**7th Grade Course Descriptions**

**ART 7**

This class is tailored to meet the Core Standards for the state of Utah in 7-8th Grade Art.  It offers students the tools and skills to use the elements of art and principles of design to create visual work in a variety of 2D, 3D, and digital media. The skills students learn will give them the ability to analyze art and communicate meaning through their work. They will relate artistic cultures, skills, and ideas with personal meaning. The students will be enrolled in this class for 1 trimester.

**CHORUS 7**

How fun would it be to have a music performing class every day?  This fun, energetic class is taught for one trimester only and is a beginner’s course to singing in choir.  Students will learn to sing in 2-part or 3-part (SAB) harmony, how to better sing with your voice, and basic music reading skills.  Solos are not required – only a willingness to have fun and contribute to our awesome performances!  All students, regardless of experience and ability, are invited to participate!

**CHORUS 7B**

Chorus 7B is going to be a blast!  This choir is only for those students who have already taken Chorus 7 and who want to sing in choir for more than one trimester during 7th Grade.  This choir will sing in mostly 3-part harmony (SAB) and continue practicing vocal skills.  Again, solos are never required – only a willingness to have fun and contribute to our awesome performances!

**Creative Coding:**

Creative coding is an introductory computer science course that empowers students to create authentic artifacts and engage with computer science as a medium for creativity, communication, problem solving, and fun.

**Beginning 7th Grade Orchestra**

Students will learn the basics of instrument position, note reading, scale and finger patterns, ear training and basic tone production and bowing technique through All for Strings Book 2 (or equivalent method).  This will be an intensive fast paced orchestra --geared to prepare students for the intermediate 7-8 grade orchestra.

**Intermediate Orchestra**

(pre-requisite 4-6 grade orchestra or 7th grade beginning orchestra and completion of All for Strings Book 2.)

Students will review and strengthen ear training and playing in an ensemble, reading and demonstrating increasingly more difficult finger patterns and scales including G, D, C, A, F, and related minor keys.

**Beginning Spanish**

This is a two-trimester, introductory course that will help students explore both language and culture. If students take Beginning and Intermediate Spanish in middle school, they will be set to start Spanish 2 in high school.

While these classes will help prepare students for future success in high school foreign language classes, this course will not fulfill Regents’ Scholarship requirements or University of Utah foreign language requirements, which must be taken in grades 9-12