

ARTS COURSES

ART

Section: ART001		Introduction to Art 2D
Grade: 9-12	Semester/Year	Course offered at: AHS CDO IRHS
Prerequisites: None		
This is an introductory course in which students will learn the basic elements and principles of art and design. Students will gain knowledge and experience as artists by creating works of art with a variety of two-dimensional materials, processes, techniques, and styles. Content may include value, life, and perspective drawing as well as painting.		Fee required

Section: ART002		Intermediate Art 2D
Grade: 10-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS CDO IRHS
Prerequisites: <i>Introduction to Art 2D (teacher approval)</i>		
A second year course designed for students interested in continued study of two-dimensional design in greater depth and scope. Students will build upon foundational skills and knowledge gained from previous art classes by producing more ambitious and challenging works and developing personal style. Lessons will include a variety of media.		Fee required

Section: ART003		Advanced Art 2D
Grade: 11-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS CDO IRHS
Prerequisites: <i>Intermediate Art 2D (teacher approval)</i>		
A third and fourth year course focused on improving composition, technique, concept, and personal voice through in-depth engagement in two-dimensional studio projects. Students will be expected to create a portfolio and exhibit works publicly.		Fee required

Section: ART004		Introduction to Art 3D
Grade: 9-12	Semester	Course offered at: AHS CDO IRHS
Prerequisites: None		
This is an introductory course in which students will learn the basic elements and principles of structural design and sculptural techniques. Students will gain knowledge and experience as artists by creating works of art with three-dimensional media using additive and subtractive processes.		Fee required

Section: ART006		Intermediate Art 3D
Grade: 10-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS CDO IRHS
Prerequisites: <i>Introduction to Art 3D (teacher approval)</i>		
A second year course designed for students interested in continued study of three-dimensional design in greater depth and scope. Course work will focus on more detailed hand-building and wheel-throwing techniques. Students will build upon foundational skills and knowledge gained from previous art classes by producing more ambitious and challenging works and developing personal style. Lessons will include a variety of media.		Fee required

Section: ART007		Advanced Art 3D	
Grade: 11-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Intermediate Art 3D (teacher approval)</i>			
A third and fourth year course focused on improving composition, technique, concept, and personal voice through in-depth engagement in three-dimensional studio projects. Students will be expected to create a portfolio and exhibit works publicly.			Fee required

Section: ART009		AP Studio Art	
Grade: 11-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>High academic achievement recommended and instructor approval</i>			
This class is open to highly motivated students who would like to pursue a career in the Fine Arts. This class will help students develop technical & critical thinking skills, as well as encourage students to become creative and independent thinkers. Students will choose to complete a drawing or 2D design portfolio exhibiting knowledge of the visual arts. The AP portfolio requires students to produce 29 pieces over the course of the year. The 29 pieces will be divided into 3 sections: quality (5 pieces), concentration (12 pieces), and breadth (12 pieces). In May, students will assemble their final portfolio consisting of the 29 original artworks for AP credit. This course carries a weighted grade.			Fee required

BAND

Section: MUS030		Beginning Band	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS	
Prerequisites: <i>None</i>			
This course is the first full year of music instruction on instruments. Students develop skills on a variety of woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. Emphasis is placed on providing a strong fundamental approach to their instrument. Rehearsal from the required music text will be a daily activity, as well as developmental music theory. Performance outside of normal school hours is required as part of this course. Ownership or rental of instruments is encouraged.			Fee required

Section: MUS022		Marching Band	
Grade: 9-12	Fall Semester	Course offered at: AHS CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>None</i>			
This course is open to students who play a band instrument and emphasizes individual skills, marching band literature, and various music and marching styles. Students will have an opportunity to attend football games and competitions. Participation in evening/weekend festivals and rehearsal is required.			Fee required

Section: MUSo17		Symphonic Band	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Teacher recommendation</i>			
This course is open to students who play a band instrument. Individual skills, concert literature, and various musical styles will be explored. Students will have an opportunity for solos, small ensembles, and full-band experience. Participation in evening/weekend concerts and festivals is required.			Fee required

Section: MUSo13		Band Auxiliary	
Grade: 9-12	Semester	Course offered at: CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Audition</i>			
This course is open to all students who wish to audition. This group uses dance combined with props such as flags, rifles, and sabers. Students perform with the marching band in semester 1 and as their own indoor ensemble in semester 2. Schools may offer this as a course or club during semester 2. Supplies: purchase parts of uniforms.			Fee required

Section: MUSo18		Percussion	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Audition and instructor approval</i>			
This course is open to students who wish to increase their proficiency on all of the instruments in the percussion family. Involvement includes participation in Concert Band, Marching Band, and Concert/Indoor Percussion Ensembles. Students will be exposed to quality literature in many genres. Supplies: students will be required to purchase basic sticks and mallets for daily class use.			Fee required

Section: MUSo23		Jazz Combo	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Audition and instructor approval</i>			
This course is open to students who want to perform various styles of Jazz music. Some aspects of improvisation and music theory will be covered. Students must be able to read music. Students will participate in evening/weekend concerts and festivals.			Fee required

Section: MUSo09		Wind Ensemble	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>None</i>			
Open to all interested students, previous band experience strongly recommended. The course addresses fundamentals of ensemble playing and music making through the performance of classic and contemporary concert band literature. Participation in evening/weekend concerts, festivals, and some evening rehearsals is required. Supplies: varies by instrument. Contact instructor for details.			Fee required

Section: MUS31		Small Ensemble	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: CDO	
Prerequisites: <i>Instructor approval/recommendation</i>			
This course is open to students who wish to increase their already established proficiency on any instrument. Students will expand their repertoire and are offered a more creative input focused approach to their rehearsal and performances. Multiple individual and group projects are assigned throughout the year, with small class performances and full concert performances for the school, community, and families. Exams are performance based. Supplies: varies by instrument, contact instructor for details.			Fee required

Section: MUS010		Introduction to Guitar	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>None</i>			
This course is open to students who wish to increase their proficiency on the guitar. Students will learn strumming and finger-style techniques in various musical genres. Exams are performance based. Supplies: guitar strings and supplies as needed.			Fee required

Section: MUS011		Advanced Guitar	
Grade: 10-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Introduction to Guitar or instructor approval, at least one year playing experience preferred</i>			
This second year course will explore advanced chord reading, soloing, and accompaniment. Students expand their repertoire and learn techniques for analyzing source material. Emphasis is on skill development and application of knowledge to new material. Exams are performance based. Supplies: students required to supply their own guitar, acoustic or electric.			Fee required

CHOIR

Section: MUS015		Concert Choir	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>None</i>			
This class offers the basics of singing in an ensemble. Students will learn basic theory and sight-reading skills. You will perform 2-, 3- and 4- part music of different styles and participate in three (3) concerts a year. There are many opportunities for soloist work. No audition is required. Supplies: purchase parts of uniform.			Fee required

Section: MUS005		Show/Beginning Choir	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Audition, interview, and teacher recommendation</i>			
This is a select group of students who have passed an audition process including vocal presentation, sight-reading, and dance. Students will be required to participate in all concerts, audition for Regional Choir, and attend all before or after school rehearsals. Choreographed numbers will be at a beginning to intermediate level and students will also be performing Concert and Jazz style repertoire.			Fee required

Section: MUS006		Show/Advanced Choir	
Grade: 10-12	All Year	Course offered at: CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Audition and instructor approval</i>			
This course is for students who wish to perform a variety of musical genres. Students will build on prior knowledge and produce more ambitious and challenging music with four or more parts. Music theory, sight-reading, and choreography will be emphasized. Students will travel to perform at various locations. Opportunities exist for competitions. Audition and instructor approval required. Supplies: purchase parts of uniform.			Fee required

Section: MUS024		Women's Ensemble	
Grade: 10-12	All Year	Course offered at: CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Audition and instructor approval</i>			
This second year course is for students who have participated in Concert Choir or have extensive choir experience. Students will learn intermediate music theory and sight-reading in three-part harmony. Students may participate in festivals. Emphasis is on a variety of musical genres and show choreography.			Fee required

Section: MUS032		Adaptive Music	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: CDO	
Prerequisites: <i>None</i>			
This course serves the special education and resource student population. It is designed to teach general music education with an emphasis in choral singing, appropriate to the ability levels of these students. Students will learn to listen to music for relaxation, hearing musical differences, hearing patterns, and reflecting on the emotions they feel. Students will learn to recognize musical instruments by sight and by sound. Students will experience music through instrument play, drawing shapes or images as they listen, movement, and singing. Students will learn proper vocal techniques for singing in a choir. Students will perform music by singing and playing instruments in front of an audience a minimum of two times per year.			Fee required

DANCE

Section: PYS003		Beginning Dance	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS CDO	
Prerequisites: <i>None</i>			
Students will learn basic history, terminology, and technique in ballet, tap, modern and various forms of jazz dance. Students will experience improvisation and performing on stage. Dance may be taken for P.E., Fine Arts, or elective credit. Students may also participate in a semester concert. Appropriate clothing for physical activity will be required.			Fee required

Section: PYS004		Intermediate Dance	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Teacher recommendation</i>			
This course is designed for the intermediate level dance student, focusing on technique, history, choreography, and performance of classical dance genres and contemporary dance genres. Class activities will include daily participation, written assignments, and performances. Students may also participate in a semester concert. Course may be repeated for credit.			Fee required

Section: PYSo05		Advanced Dance	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS CDO	
Prerequisites: <i>Teacher recommendation and/or audition</i>			
The students will learn advanced skills in dance and choreography in ballet, jazz, and modern dance. Students will teach combinations to the entire class and lead warm-ups when assigned. Students will experience improvisation and performing on stage. Advanced Dance may be taken for P.E., Fine Arts, or elective credit. Appropriate clothing for physical activity will be required.			Fee required

Section: PYSo23		Performance Dance	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: CDO	
Prerequisites: <i>Auditions only</i>			
Students will perform complex movement in ballet, jazz, lyrical, modern, and tap. Students will be required to choreograph, improvise, and understand the elements of dance production. Performance Dance may be taken for P.E., Fine Arts, or elective credit. Appropriate clothing for physical activity will be required.			Fee required

DRAMA

Section: MUS003		Introduction to Drama	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>None</i>			
This course provides a foundation for voice, movement, character development, and improvisation. Students participate as performers, audience, and critics. Skills include pantomime, monologues, and scenes.			Fee required

Section: MUS004		Intermediate Drama	
Grade: 10-12	All Year	Course offered at: CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Audition and instructor approval required</i>			
This course enhances the theatrical skills acquired in Introduction. Students will improve their scene-building, improvisation, playwriting, and stage-management skills.			Fee required

Section: MUS020		Advanced Drama	
Grade: 11-12	All Year	Course offered at: CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Audition and instructor approval required</i>			
This course is a performance class with an emphasis on the production of plays. Students will participate in full-length productions and festivals. A strong, extremely independent but collaborative work ethic is expected. After-school and evening rehearsals and performances are required.			Fee required

Section: MUSo19		Advanced Drama Symposium	
Grade: 11-12	All Year	Course offered at: CDO	
Prerequisites: <i>Intro, Intermediate and Advanced Drama, audition, interview, and teacher recommendation</i>			
<p>This course builds upon Advanced Drama by providing a greater variety of roles and performance opportunities. Student advanced writing and directing are included in the 'Caught-In-the-Act' One Act performances. The ComedySportz Improvisation shows are performed throughout the year. Symposium students oversee the business/financial aspect of the Canyon Players (Theatre Department Club) as well as produce the annual Talent Show in May, and present the end-of-year Theatre Banquet. Professional and community networking opportunities are realized through shadowing, field trips to performances, and participation in the Southern Arizona Acting Festival. In-depth work with acting methods, guest speakers, and participation in the musical round out this class. A strong, exceptionally independent but collaborative work ethic is expected. After-school and evening rehearsals and performances are required.</p>			Fee required

Section: MUSo29		Music Theater	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>None</i>			
<p>Students in this course will explore all aspects of musical theater. Everything from the behind-the-scenes work to the singing, dancing, and acting on stage. Students will participate in the complete production of a musical during the year. The work behind-the-scenes includes working on sets, costumes, props, lights, or sound. Students will also design tickets, flyers, posters, programs, and advertising.</p>			Fee required

MUSIC THEORY

Section: MUSo02		Music Theory	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>None</i>			
<p>This is the study of the elements of music including beginning harmony, chord structure, scale structure, dictation, and modern chord notation and structure, as well as a study of the history of music and musical style. Performance, composition, and independent study may also be a part of the curriculum of this class. Students must have the ability to read either treble clef or bass clef and have basic rhythm reading skills.</p>			Fee required

Section: MUSo12		AP Music Theory	
Grade: 10-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Teacher recommendation</i>			
<p>This course covers the following: visual and aural analysis, sight-singing, melodic and harmonic dictation, and composition. Students wishing to enroll in AP Music Theory should possess skills in music reading, scales, transposition, intervals, rhythm and meter, notation, key signatures, triad types, and inversions. This course carries a weighted grade.</p>			Fee required

ORCHESTRA

Section: MUSo16		Concert Orchestra	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Experience on an orchestral stringed instrument</i>			
Students will study and perform literature from stylistic periods. Individual practice outside of school time is required. Performance at evening concerts is required.			Fee required

Section: MUSoo8		Symphonic Orchestra	
Grade: 10-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Experience on an orchestral stringed instrument, audition, and instructor approval</i>			
Students will study and perform advanced level literature from stylistic periods. Individual practice outside of school time is required. Attendance at evening/weekend rehearsals and performances is required.			Fee required

TECHNICAL THEATER

Section: CTS170/JTS170		Technical Theater I	
Grade: 9-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>None</i>			
Technical Theater is a hands-on Career & Technical Education course that exposes students to the various careers in theatre arts and the entertainment industry. Students have the opportunity to work in specialized groups, which include scenery, lighting, sound, props, costumes, and rigging for the stage. Students will operate a variety of electronic and scene shop equipment to build the various productions each semester. This is a challenging course. You must possess a strong work ethic, be able to work independently, and meet deadlines. This course is the prerequisite for Technical Theater II.			Fee required

Section: CTS171/JTS171		Technical Theater II	
Grade: 10-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Technical Theater I</i>			
Technical Theater is a hands-on Career and Technical Education course that exposes students to the various careers in theatre arts and the entertainment industry. Students have the opportunity to work in specialized groups, which include scenery, lighting, sound, props, costumes, and rigging for the stage. Students will operate a variety of electronic and scene shop equipment to build the various productions each semester. This is a challenging course. You must possess a strong work ethic, work independently, and meet deadlines. This course is the prerequisite for Technical Theater III.			Fee required

Section: CTS173/JTS173		Technical Theater III	
Grade: 11-12	All Year	Course offered at: AHS CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Technical Theater II</i>			
<p>Technical Theater is a hands-on Career & Technical Education course that exposes students to the various careers in theatre arts and the entertainment industry. Students have the opportunity to work in specialized groups, which include scenery, lighting, sound, props, costumes, and rigging for the stage. Students will operate a variety of electronic and scene shop equipment to build the various productions each semester. This is a challenging course. You must possess a strong work ethic, work independently, and meet deadlines. This course is the prerequisite for Technical Theater IV.</p>			Fee required

Section: CTS174/JTS174		Technical Theater IV	
Grade: 12	All Year	Course offered at: CDO IRHS	
Prerequisites: <i>Technical Theater III</i>			
<p>Technical Theater is a hands-on Career & Technical Education course that exposes students to the various careers in theatre arts and the entertainment industry. Students have the opportunity to work in specialized groups, which include scenery, lighting, sound, props, costumes, and rigging for the stage. Students will operate a variety of electronic and scene shop equipment to build the various productions each semester. This is a challenging course. You must possess a strong work ethic, work independently, and meet deadlines.</p>			Fee required