/7/8 Grade	Semester (1 Unit)	Fee \$25
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Theatre Arts courses focus on the study and performance of drama, including musical theatre. Students will work collaboratively and perform what they have learned in a final performance at the end of the semester.

****Fee includes concert shirt. Additional fees for music classes may be incurred depending on the instrument your student plays. Please contact the instructor for more information.**

World Languages

Spanish 101 **6/7th Grade** **Full Year (2 Units)** **No Fee**

Designed to introduce students to Spanish language and culture, Spanish 101 courses emphasize basic grammar and syntax, simple vocabulary, and the spoken accent. Students will learn how to read, write, speak, and understand the language at a basic level within predictable areas of need. Spanish culture is explored through the art, literature, customs, and history of Spanish-speaking people. This is a slower paced course: one semester spread out over one year. Students in this course should reach a novice-low to novice-mid proficiency level.

Spanish 102** **7/8th Grade** **Full Year (2 Units)** **No Fee**

This is the second level of Spanish, following Spanish 101. The course is designed to introduce students to Spanish language and culture. Spanish 102 continues the student's study of grammar, syntax, vocabulary, and accent. Spanish culture is explored through the art, literature, customs, and history of Spanish-speaking people. Students completing this course should reach novice-mid proficiency as a minimum. Successful completion of Spanish 101 is the prerequisite for this course.

Spanish II** **8th Grade** **Full Year (2 Units)** **No Fee**

Spanish II builds upon skills developed in Spanish I, extending students' ability to understand and express themselves in Spanish. Students will learn how to engage in discourse for informative and social purposes, write passages that show understanding of sentence construction, and comprehend the language when spoken slowly. Students will explore the customs, history, and art forms of Spanish-speaking people to deepen their understanding of the cultures. Students completing this course should reach a novice-mid to novice-high proficiency level. Successful completion of Spanish 102 is required to be in this course.



Course Planner

Name: _____ Grade for next year: _____

Courses I want to take: (remember, some are 2 units—write those in 2 of the boxes below).

All boxes must be filled to have a complete schedule. Please pick 2 alternates in case the course you want is full or there is a conflict.

Unit 1:	
Unit 2:	
Unit 3:	
Unit 4:	
Alternate 1:	
Alternate 2:	

*If you have questions about our course offerings, please contact
our Counseling Office at 303-982-6282*

*High School Credit Options:

Students have the opportunity to take advanced Mathematics and World Languages coursework at Creighton MS. These courses follow the same Colorado Academic Standards and curriculum as the courses offered at the high school level and are one of the ways we provide accelerated and challenging coursework to our students. Successful completion of any of the eligible courses listed below will automatically award the student high school credit. This means that the course name and letter grade will appear on the student's high school transcript. The grade will not be calculated into the student's high school GPA.

Which courses are eligible?

- **Mathematics:** Algebra 1, Geometry or higher. All students graduating from Jeffco Public High Schools are required to complete 3 years of Mathematics, in addition to an additional demonstration of readiness. For more information, please visit the Jeffco Graduation Requirements website.
- **World Languages:** Any course Level 1 or above, or a 101/102 combination.