

COPPER MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Seventh Grade Course Descriptions

2019-20

REQUIRED CLASSES

Teacher's Advisory: A homeroom class where students are provided with an adult advocate, opportunities to explore interests and to learn life skills, conflict resolution skills, and study skills. It provides students a place and time to conduct and engage in school activities, contests, and listen to daily announcements. It will also facilitate the tracking of student progress and help build a relationship with parents and enhance communication with homes. Credit is received for the year on a pass/fail basis.

Integrated Science 7: Seventh Grade Integrated Science focuses on the theme of "structure". Life, physical, and earth science content are integrated in a core curriculum. The standards to be taught relate to matter, structure of earth's crust and interior, structure of cells and organisms, reproduction and heredity of organisms and classification schemes.

Language Arts 7: This course, based on Utah English Language Arts (ELA) Core Standards, is designed for grade level instruction in reading comprehension, writing, and methods of inquiry, and Processes, skills and strategies of effective communication.

Language Arts 7 Core: Required if below grade level in reading- based on district assessment. This course, based on the 7th Grade Utah English Language Arts (ELA) Core Standards, is a combination of Language Arts and Reading and follows course descriptions for Language Arts 7 and Reading 7.

Utah Studies 7: Utah is an amazing place, rich in resources, in geographic wonders, in inspiring history, and in the diversity of its people. The study of Utah permits students to understand more deeply the place they call home, while developing essential skills unique to the social studies disciplines. Within these standards, Utah Studies offers an opportunity for students to learn about their own families and cultures as well as those of others. The Utah Studies standards are based on four social studies disciplines: history, geography, economics and civics. Students will explore the complex history of Utah, with examples of creativity, sacrifice, conflict, innovation, inequity, compromise, and leadership. Students will also learn about Utah's diverse physical geography, encounter Utah's economic systems and dynamics, and explore local and statewide political systems. The range of the Utah Studies standards allows teachers flexibility in designing the course scope and sequence. The course could be organized thematically, with distinct units of study related to the social studies disciplines of economics, geography, history and political science/civics.

College and Career Awareness: CTE is Utah's exploratory Career and Technical Education Core Curriculum requirement for middle school. The purpose of this program is to allow students to be involved in activity-centered lessons, which utilize technology, develop beginning skills, and explore careers.

Fitness 7: This is a physical education course to develop a solid foundation in skills and competencies. Students are still mastering basic manipulative skills, and are ready to engage in lead-up games and drills that provide a progression toward participation in regulation or advanced play. Students will apply skills in modified games, and may be introduced to regulation rules and game play. Instruction includes an introduction to training principles and activities that can enhance health-related fitness as students pursue personal fitness goals.

Digital Literacy: This course is an introduction to 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. Skills will be demonstrated by creating a project for a different content area. This course is aligned with national and international standards and the Utah Core to prepare students across multiple levels of skills. Students will complete this course with a prerequisite to move into high school computer literacy courses.

7th Grade Math: In 7th Grade Mathematics students will focus on developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, and working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and drawing inferences about populations based on samples.

7th Mathematics Honors: The Honors course includes everything taught in 7th grade math as well as extra depth and additional topics such as codes, patterns, number bases, and number systems.

FULL YEAR ELECTIVE CLASSES

Art 1 & Art 2: This option is for students that want a full year of art. Descriptions are listed under the semester elective classes.

Orchestra 1: A class for students who would like to learn to play a violin, viola, cello, or bass. No experience necessary; one-half hour daily practice required. **Instrument required.**

Orchestra 2 and 3: Teacher approval required. An intermediate-level, orchestra class that will study and perform intermediate-level literature for orchestra. Rehearsals and performances outside of class time are part of the course requirement and will constitute a

portion of the grade. Additional fees for materials may be required. **Instrument required.** **Contact teacher for placement in this course.**

Band 1 Woodwinds: This is a course in beginning band class for students who wish to learn the saxophone, flute, or clarinet. Practice outside of class time and performances are part of this course. **Instrument required.**

Band 1 Brass: This is a course in beginning band offered for students who wish to learn the cornet, trumpet, baritone, horn, trombone, or tuba. Practice outside of class time and performances are part of this course. **Instrument is required.**

Band 1 Percussion: This is a course in beginning band offered for students who to learn the drums, mallet keyboard instruments, and other percussion-related instruments. Practice outside of class time and performances are part of this course. **Instrument is required.**

Concert Band: **Teacher approval required.** An intermediate-level band course that encourages increased technical and expressive musical proficiency through performance and study of music. Rehearsals and performances outside of class time are part of the course requirement and will constitute a portion of the grade. Practice outside of class time with **instrument is required.** **Contact Teacher for placement in this course**

Reading 7: This course, based on the 7th Grade Utah English Language Arts (ELA) Core Standards, is designed for students requiring basic instruction with targeted reading intervention in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and reading skills to assist striving readers with literary, information, and functional texts.

Spanish 1: (only available for students above grade level in reading). This course is designed to teach elementary skills in listening, speaking, reading, and spelling. The course content includes vocabulary for classroom and school subjects, foods, clothing, telling time, reading the calendar, weather, seasons, modes of transportation, and common locations. Students will develop an appreciation for the culture of the countries where the language is spoken.

SEMESTER ELECTIVE CLASSES

Art Foundations 1: It is designed to provide an overview of visual arts while studying a broad variety of art tools and materials. With an emphasis on studio production, this course is designed to develop higher-level thinking, art related technology skills, art criticism, art history, and aesthetics. This class may have a fee.

Art Foundations 2: Prerequisite: Art Foundations 1, must sign up for Art Foundations 1 also.

Art Foundation 2 provides an overview and introduction to visual arts through studying a variety of art tools and materials. This course builds on Foundations 1 with a more in-depth experience with fewer art forms. This course is designed to develop higher-level thinking, art-related technology skills, art criticism, art history, and aesthetics, with an emphasis on studio production.

Intro to Theatre: This is an introductory course in theatre with an emphasis on performance. No previous experience is necessary. The course will include pantomime, improvisation, mono acts, characterization, and scenes from plays, play reading, and work with voice projection and diction. This class is only available for 7th grade students.

Choir 1 Mixed: This class is open to all students. Emphasis will be placed on quality vocal production, part-singing, and music reading skills. Rehearsals and performances outside of class time are part of the course requirement and will constitute a portion of the grade.

Dance 1: This course offers basic dance techniques, fitness fundamentals, movement qualities, and rhythm with an emphasis on creativity, sequencing, and problem solving.

Dance 2: Need to have 3 years previous dance experience. This course is designed to develop dance techniques, flexibility, and coordination, with an emphasis on creativity and artistic composition. There will be performances outside of class time that are part of the course requirements, and they will constitute a portion of the grade.

Music Connections: Music Connections is an extension of the K-6 Music Core and includes concepts and skills to intergrade music into everyday life. Study will include: exploration in creating, experiments with singing/playing/reading music, development of analytical and evaluative skills in music listening, investigations of various purposes of music, and inquiry into music's impact on culture, history, quality of life, and other subject areas.

Reading Honors: This course, based on the 7th Grade Utah English Language Arts (ELA) Core Standards, is designed for students who qualify for more advanced instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and reading skills for reading above grade-level literary, informational, and functional texts.