

High School Credit Classes

- Students can earn a high school credit in 7th or 8th grade.
- They can earn the credit in the following courses:
 - Alg 1 Honors
 - Geometry Honors
 - Spanish 1
 - Spanish 2
 - Digital Information Technology

Electives and Descriptions

2D Studio Art (Yearlong Class)

Students create a variety of two-dimensional (2-D) artworks through developing skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, and collage. Students practice, sketch, and manipulate the structural elements of art, use the art criticism process, and investigate artworks from Western and non-Western cultures for a deeper understanding and appreciation of the role of art in global culture.

Band (Yearlong class)

Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom. It may also require students to obtain a musical instrument (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) from an outside source.

Chorus (Yearlong Class)

Yearlong singing class. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.

Creative Writing (Yearlong Class)

Creative Writing is a year-long course that explores different genres of writing. The purpose of this course is to present students with the opportunity to learn and use writing and language skills for creative expression. This course is designed to inspire students to develop original pieces and ideas. Throughout the year, students will be studying short literary collections to aid in developing their writing style. One focus throughout the year will be on communication skills. Students will be engaged in a community-focused environment rich with group discussion and collaboration. The skills focused on in this course will help students in other courses as well, especially English.

Exploring 2D Art (Yearlong Class)

Students are introduced to the art production process including planning, producing, and reflecting on art. Students explore a wide range of 2D media, skills, and techniques, as related to contemporary and historical art perspectives. Projects may include but not be limited to drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, mixed media, pottery, and sculpture. There is a supply fee of \$10 per semester for this course.

Exploring Technology (Yearlong class)

Students explore various areas of technology, including how the design process is used to model, test, evaluate, and modify designs to transform ideas into practical solutions. Students will design, develop, and build a CO2 drag car. Students will then race their dragsters in a drag competition. Problem-solving methods and the space program will also be covered. There is a \$5.00 lab fee to pay for supplies and materials.

Coding (Yearlong Class)

Provides foundational knowledge and skills related to computer coding and software development. Students are provided with hands-on experiences with equipment, materials, and technology.

Orchestra

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Science Research (Yearlong Class) **Application required*

Focuses on scientific processes, experimental design, and the collection, analysis, and presentation of data. Successive years will involve a variation and/or study of a progressive nature.

Spanish 1 (Yearlong Class)

Level 1 introduces students to the target language and its culture. The student will develop communicative skills in all 4 modes of communication and cross-cultural understanding. Emphasis is placed on proficient communication from Novice-Low to Novice-Mid levels in the language. An introduction to reading and writing is also included as well as culture, connections, comparisons, and communities.

Spanish 2

Level 2 reinforces the fundamental skills acquired by the students in Level 1. The course develops increased listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills as well as cultural awareness. Specific content to be covered is a continuation of listening and oral skills acquired in Level 1. Reading and writing receive more emphasis, while oral communication remains the primary objective. Emphasis is placed on proficient communication from Novice-Mid to Intermediate-Low levels in the language. The cultural survey of the target language-speaking people is continued. To be successful in upper levels of world language study, satisfactory completion of the previous levels or of a district-approved examination for placement is necessary.

Yearbook (Yearlong class)

**Application required*

Students participate in the production of the DeLaura Middle School yearbook. Activities include the selling of advertisements to companies in the community, photography, writing headlines, captions, and copy, designing the cover, creating the theme, and computer input of the copy and designs.

TV Production (Yearlong class)

*Application required

This class is for students who like to create with technology. You will learn how to use a video camera to record school events, happenings, and your fellow DeLaura students. Use editing software on our computers to make videos and advertisements for the whole school to see! Be in front of the camera or behind it; there is something for everyone to enjoy. You are part of the action in TV Production!

Exploration of Transportation Technology (Yearlong class)

The transportation industry is growing and evolving in how it delivers services. Students will learn the unique skills needed in transportation technologies. The curriculum includes understanding the impact of the industries that move goods and people world-wide by air, land and sea.

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