CMS

7th/8th Grade Elective Course Descriptions (all courses are year-long)

Course Title	Description	Prerequisite
Advanced Art	A comprehensive experience in 2D and 3D art utilizing the Elements of Art and Principles of Design. Students will develop observational skills, enhance ability to see and draw in detail, and create compositions using a variety of mediums. Students will explore the National Visual Arts Standards: Presenting - sharing their artistic work, Responding - understanding and evaluating how art conveys meaning, and Connecting -relating artistic ideas and works with personal, cultural and historical context to deepen understanding.	Application, portfolio, interview (submit app to Ms. Walmsley, room 225)
Advanced Band	Advanced Band is offered to students in grades 6-8. Students should have at least one year of lessons or experience playing their instrument. The instrument families being taught are: woodwind, brass, and some percussion. Band will provide students the opportunity to learn note reading, rhythms, music theory, and proper care/handling of their instrument. They will also be able to perform in front of an audience with confidence and pride. Some performances will take place outside of school day.	Teacher approval required - possible audition with Mr. Heinecke
Advanced Performing Arts	APA is a study of the three performing art areas: theatre, music, and dance. Students will take part in various musical and dramatic performances and competitions. They will participate in evening showcases, go on field trips, and produce and perform the annual spring musical. Rehearsals and performances will, at times, take place outside of regular school hours.	Application, audition (submit app to Ms. Kullmann, room GH)
ASB - Associated Student Body	The ASB offers students an opportunity to be leaders and role models for Coronado Middle School. ASB focuses on supporting our entire student body and staff. ASB plans school dances, the talent show, tournaments, and fun Fridays. ASB looks for students who are team players and are ready to lead and support others. Students need to demonstrate and be willing to develop commitment, integrity, ownership, flexibility, balance, reliability, responsibility, and school spirit. ASB requires that students will spend time beyond the class period to fulfill responsibilities to the school. ASB class teaches students how to lead and make a difference.	Application, interview (submit app to Mr. Ramirez, room 201)
Beginning Band	Beginning Band is offered to students in grades 6-8. There is no experience needed to join Beginning Band. See Advanced Band for more description.	None
KCMS -Broadcast Journalism	KCMS produces news of the highest professional quality five days a week. News Team members must arrive at 7:20am every third school day to prepare for the daily show. KCMS reporters cover news stories on and off campus. This is real job in a real television studio. News Team members must be self-starters and able to write well. Students are expected to learn all the operations of the studio, on-scene capturing of stories, and editing of video news packages.	Application, interview, B or better in English (submit app to Ms. Steward, room 121)
Choir	Choir is offered to students in grades 6-8. No experience is needed to join. Choir will provide students with an opportunity to train their singing voices, to learn to work together cooperatively as a team, to sing popular music, to improve their performing skills, and to travel to schools and organizations in the community for performances. Occasional afterschool rehearsals and evening performances are required.	None
Digital Media and Art	In Art, students will create compositions using various art mediums which include, drawing, painting, mixed media, printmaking, ceramics, and sculpture. In Digital Media Art, students will explore graphic design, computer animation, and video production. Students do not choose which semester they take each class.	None Students must stay in the pairing of the two classes all year.
Engineering and Coding	Engineering is about math, science, and how things work. Projects will be offered in aeronautics, robotics, energy and the environment, and flight and space. In Coding/Computer Science students learn to create video games, animated stories, sounds and special effects. They learn basic coding, programming, problem solving, logic, physics and more.	None Students must stay in the pairing of the two classes all year.
Office Aide	Students act as ambassadors for the school. They learn valuable communication and office skills. Students are expected to maintain appropriate behavior for a professional office. Students earn a grade of pass/no pass which does not affect their GPA. Limited to 14.	Application and 2.5 GPA 8th grade only (submit app to Mr. Crooker)
Performing Arts	This class is a study of the three performing art areas: drama, vocal music, and dance. Students will rehearse and perform for the school and in evening showcases.	None
Spanish 1A	Students will be able to speak, understand, read and write Spanish at a beginning level. Students will learn about Spanish-speaking cultures, music and art.	None This course is for 7th grade
Spanish 1B	Students will build on their current level of Spanish and continue to learn about Spanish-speaking cultures, music and art. Students who successfully complete Spanish 1B are recommended to take *Spanish 2* in the ninth grade at Coronado High School.	Must complete Spanish 1A with C or better This course is 8th grade only
Yearbook	Yearbook class produces an award-winning yearbook that captures the stories of the year. The Surfer Yearbook is one of the most decorated yearbooks in the nation. Students are expected to cover news stories on and off campus. Students must be self-starters and able to write well. Students learn layout design, color theory, font choice, photography, Photoshop, journalism copy writing techniques, and alternative coverage applications. Students use Jostens Yeartech as their platform.	Application, interview, and writing sample - (submit app to Ms. Evenson, room 121)