

## 2021-2022 Elective Course Catalog

The following are elective courses we will be offering at Wilson K-8 School for this school year. Elective classes will meet every day for a semester (unless otherwise indicated). 6<sup>th</sup> grade electives meet every other day (A/B schedule). Please read the class description carefully to decide which class/classes you would like to select. Some classes are a year commitment. While the school will try to accommodate your elective request(s), there are no guarantees. *(These classes are subject to change due to class enrollment numbers, staffing, etc.)*

### **6 Art**

Do you like art? Or even think you might be interested in art? Then 6th grade art is the place for you! We cover a little bit of everything from shading to clay, so you really get a chance to experience lots of different materials. (Please note: A lot of what we do in 7th grade builds on what you learn in 6th grade art). NO FEE

### **Beginning Choir**

6<sup>th</sup> grade students learn aspects of group singing, including sight reading, balance, harmonization, and solo opportunities. Quarterly concerts. NO FEE

### **6 Drama**

Students work on beginning theatre terminology and techniques, through improvisation, monologues, and script work, with a culminating project of an hour-long play. NO FEE

### **Intermediate Band**

6<sup>th</sup> grade students play various types of music styles and themes including Rock, Jazz, Fight Songs, Holiday and more. Students have the opportunity to branch out on many amazing instruments. Instruments for this class include: Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Bari Sax, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone Euphonium, Tuba, Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Electric Bass, Timpani, Bar Chimes, Tube Chimes, Xylophone, Marimba, Drum Set, Temple Blocks, Cymbals and many small percussion instruments. This course is designed to prepare students for the Wilson Chamber Ensemble and Wilson Jazz Band by the time they reach 7th grade. NO FEE

### **Intermediate Orchestra**

6<sup>th</sup> grade students play various types of music styles and themes including: Classical, Blue Grass, Halloween, Holiday, and Rock. Students have the opportunity to branch out on amazing string instruments available including: Violin, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. This course is designed to prepare students for the Wilson Chamber Ensemble by the time they reach seventh grade. Bass players may also have the option of joining the Jazz Band for their 7th grade year. If you love the sound of strings and want to play a variety of music, join our orchestra. NO FEE

**Odyssey of the Mind** – Year - rotating days, see page 4

**6 Physical Fitness** - Year – rotating days, see page 4

**STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math)** – Year - rotating days, see page 4

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### **Advanced Art– Year (Open to 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

Are you ready to try new and exciting art methods? Are you committed to art and want to grow in your artistic abilities? If you answered yes to all of these questions, Advanced Art is the class for you! Over the course of the year, you will be creating a portfolio of work with subject matter that is self-directed. As a class we will explore non-traditional art methods and materials, as well as using traditional materials in new ways. You must have taken art in 7<sup>th</sup> grade in order to be placed into this class. FEE \$ 66

### **Advanced Choir/Jazz – Year (Open to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

This is Wilson’s most advanced choir and will represent the school at a number of public events. It is a small performing ensemble made up of an elite group of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Space is limited! This choir focuses on music literacy, proper vocal production, advanced rhythms, advanced harmony, sight-reading, and performance behavior. Participation in concerts, festivals, and other events is required. Audition Required. Email [sdevaney@amphi.com](mailto:sdevaney@amphi.com) to schedule an audition over the summer. FEE - \$21

### **Announcements/Video Production – Semester (Open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

This class will be responsible for producing the daily announcements. Students will learn the various jobs and responsibilities of putting together a newscast, which includes announcers, camera operators, teleprompt operator, and lighting and audio technicians. They will cover school events, make commercials, PSA’s How-to Video’s and work on any other announcement related items. This class will focus on the “art” of video/film production. They will explore various filming and editing techniques to create videos. NO FEE

### **Art-II – Semester (Open to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

**Two-Dimensional Class** – Do you enjoy drawing? Always wanted to learn how to shade better? If so, then this is the class for you! Throughout the semester we explore the 2D mediums and a range of subject matter moving from abstract to representational. We look at drawing, painting, and even some print making. Hang on to your paintbrushes and pencils and get ready for a great semester. (8<sup>th</sup> grade students – This class will be different from what you created and learned in class last year!) FEE - \$33

### **Art-III – Semester (Open to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

**Three-Dimensional Class** – Do you like building? Love to get your hands dirty? Join 3D art and experience all the wonders of sculpture! From clay to papier-mâché, and lots in between, you have the opportunity for hands on building. Subject matter ranges from abstract to representational with many opportunities for exploration and subject choice. (8<sup>th</sup> grade students – This class will be different from what you created and learned in class last year!) FEE - \$33

### **Sports Conditioning – Year (Open to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

This class is designed to improve a student’s athletic abilities, including muscular strength, power, agility, endurance, speed, and flexibility. It is designed for students interested in serious muscle toning or those in competitive athletics. The course will explore a variety of training types and equipment. Along with conditioning, we will study muscle groups, how they work and how to train them safely and with proper techniques. Goal setting and achievement is a class focus. Class will include health related curriculum focusing on lifetime well-being.

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### **Chamber Ensemble – Year (Open to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

This group is one of a kind for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. In the State of Arizona, this is the only scheduled middle school, Full Orchestra Program which is comprised of both band and orchestra instruments. We play selections from many popular titles, classical titles and movie titles. On our Disneyland trip, the Wilson Chamber Ensemble has placed first for middle school orchestra competitions for several years. We participate in an annual festival in Tucson and perform in public events. FEE - \$30

### **Computer Science (Programming) – Semester (Open to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

Students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will learn programming fundamentals through a fun, engaging and creative curriculum. Students will use critical and computational thinking while they create authentic artifacts. The students will engage in problem solving, web development and interactive games and animation.

### **Forensic Science – Semester (Open to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

Do you like CSI? Are you interested in Crime Scenes, Forensic and Criminal Investigations? Then your search is over – take Forensics! This one semester course will examine the science involved in solving crimes. Students will learn about examining evidence at a simulated crime scene. They will learn how to take fingerprints, examine DNA evidence, examine trace evidence, and blood evidence/blood splatter. Students will then solve crimes with this newly acquired knowledge. The role of criminologists at the crime scene will also be examined. FEE - \$21

### **Jazz Band – Year (Open to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

This group is comprised of 8<sup>th</sup> grades and 7<sup>th</sup> graders to be selected by Mr. Hill. Wilson Jazz Band takes place five days a week. The Jazz Band will be performing the following styles of music: Swing, Funky Rock, Classic Rock, Reggae, Latin Rock and the Blues. We will also be doing the following: taking our annual Disneyland Trip for competition, play for the high school jazz festival in Tucson, and perform for public events including Veteran’s Day and Promotion. The Wilson Jazz Band consists of a rhythm section that includes: 1 Bass Guitar, 1 Stand up Bass, 1 Electric Guitar, 2 Piano players, Bell players and 2 Drum Sets. The section will include Trumpets, Slide Trombones, Valve Trombones, Tuba, Alto Saxophones, Tenor Saxophones, and 1 Baritone Saxophone. Come and be a part of a true American art form. FEE - \$30.00

### **Leadership – Semester (open to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

The focus of this class is on bringing out the “Leadership” potential in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students will learn about teamwork, goal setting, and effective communication through the study of past and present leaders and collaborative group games. Throughout the course, students will discover their personal leadership skills while learning to work effectively with others. Students will also have an opportunity to plan events such as pep rallies, field day, and dances. Positive attitudes and the desire to make a difference are a must as we explore the world of leadership. NO FEE

### **Advanced Math Lab – Year (open to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders enrolled in High Credit Math Classes)**

A year-long class for upper level math students who are looking for extra time to work on their advanced math curriculum (High School Credit Algebra or Geometry) assignments and/or want small group tutoring from the Algebra/Geometry teacher. Students may also work on the ALEKS program, make-up quizzes and exams, or work on homework. NO FEE

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### **Musical Theater – Year (open to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

Musical Theater is an intermediate/advanced performance class. It is an exploration of theater and music, including improvisation, singing, acting, and stage tech. Our spring musical is similar to Project Based Learning. The class will develop sets, costumes, props, stage direction, and choreography in a workshop environment. Student leadership is encouraged. You don't have to be an incredible singer to be successful in this class. Rehearsals and performances are required. FEE - \$21

### **Odyssey of the Mind – Year (open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. Then they bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and world level. FEE - \$21

### **Physical Fitness – Semester (open to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders)**

Physical Fitness gives students an opportunity to participate in a variety of activities ranging from team sports, individual sports, exercise fitness classes, and recreational games. We teach social responsibility, choice, strategy, and health to influence our student's future well-being and lifelong fitness. UNIFORM FEE - \$20

### **Show Choir/Concert – Year (open to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

Show Choir is a large intermediate mixed choir made up of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The choir will focus on developing essential music skills including sight-reading, proper singing technique, and how to work together to create a unified choral sound. This performing group will sing three-part music as well as show choir music with choreographed movement. The choir will perform at winter and spring concerts and some additional performances. (No audition required.) FEE - \$21

### **Spanish I – Year (open to 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

Spanish I is a challenging High School level course. We follow the same curriculum as the students taking first year Spanish at IRHS. Students who successfully complete this class will earn one High School credit for the course and go straight to Spanish II when they enter High School. They will have also met one year of the two-year foreign language requirement for college entrance. What a deal! Spanish I is a very worthwhile and beneficial experience as we use the opportunities to explore the Mexican heritage that surrounds our community.

### **STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) – Semester or Year (open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

The STEM elective is project-based and assignments follow the Engineering Design Process. Students learn and use Google Sketchup to design objects for 3D printing on our class printer or otherwise. In addition to design and modeling, students use the Edison and Vex Robotics platform to learn new coding languages and complete real-world challenges. Additional projects are included in this class based on student interest. FEE - \$21

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills - Semester (open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

In this semester course, students will learn how to become better Digital Citizens through lessons in Media Balance and Well Being, Privacy and Security, Digital Footprint and Identity, Relationships and Communication, Cyberbullying/Digital Drama and Hate Speech, and News and Media Literacy. Students will also gain skills in communication and public speaking, creativity, critical thinking and collaboration.

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### **Career Explorations – Semester (open 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

This course is designed to help students gain the essential knowledge and skills needed to thrive in a rapidly changing job market by: expanding career awareness; encouraging students to explore their diverse interests and talents; empowering students to develop vital skills such as collaboration, critical thinking, self-direction, and persistence; and, engaging students in making informed choices about high school, college, and career options. This semester class includes lessons/units on self-exploration, personal finance & budgeting, developing a growth mindset, collaboration challenges, college comparison research, career comparison research, and culminates with mock resumes and interviews. Additionally, several guest speakers will talk to students about their career paths and professional experiences.