

CHARLOTTE WOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES 2024-2025

The following elective classes will be offered for the 2023-24 school year. Some of the teachers may request that extra fees be donated to help defray the cost of some consumable materials or materials taken home. These materials provide benefits or experiences to the student above and beyond the regular curriculum. **Classes offered will be semester-long or year-long. You may choose:**

Option A: 2 Year-Long Courses and 4 Alternate Courses

OR

Option B: 4 Semester-Long Courses and 4 Alternate Courses

OR

Option C: 1 Year-Long and 2 Semester-Long Courses, and 4 Alternate Courses

SEMESTER LONG CLASSES:

If choosing classes from this list, select a total of or 2 or 4 on the Infinite Campus portal in your requested courses.

Art: Painting and Drawing 2D: Code: FAA2*J Grades 7 & 8 SEMESTER LONG

This two-dimensional art class explores the Elements of Art and Principles of Design with a wide variety of media and tools. Artists and cultures will be incorporated as students experiment with their own creativity in different forms and styles. Assignments are based on the California Visual Arts Standards.

Art: Sculpture 3D:Code: FAA3*J Grades 7 & 8 SEMESTER LONG

This three-dimensional art class focuses on the application of the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design expressed in a wide variety of sculptural media. Students work with varied techniques to create original works of art, cultivating an appreciation for good design, craftsmanship and creative problem solving skills. This course is aligned with the California Visual Art Standards.

Computer Applications: Code: VACA*J Grades 7 & 8 SEMESTER LONG

Students who enroll in this class may explore in-depth digital drawing, databases, spreadsheets, desktop publishing, word processing, and multimedia software. In the year-long course students may be exposed to web design, animation, sound, and music.

Media Graphic Design: Code: NDMP*J Grades 7 & 8 SEMESTER LONG

Students will use a variety of software to make graphics, animated images, sound, and video to create a digital gallery. This includes digital photography, videography, animation, digital drawing, web design and music creation. This is a hands-on, project-based class where students will learn to create digital and print media such as songs, ringtones, t-shirt printables, greeting cards and printed photos.

Video Production: Code: VAVP*J Grades 7 & 8 SEMESTER LONG

Students will learn the basics of storytelling, camera work, & editing to produce a variety of original videos. This is a fun & fast paced class for students who are willing to work in a professional manner to produce various videos. Students need to be responsible, use initiative, teamwork, and creativity.

Living Skills 1 (Foods): Code: VALS1J Grades 7 & 8 SEMESTER LONG

This is an introductory course to food preparation and nutrition. Students will study the basic food groups, terminology, nutritional choices, sanitation, kitchen safety, etiquette, budgeting, care and use of kitchen equipment, and laundry. This program encourages teamwork and self-evaluation as kitchen teams are involved in practical cooking lab experiences.

Foods B: Baking: Code: VAFB*J Grades: 7 & 8 SEMESTER LONG

Designed for all beginning bakers, students will learn all aspects of bakery from sweet desserts to yeast bread dough. They will practice cake decorating skills and dessert presentations and get to eat what they bake!

Stagecraft Grades: Code: FASC*J Grades: 7 & 8 SEMESTER LONG

Students will learn the principles of set construction and design, lighting, sound, costumes, make-up, publicity, and stage management using the latest technology particular to theater arts. Students will learn how to produce a clear, unified aesthetic that combines personal style and practicality for the stage. As a technical theater team, students will be entrusted with the real responsibility of planning a cohesive design for a school production. Students will work within a budget and against time constraints to realize their vision onstage. During performances, students will serve as “run crew”, operating the lighting and sound systems, taking charge backstage with scene changes and prop organization, as well as cuing actors. This class will require after school time the week before the show at dress rehearsals, and attendance at all performances to run the show.

Drama: Code: NDDRMJ Grades 7 & 8 SEMESTER LONG

In Drama students collaborate to create complex characters, develop well-structured storylines, and improve acting techniques. The class focuses on character development, improvisation, script writing based on original ideas, and performance.

YEAR LONG CLASSES:

If choosing classes from this list, select a total of 1 or 2 on the Infinite Campus portal in your requested courses.

Publications: Code: NDPUBJ (Yearbook) Grades 7 & 8 YEAR LONG

The focus of this course is the production of the school yearbook. The students are responsible for all aspects of the yearbook, including writing, photography, layouts, production, and distribution. Producing the yearbook involves careful planning, teamwork, writing and photography. **English grade of B or higher recommended.**

Broadcast Journalism: Code: VAPAAJ Grades 7 & 8 YEAR LONG

In this advanced class, students produce a weekly news & entertainment show. Students work in teams to plan, film, edit, and write scripts for the show. Students take on broadcasting jobs such as producer, director, teleprompt, technical director, anchors, sound engineer, and camera.

Chorus: Code: FACJ Grades 6, 7 & 8 YEAR LONG**

Choir students will learn to use their voice to create beautiful music. Music of a wide variety of styles, cultures and time periods will be studied and performed including a cappella, classical, jazz, spirituals, and “pop”! Get ready for an awesome, fun-filled year of singing!

Musical Theater: Code: FAMT*J Grades: 7 & 8 YEAR LONG

In this performance based class, students will learn about the history and development of theater and musical theater while sharpening their skills in acting, singing and dancing. Students will research, direct, and perform in musical and non-musical projects throughout the semester, culminating in a showcase at the end of the course.

Cadet Band : Code: FABB*J Grades 6, 7 & 8 YEAR LONG

Cadet Band is our beginning-level woodwind, brass and percussion ensemble. Most students will begin the class on basic instruments such as the flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone and percussion. In an effort to expand our instrumentation students will have the opportunity to begin oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, tenor/baritone saxophone, baritone/euphonium and tuba. This course will review the basics of musicianship including rhythm and note reading that were learned in elementary school, then progress to include the more advanced concepts of dynamics, tempo, articulation, blend, balance and intonation. Students will learn music in a variety of genres. Participation in regularly scheduled co-curricular performances is mandatory and formal performance attire is required.

String Instruments/ Orchestra: Code: FASI*J Grades 6, 7 & 8 YEAR LONG

Orchestra is a class for 6th – 8th grade students who play violin, viola, cello, bass or piano. We learn a variety of music ranging from classical to pop and perform concerts throughout the year, including field trips. Students of all experience levels come together to create memorable musical experiences.

Symphonic Band: Code: FASB*J Grade 6, 7 & 8 YEAR LONG

Symphonic Band is our top-performing ensemble and is a training ground for the rigors of high school music. We purposely perform music considered difficult for a middle school musician, which makes our rehearsals challenging, but our performances very impressive! *** Pending class numbers this course may be combined with Cadet band to create a mixed band class. This decision is at the discretion of the school*

Dance: Code: FADJ Grade: 7 & 8 YEAR LONG**

This is a beginning level dance elective. The course includes training in basic dance techniques and an introduction to a variety of dancing styles. Students will be expected to perform and choreograph routines in class.

Beginning Digital Photography: Code: FABDPJ Grade: 7 & 8 YEAR LONG

This digital photography class will explore the many facets of digital imagery. Students are expected to produce and preserve images that paint a picture, tell a story, or record an event. Students will be exposed to a wide variety of technical editing strategies and techniques through the use of open source software programs. This digital photography program will introduce the understanding of composition and image design; focusing on color, theory, and practical applications.

Art Advanced: Code: FAA4*J Grade: 8 YEAR LONG

Prerequisite: Successful Completion of one year of Art

Students demonstrate a mature understanding of the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design in a rigorous series of lessons. Students increasingly incorporate their own perspectives and style as they explore creative expression. Art history and culture and aesthetic valuing form a significant part of the course and a variety of 2D and 3D media will be introduced

Unified PE TA: Code: NDTAPE*J Grade 7 & 8 YEARLONG

General education students have the opportunity to interact and assist in the special day class in participating in physical education activities.

Unscheduled 1st period : Code: 01511J_Grades 6, 7 & 8 YEAR LONG

Students have the election of requesting a six period day at Charlotte Wood; however, we recommend students take advantage of our elective courses. **We do not guarantee students selecting a six period day will receive that in the case of other schedule conflicts**, but we will do our best to honor all student requests. Students requesting this option should still enter their elective choices in the case that a six period day cannot be accommodated.

Unscheduled 7th-period : Code: 01517J_Grades 6, 7 & 8 YEAR LONG

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FOREIGN LANGUAGE

These two middle school courses (1A and 1B) together are equivalent to the first year of high school world language. *****It is strongly recommended that students who wish to take World Language 1A are achieving at least a B- in their 6th grade core class and/or teacher recommendation.***

World Language 1A- (Spanish: FLSAHJ or French: FLFAHJ) Grade: 7 YEAR LONG

In this course, students will be introduced to the World Language and culture using a communicative approach. Students will learn a World Language through a variety of formats, for example: reading, writing, speaking, listening, singing, playing games, performing skits, watching videos, doing projects, and experiencing cultural activities. **Please be advised that this is an academic elective and students will have quizzes, exams, and daily homework.**

**There is limited space available for Spanish 1A. While we do our best to give all students their top elective choices we do not guarantee placement into Spanish 1A.*

World Language 1B- (Spanish: FLSBHJ or French: FLFBHJ) Grade: 8 YEAR LONG

This course is the second of a two-year middle school program. In this course, students will build upon prior knowledge of the World Language and World Language culture using a communicative approach. Students will continue to learn a World Language through a variety of formats, for example: reading, writing, speaking, listening, singing, playing games, performing skits, watching videos, doing projects, and experiencing cultural activities. **Please be advised that this is an academic elective and students will have quizzes, exams, and daily homework.**

APPLICATION CLASSES:

You will need to fill out and submit an application for the following classes, but **can not request them on the Infinite Campus portal (counselors will enter selections once class rosters have been determined).**

If applying for an Aide class you should only submit one application.

Attendance Aide: Code: NDAA*J Grades: 7 & 8 YEAR LONG

Students work in the office to assist teachers and office staff in various duties such as filing and delivering passes. **Application required.**

Media/ Library Aide: Code: NDRA*J Grades 7 & 8 YEAR LONG

Students work in the library to assist Library staff in various duties. **Application required.**

Office Aide: Code: NDOA*J Grades 7 & 8 YEAR LONG

Students work in the office to assist teachers and office staff in various duties such as filing, delivering passes and helping with planning of events. **Application required.**

Peer Support Aide: Code: NDRA*J Grades 7 & 8 YEAR LONG

Students work in the classrooms to help support students that are differently abled. Students will assist students with teacher instructions in both Mrs. Smith's Core class as well as in elective classes. Students in peer support aid in creating friendships and supporting social skills. **Application required.**

Teacher Aide: Code: NDTA*J Grades 7 & 8 YEAR LONG

Students work in the classroom to assist teachers in various duties. **Application required.**

Leadership: Code: NDLJ Grades 7 & 8 YEAR LONG**

Students engage in school and community activities related to spirit and service. Students will enhance skills of leadership, teamwork, responsibility, public speaking, and accountability. Leadership is responsible for student body funds, dances, spirit days, and community service. **Paper Application required.**