

8TH GRADE COURSE OFFERINGS 2023-2024

37000 HEALTH EDUCATION I (1 trimester) Health Education offers students an opportunity to acquire knowledge, practice skills, and develop attitudes that can benefit them throughout life. Building a solid foundation of good literacy and decision-making skills can contribute to a variety of healthy choices for self and others. Although the knowledge components are addressed through the seven different content sections, the development of process, life skills and attitudes has been incorporated throughout the entire curriculum.

38039 DIGITAL LITERACY (1 trimester) This course is a foundation for computer literacy. Students will have opportunities to use technology and develop skills that encourage creativity, critical thinking, productivity, and collaboration in the classroom and day-to-day life. This course is aligned with the International Society for Technology in Education for Students, the K-12 Computer Science Framework, industry standards for Digital Literacy Certification, and the Utah Core. The alignment to these national and international benchmarks will ensure that students complete this course with a prerequisite to transition to the 9-12th grade digital studies courses.

34000-34002 LANGUAGE ARTS – 8TH GRADE (3 trimesters) Teachers attempt to meet the unique needs of these students with reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. They cover topics from theme, main idea, paraphrasing, essay writing, etc. At the eighth-grade level, the Utah Core requires intensive formal instruction in reading comprehension strategies as well as the writing process, and continues to support the development of listening and speaking skills in informal situations, and introduces formal speech.

35039-35041 MATH 8 (3 trimesters) Students will focus on formulating and reasoning about expressions and equations, including modeling an association in bivariate data with a linear equation, and solving linear equations and systems of linear equations; grasping the concept of a function and using functions to describe quantitative relationships; and analyzing two- and three-dimensional space and figures using distance, angle, similarity, and congruence, and understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem.

35021-35023 MATH 8 HONORS (3 trimesters) Current Math Teacher's Signature is required for placement Students will focus on formulating and reasoning about expressions and equations, including modeling an association in bivariate data with a linear equation, and solving linear equations and systems of linear equations; grasping the concept of a function and using functions to describe quantitative relationships; and analyzing two- and three-dimensional space and figures using distance, angle, similarity, and congruence, and understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem. **The honors course includes extra depth within the content.**

37016 PHYSICAL EDUCATION – CORE PE - 8th Grade – (1 trimester) This is a required class for all 8th grade students. Physical Education is the development of skills in activities, desirable social habits and attitudes, and love of wholesome play and recreation. Class activities will include: badminton, basketball, fitness tests, flag football, pickleball, soccer, softball, team handball, ultimate Frisbee, and weight lifting.

33000-33002 INTEGRATED SCIENCE (3 trimesters) The Science Core Curriculum places emphasis on understanding how things work and using skills to gain knowledge and understanding of the natural world. In this course students will be active learners, actively participating and conducting scientific research and experiments. They will observe, inquire, question, formulate and test hypotheses, analyze data, report, and evaluate findings. The students, as scientists, will have hands-on, active experiences in class such as using solar ovens, lasers, lab experiments, flame tubes, and much more.

36010 US HISTORY I (2 trimesters) United States History will cover events and issues from early Native Americans and the Age of Exploration through Reconstruction, emphasizing the 18th and 19th centuries. Topics covered will include, but are not limited to: exploration, colonization, Revolutionary War, constitutional issues, nation building, western movement, Civil War, and Reconstruction.

31000 ART FOUNDATIONS I (1 trimester) Art Foundations I is designed to allow students to explore a wide variety of mediums: graphite, colored pencils, pastels, acrylic paint, watercolors and more. Students learn the basics about a variety of art forms. Attention will be focused on learning art elements. Students will be introduced to art history from the Cave paintings to Gothic art period.

31074 ART FOUND – 2-D (1 trimester) Art practices found in foundation 1 will be continued and defined in more detail as students expand drawing techniques and other artistic abilities. Mediums used will include watercolor, chalk, oil pastels, pens, markers, pencils and blending tools. Projects in this course will relate to the art elements of shape, line, color, texture, form and space. Assignments will range from animal drawings to glue art; a variety that is sure to keep your attention.

31075 ART FOUND – 3-D (1 trimester) Students will learn to work in a variety of media learning the elements and principles of art as they apply to 3D design. They will learn about Corrugated Cardboard Artists and practice what they have learned about texture, balance, and design to create their own sculptures. Students will study the history of mask making around the world, learn the art of making plaster masks from a plan from their own original designs. In addition, students will make nylon and wire abstract sculptures and paint them in the style of a pop artist of their choice. We create spirit guide animal sculptures using ceramic clay and kilns. We will also create several slip cast ceramic objects.

31150-31151 8th GRADE TB CHORUS (1 or 2 trimesters) 8th Grade Chorus for Tenors and Basses is a choir where you will learn basic vocal techniques, how to read music, understand performance skills, navigate through the changing voice, and develop strong, healthy voices. Multiple trimesters are encouraged as students build their singing skills in preparation for future choral classes. This class is a continuation of skills acquired in earlier grades; however previous choir experience is not required.

31166-31168 8th GRADE SA CHORUS (1, 2 or 3 trimesters) 8th Grade Chorus for Sopranos and Altos is a choir where you will learn basic vocal techniques, how to read music, understand performance skills, navigate through the changing voice, and develop strong, healthy voices. Multiple trimesters are encouraged as students build their singing skills in preparation for future choral classes. This class is a continuation of skills acquired in earlier grades; however previous choir experience is not required.

31190-31192 BRASS/WWND BAND OR 31170 ... PERCUSSION (2 or 3 trimesters - 3 trimesters highly encouraged) (Sign up for appropriate group based on your instrument.) The band classes will be offered to students who have had previous band experience or those with several years of music experience. If you are interested in joining band but are not sure if you have the appropriate experience, email Mr. Hansen at dylan.hansen@besd.net. No students without previous band experience should register for band without an approval signature from Mr. Hansen. Each student will have the opportunity in class to develop themselves musically by performing music on their instrument. There will typically be one concert per trimester, with a festival trip during 3rd trimester. The following instruments are available through the school on a limited basis for rental: flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, baritones, French horns, trombones, tubas, and practice pad and bell kits. Percussionists will take a separate percussion course during 1st and 3rd trimester, and take the Brass/Wind class 2nd trimester.

31230-31232 ORCHESTRA (3 trimesters) Section A, B & C Orchestra for violins, violas, cello and bass. Come and make music each day in our String Orchestra Ensemble. We work together to play both modern and classic pieces. Course centers around method learning for rhythm, note reading, bow and left-hand technique, music theory and history. Daily rehearsal and once a week sectionals. We perform a concert at the end of each trimester. Ninth grade does a local elementary tour with the band. *Prerequisites: At least a year of private string lessons, or minimum one year orchestra experience.* Students are encouraged to provide their own instruments; Exception:(Larger instruments cello/bass are available to use at the school each day avoiding daily transport of large instruments). Other rentals are on a first come, first serve basis.

31110 INTERMEDIATE THEATRE I (1 trimester) Beginning Theater class teaches basics of confidence when presenting as a storyteller and performer. Grow your talents in voice projection, collaboration, script writing, character creation, and motivated movement. Students also get to explore beginning light and stage tech elements. In small groups, students will create original "twisted fairy tale" stories to be presented during class time as a final project.

38010 FACS EXPLORATION (Life Skills) (1 trimester) This course provides students the opportunity to learn essential life skills in the following areas: food and nutrition, childcare, interior design, clothing construction, entrepreneurship, family relationships, and career-related tasks.

38016 EXPLORING BUSINESS AND MARKETING (8th grade) (1 trimester) Students will have the opportunity to explore the essential concepts in the Business, Finance, and Marketing Career Cluster. This is an opportunity to explore the different parts of business and develop real-life skills. Students will learn the basics of business such as Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Leadership Skills, Finance, and Employment Skills. They will also have the opportunity to explore the leadership organization FBLA and run their own business.

38120 CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY I (BASIC WOODS) (8th or 9th grade course) - (1 trimester)

An activity-oriented instructional class that prepares individuals for enrollment in Advanced Woodworking and includes occupational and basic technical information and laboratory experiences directly related to current practices in the cabinet making industry. The purpose of this course is to assist students in making meaningful occupational choices. Students will learn basic planning, design, and construction of a project to be used in office or home use settings. The methods of power and hand tool operations will be taught.

38082 EXPLORING TECHNOLOGY (GATEWAY TO ENGINEERING) (1 trimester) This is an introduction course in which we explore technology and students will also learn about engineering design. Students apply the design process to solve problems and understand the influence of creativity and innovation in their lives. Students will use Autodesk design software Inventor to create a virtual image of their designs and produce a portfolio to showcase their innovative solutions. Some activities include: Use of 3D modeling software (Autodesk's Inventor), use of 3D printer for designs, instant challenges for students to solve real problems, gliders, drones, and learning about engineering process.

44150-44151 SPANISH I OR 44155-44156 SPANISH II (2 trimesters) Students are offered foreign language opportunities from 7th grade through 12th grade. To meet a foreign language requirement for some colleges, one of the years of the second or subsequent years must show on the high school transcript (9-12th grade). **Students must have successfully completed one level before advancing to the next level and must get current Foreign Language teachers' signature.**

48184 CREATIVE CODING (1 Trimester – Elective) This is an introductory class for Computer Science. This class will be a fun-filled class of problem solving, critical thinking, internet safety, and creativity. The course is designed to attract and reach a broad and diverse range of students, including those who may have never before considered programming. Students learn how to code by working in a real software development environment to design, program. Learning to code by creating real products, students discover how to make amazing things and have an impact on their world.

34048 ADVENTURES IN READING (1 trimester)

Students will get to do what they love most: read! This course will allow students to explore literature from all genres. It will engage students by offering choice and student led discussions (ex. Socratic Seminar, Book Talks, etc.) Supported by the teacher's guidance. Dependent on funding, guest speakers could introduce novels, book series, etc. Students will be able to collaborate and express their ideas while strengthening reading skills.

41150 THEATER FOUNDATIONS I – PLAY AUDITION CLASS (1 trimester) Musical Theater and Production. All incoming 8th and 9th graders are invited to audition. Auditions will be highly publicized, and will be held in March or April. This class will be the principles and core performers for the BEMS school musical. Students will work to prepare all elements of a big musical.

44187-89 LATINOS IN ACTION Latinos in Action (LIA) is a class/program that inspires Latino students to utilize their leadership skills in supporting their school and community. LIA is aimed to identify top students who could serve as role models in the local elementary and intermediate schools as mentors. Those chosen for Latinos in Action are students who want to learn the importance of serving others, become leaders and are able to succeed academically in the process. A GPA of at least 2.0 is required.

17120-17122 SPANISH 4 DLI (3 TRIMESTERS) This class continues the development of speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Narratives and dialogues are used to teach structure and vocabulary. Culture and geography of the native country are taught through reading selections. (For dual immersion students only)

17102 DLI SPANISH CULTURE, HISTORY, AND MEDIA B This class will focus attention on the historical time frame of 1492-1779. Students will study the discovery of America, the conquest, as well as the time during the conquests. They will learn about the culture and society of the Spanish community. This course builds skills in cultural-linguistic competencies necessary for successful communication with native speakers (reading, writing, speaking and listening). Students utilize media and authentic texts to discuss the diverse cultural products, practices and perspectives of the Spanish-speaking world. (Only for 8th grade DLI students)

17103 DLI SPANISH CULTURE, HISTORY, AND MEDIA C This class will focus attention on the historical time frame of 1779-1830. Students will follow the movements for, and during the independence of Latin America. They will learn about the culture and society of the Spanish community. This course builds skills in cultural-linguistic competencies necessary for successful communication with native speakers (reading, writing, speaking and listening).

17125-17127 CHINESE 4 DLI (3 TRIMESTERS) This course continues summing up the essential knowledge and skills learned in 1st-7th grade, following the 8th-grade curriculum from the Utah Chinese DLI program. Cultural comparison, class discussion,

persuasive essay, and authentic readings are used to improve students' Chinese listening, speaking, reading, and writing proficiency. It also helps prepare students for the Chinese AP exam, which they will take at the end of 9th grade.

17106-17108 DLI CHINESE CULTURE, HISTORY, AND MEDIA B, C, D This course is designed to examine perspectives, products, and practices of the Chinese culture. Students will continue to build cultural competency and oral proficiency in the target language, deepen their understanding of their own culture, and connect to the world through a project-based curriculum. Students will learn to apply content knowledge to critical thinking, writing, and speaking tasks aligned with the AP Language and Culture exam as much as possible. The curriculum for this course contains 4 sections: Sections A and B are offered in 7th grade, while sections B and C are available to students in 8th and 9th grade, and D is only available for 9th grade. The topics for each section are listed below. Please read the information carefully. It is highly recommended that each trimester students choose a section that they have not taken before.

Section A:

- Unit 1: Chinese Education
- Unit 2: Chinese Sports and Activities
- Unit 3: Chinese Visual Arts

Section B:

- Unit 1: Chinese Festivals
- Unit 2: Chinese Inventions
- Unit 3: Chinese Idioms

Section C:

- Unit 1: Chinese Performing Arts
- Unit 2: Chinese Health/Medicine
- Unit 3: Chinese Culinary Arts

Section D:

- Unit 1: Chinese Traditional Values and Customs
- Unit 2: Chinese Celebrities
- Unit 3: Chinese Movies

20891 DLI CHINESE STUDY SKILLS This class is only offered for Chinese dual immersion students seeking to improve their learning and provide additional support in the dual language program.