

Class Descriptions

Advanced Drama

Students will prepare and perform a full-length production. Admission is by audition and interview. Prerequisites: Beginning Drama or previous stage experience.

Instructor: **Ellie Palmer – Tue. & Thur. 2:00-4:00 **OFF SITE (Fall Semester Only)**

Algebra 1 (7-12)

Algebra 1 covers all topics in a first-year algebra course, from proofs, statistics and probability to

algebra-based real-world problems. With Algebra 1, students begin developing the more complex skills and understanding required for advanced mathematics.

Instructor: **Dawn Flinn - Tues. & Thurs. 10:30-12:00**

Art Across America (4-6)

Traveling across the 50 states students will learn about famous people and places while creating unique art work.

Instructor: **Nancy Socha – Wed. 1:00-2:30**

Art History (9-12)

Students will study the history of art and go on a field trip to an art museum.

Instructor: **Joan Norton & Kathy Kunde – Tue. 2:00-3:30 (Spring Semester Only)**

Basic Drawing (9-12)

5 credits

Students will learn basic skills, terminology, and techniques of drawing through many different components and age level skills.

Instructor: **Melodie Peters – Thurs. (Fall Semester Only)**

Beginning Drama (3-6)

Students will learn the fundamentals of stage movement, vocal production, character development and theater protocol. Students will apply what they have learned by performing monologues and duets in class.

Instructor: **Ellie Palmer – Wed. (Spring Semester Only)**

Biology Lab (HS)

Students will explore the content of their text through hands-on experiences and discussions. (The Biology class should be taken concurrently for additional support.)

Instructor: **Willena Brooks – Tues. 9:00-10:30**

Classic Literature (6-8)

This class will address reading standards (and some social studies standards) through historical fiction novels. Pre-selected 6-8 novels will provide the framework for study of character, setting, plot, symbolism, theme and other essential literary devices. In addition, students will study culture and participate in time-period activities such as games, food, music, etc. Students will be expected to read assigned chapters and complete corresponding work at home.

Instructor: **Kathy Kunde – Tues. 12:30-2:00**

Classic Picture Books (K-1)

Through a variety of genres children will understand basic elements of picture books. They will learn concepts about print and that print carries meaning and is an important tool for learning. They will begin developing pre-reading and post-reading skills.

Instructor: **Kathy Kunde- Mon. 9:00-10:00**

Comic History of the Ancient (6th)

Students will learn Ancient History through creating comic strips.

Instructor: **Susan Fleming - Wed. - 11:00-12:30**

Composition (HS)

“Composition” will involve high school students developing their skills in all aspects of writing: descriptive writing, responses to literature, informational research, summaries, persuasive writing, along with fun writing like poetry and word art. Grammar, sentence structure, and writing styles will also be covered.

Instructor: **Mark Yedinak – Thurs. 12:30-2:00**

Composition for Middle School (6-8)

In this class students will have opportunities to learn and practice strategies and conventions for specific writing projects.

Instructor: **Ellie Palmer – Tues. 10:30-12:00**

Crafts & Drawing (3-6)

Students will make various hand crafted items including scrapbooks and other paper crafts.

Instructor: **Melodie Peters – Wed. 2:30-3:30 (Fall Semester Only)**

Earth Science Lab (HS)

Students in this class will get just the support they need to understand and apply new concepts in a fun and meaningful way through hands-on experiences. (The Earth Science class should be taken concurrently for additional support.)

Instructor: **Willena Brooks – Tues. 2:00-3:30**

Economics & Government (HS)

This class is designed to meet the requirements for Economics and US Government. Students will earn 5 credits per subject.

Instructor: **Samuel Krouse- Thurs. 2:00-3:30**

Exploring Our World (K-1)

Students will explore our world starting in our own back yard, moving on to the ocean and through the rain forest. Students will enjoy learning lots off science and math skills.

Instructor: **Nancy Socha – Mon. 11:00-12:00**

Exploring Our World (2-3)

Students will explore our world starting in our own back yard, moving on to the ocean and through the rain forest. Students will enjoy learning lots off science and math skills.

Instructor: **Nancy Socha – Mon. 10:00-11:00**

Expository Reading & Writing (HS)

Student will learn to read and write non-fiction by developing vocabulary, comprehension and critical thinking skills. Divided into 6 week units, each based on high-interest themes; rotating teachers will introduce varied learning strategies and guide students through opinionated conversation. This course fulfills language arts requirements and should successfully enable students to pass reading and writing college placement tests.

*Pre-requisite: High School composition or permission from Personalized Learning Teacher.

Instructors: **Rotating Teachers – Thurs. 10:30-12:00**

Famous Composers (3-6)

We will study the lives and historical setting of 6 famous composers and become familiar with their music. This will include video and group actives.

Instructor: **Joan Norton - Wed. 1:00-2:30 (Fall Only)**

Geometry (HS)

Develop the ability to construct formal, logical arguments and proofs in geometric setting and

problems. Geometry is the study of points, lines and areas in a single plane with extensions into

three-dimensional space. Emphasis is placed on creating a consistent set of axioms and using deductive reasoning to derive theorems. Students need to have a strong foundation in algebraic concepts.

Instructor: **Dawn Flinn- Tue. & Thurs. 12:30-2:00**

Hands on Math (k-1)

Students will learn basic numbers and math skills using hands on manipulatives.

Instructor: **Juspreet Bains - Mon. 10:00-11:00**

Hands on Math (2-3)

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Instructor: **Juspreet Bains - Mon. 11:00-12:00**

Hard Math Café (6-12)

Tutoring is available in a group setting. Students can drop in with their current math curriculum.

Instructor: **Dawn Flinn – Fri. 9:00-10:00**

Heroes of History (K-3)

Students will learn about historical figures through interactive videos and activities.

Instructor: **Melodie Peters- Mon. 9:00-10:00**

High School & Beyond (9-12)

We will explore pertinent questions to young adults. What do you want to do with your life? What are you good at? What do you enjoy? Students will then explore career interest areas and the skills needed to work in each. The goal is to leave the class with focus and resources to move beyond high school. This class also takes the lead role in helping to promote high school event such as Reach for the Future, College Preview Days, the San Francisco College/Career Trip and the High School Dance. These students are often the first to know about PSAT/SAT test and other college information and deadlines. This is a fun exposure class that fulfills an elective requirement.

Instructor: **Serene Turner – Tues. 10:30-12:00**

Interactive American History (4-5)

American history will come alive as students set up a colony and learn to survive in the new world. They will also stake a claim in a gold mining camp and learn what life is like in as an adventurous miner.

Instructor: **Nancy Socha – Wed. 11:00-12:30**

Keyboarding (3-6)

Students will learn basic keyboarding skills and fingering. As student skill progresses, students will move on into basic word processing.

Instructor: **Hollie Simmons – Wed. 2:30-3:30**

Life Science Lab (7th)

Through this science laboratory class students will participate in hands-on activities to support the concepts they are learning about in their text.

Instructor: **Willena Brooks– Tues. 10:30-12:00**

Math (4-6)

4th-6th grade Math support class using Shiller Math, a Montessori-based mathematics curriculum. We will meet weekly to work on basic skills that students are struggling with and introduce new concepts.

Instructor: **Lois Langehaug Wed. 2:30-3:30**

Math Lab (6-12)

For students using computer-based math curriculum such as Future School or Aleks. Future School students just sign up for 3 sessions to complete 4.5 hours per week.
Instructors: **Dawn Flinn & Joan Norton – Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 10:30-12:00**
Wed. 11:00-12:30

Middle School Math (6-8)

Class will focus on 6th- 8th grade math standards, which include Geometry, Probability and Statistics, Fractions, Decimals, Percentages, Data Interpretations, Graphing, Problem Solving, Order of Operation, Proportions and Ratios, Algebraic Expressions, and Linear Equations.

Instructor: **Lois Langehaug –Tues. & Thurs. 9:00-10:30**

Photo Story (3-6)

Students will learn to create their own story, through the use of computer technology.

Instructor: **Lois Langehaug Wed. 1:00-2:30 (Fall Semester Only)**

Physical Science Lab (8th)

Through this science laboratory class students will participate in hands-on activities to support the concepts they are learning about in their text.

Instructor: **Willena Brooks – Tues. 12:30-2:00**

Psychology (9-12)

Topics include: The workings of mind and body, learning and cognitive processes, personality and individuality, stress and health, psychological disorders, and social psychology.

Instructor: **Samuel Krouse – Thurs. 10:30-12:00**

Pre-Calculus (9-12)

Advanced Mathematics fully integrates topics from algebra, geometry, trigonometry, discrete mathematics, and mathematical analysis. Word problems are developed throughout the problem sets and become progressively more elaborate. With regular practice, high-school level students will be able to solve challenging problems such as rate problems and problems involving abstract quantities. Conceptually oriented problems help prepare students for college entrance exams such as the ACT and SAT.

Instructor: **Dawn Flinn- Tues. & Thurs. 9:00-10:30**

Science (4 -6)

We will expand on the skills of prediction, and observation. We will practice measuring objects in standard and metric units. We will also work on activities throughout the course involving and reinforcing the scientific method. Following state standards we will

explore and investigate properties of metals, plants and animals, human body structure, and weather systems.

Instructor: **Willena Brooks – Wed. 1:00-2:30**

Spanish for Middle School (6-8)

It will offer coverage of Spanish grammar, writing, and speaking. We will also have fun studying geographical divisions in the Spanish speaking world & different aspects of Spanish speaking cultures.

Instructor: **Sally Mower – Tues. 2:00-3:30**

Spanish I (HS)

It will offer coverage of Spanish grammar, writing, and speaking. We will also have fun studying geographical divisions in the Spanish speaking world & different aspects of Spanish speaking cultures.

Instructor: **Sally Mower – Tues. & Thurs. 12:30-2:00**

Story & Craft Time (K-3)

Students will participate in a theme based story time followed by a creative craft and drawing time.

Instructor: **Sandy Capell – Mon. 10:00-11:00 or 11:00-12:00**

Video Game Design (3-6)

Video Game Design teaches students the basics of video game programming and logic as they create worlds and define the movement, properties, and actions of characters found in Multimedia Fusion, a program available in our computer lab. They will learn how to create and animate video game characters.

Instructor: **Mark Yedinak – Wed. 1:00-2:30 (Spring Semester Only)**

World of Writing (3-4)

Welcome to the World of Writing where students will learn to enjoy the process, skills and imagination needed for writing.

Instructor: **Hollie Simmons – Wed. 11:00-12:30**

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Instructor: **Hollie Simmons – Wed. 1:00-2:30**

Writing Workshop (HS)

This course will focus on assisting students to prepare for the CAHSEE and writing to a prompt under timed circumstances. We will assess each student's abilities and build up their skills with individualized lessons and tutoring. There will be short, timed writing assignments--"quickwrites" with immediate feedback from the teacher. We will cover the writing process-- Outlining, rough draft writing, editing & revising, & re-writing to produce final products.

Instructor: **Mark Yedinak – Mon. 9:00-10:30**

Yearbook (HS)

Yearbook staff will be completing page layouts, design, special projects, and advertisements. Prospective students need to complete an application packet

Instructor: **Mark Yedinak – Tues. 12:30-2:00**

