

## **Eighth Grade Electives**

### **Studio Art – Grade 8 (Semester)**

This eighth grade studio art course helps further students' knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the visual arts. Knowledge of techniques and skills is expanded through the use of a variety of media which may include: colored pencil, water colors, tempera paint, pencil, and ink. The focus will be mainly on 2-D art forms. Students will learn about various artists, art history and related concepts, the elements of art, and the principles of design. They will also have the chance to apply skills learned in other classes to their art work. Art careers and the role of artists and designers in society is discussed. Craftsmanship and safe use of tools and materials is emphasized.

### **Ceramics and Sculpture- Grade 8 (Semester)**

This eighth grade course focuses on three-dimensional art forms. Students will explore a variety of 3-D art in various forms such as clay, paper-mache, fiber, paper, and more. Knowledge of techniques, safe materials usage, and craftsmanship will be emphasized. Students will participate in activities centered on production, criticism, aesthetics, and art history. They will also have the chance to apply skills learned in other classes to their art work.

### **Computer Applications – Grade 8 (Semester)**

Computer Applications provides students with active learning experiences related to the productive use of computer-based applications. Students use word processing, desktop publishing, spreadsheet, desktop presentation, Web page development, and Internet research skills to complete meaningful and authentic projects.

### **Multimedia and Visual Communications – Grade 8 (Semester) (Web Design)**

This course emphasizes the features of proper web design. This fun and dynamic course will allow students to learn about computer technology through engaging lessons and project-based learning experiences. This course will focus on incorporating the elements of text, image, sound, speech, video, and computer programming in Web-based applications. Students will learn to use technology to enhance information, resulting in effective communication through interactive projects.

### **Drama – Grade 8 (Semester)**

Drama is a one-semester course which covers four areas: performance, technical theater, theater history, and aesthetics. Performance activities include stage movement, pantomime, improvisation, theater games, role-playing, and scene study. Students are introduced to basic concepts of lighting, set design, sound, costuming, make-up, and playwriting. Students view theater as an art form as well as understanding its importance as a reflection of society.