

Course Descriptions

The following courses are listed on the elective selection form. Your preferences not only assist us in creating your schedule, but also help us determine how many times a course is offered during the school year. In some cases, certain courses may not be offered due to low student interest.

ART I

(Open to all 6th – 8th grade students) *Instructor: Mrs. Ness*

Art I students will learn drawing and painting techniques that will be used to explore different artistic mediums such as pencil, chalk, charcoal, water colors, and tempera paint. Prerequisites: None

ART II

(Open to all 7th – 8th grade students) *Instructor: Mrs. Ness*

In Art II, students will incorporate lessons in the elements of art theory with instruction and projects in such areas as: calligraphy, cartooning, ceramics, fabric sculpture, and mosaics. Some of the students' projects will be suitable for gifts.

BAND/WORSHIP TEAM

(Open to all 6th– 8th grade students) *Instructor: Mr. Gerdes*

Band/Worship Team will give students the opportunity to participate in an ensemble for wind and percussion instruments. Students will learn, practice and perform a variety of traditional and contemporary musical pieces. Students will also rehearse and perform Worship Music during our Chapel times.

CHOIR

(Open to all 6th – 8th grade students) *Instructor: Mrs. Linden*

Choir will enable students to learn and participate in a variety of choral music experiences. Several different styles will be explored and students will be provided with opportunities to share their gift of music with others within the school.

Computer Electives:

Digital Imaging and Desktop Publishing

(Open to all 6th – 8th grade students) *Instructor: Mr. Brown*

Learn how to use Publisher, Paint, and PhotoShop Elements to edit photos and other images and to produce professional looking brochures, calendars, photo collages, and more.

Research, Reports, and Charts

(Open to all 6th – 8th grade students) *Instructor: Mr. Brown*

This class is intended for the student who wants to learn how to effectively use the web for research and to then use this information to create professional looking reports, spreadsheets, charts, graphs, letters, and other documents. Programs taught include Internet Explorer, Word, and Excel.

FrontPage Web Design

(Open to all 7th & 8th grade students) *Instructor: Mr. Brown*

Learn how to use Microsoft FrontPage to produce professional-looking web sites. Prior completion of the *HTML Web Design* class in previous years (formerly called *Web Design*) is recommended.

DRAMA I

(Open to 6th – 8th grade students) *Instructor: Ms. Losey*

The objective of this class is to help students build self-confidence through learning basic acting skills and exploring different dramatic forms, such as: basic scene development, monologue, story telling and impromptu acting.

DRAMA II

(Open to 7th and 8th grade students) *Instructor: Ms. Losey*

Drama II will be a performance-based class that will allow students to study and explore the play genre. Students will be provided with opportunities to perform both inside and outside of the classroom. Possibilities for outside performances include chapel, elementary classrooms and perhaps even in the community.

A prerequisite is completion of *Drama I* or teacher approval.

FOODS I

(Open to all 6th - 8th grade students) *Instructor: Mrs. Fickel*

Foods 1 is a course that provides basic food preparation techniques. Students will experience a variety of food labs, explore nutritional value and learn proper presentation.

Physical Education Electives:

Aerobic Conditioning

(Open to 6th – 8th grade students) *Instructor: Mrs. Pierce*

Aerobic Conditioning is a course uniquely designed for the student interested in improving their workout routine. Running, flexibility, agility and strength training will all be areas of focus.

Team Sports

(Open to 6th – 8th grade students) *Instructor: Mrs. Pierce*

Team Sports is a course uniquely designed to teach the rules and basic skills of team sports such as: Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Football, etc. (the selection of sports will vary each trimester).

SPANISH 6

(Open to 6th grade students) *Instructor: Mr. Weathers*

Spanish 6 is a course uniquely designed to help prepare students to be successful in the high school level Spanish program at ECS. This class will provide students with an opportunity to learn vocabulary words used in the curriculum through games, activities, homework, quizzes and tests. Cultural projects and information, memory verses, and Christian songs with a ministry perspective are just part of this fun-filled learning experience. **Spanish 6** is designed to be taken both first and second semester.

The only prerequisite is a positive attitude.

SPANISH 7/8

(Open to 7th & 8th grade students) *Instructor: Mr. Weathers*

Spanish 7/8—is a two-part high school Spanish I program. This course is intended to meet the needs of students interested in earning high school foreign language credit. Students will have the opportunity to learn the language as well as Spanish culture from a Christian perspective. In order to receive high school credit, students will need to have taken **Spanish 7/8** for two years at ECS.