

7th Grade

Required 7th Grade Core Courses: <u>Year Long Classes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Math 7• English 7• Integrated Science 7• College & Career Awareness <u>One Semester Classes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beginning Fitness 7• Utah Studies	Teacher Recommended Core Courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accelerated Math 7/8*• Math Strategies 7*• English Strategies 7* <p>Parents/Guardians are contacted when students are recommended for these courses.</p>
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7th Grade Required Core Course Descriptions

Math 7 (1 credit)

In Grade 7, instructional time will focus on four critical areas: (1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; (2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; (3) 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 (4) drawing inferences about populations based on samples.

FULL YEAR, Eligibility: 7th grade

English 7 (1 credit)

This is a year-long course with emphasis in the reading and writing processes. Students will study short stories, poetry, non-fiction text selections, and novels. Students will work on improving vocabulary, mechanics in writing, and grammar usage. Students will read an independent novel once each term, and complete a project alongside their reading.. In addition, they will work on speaking and listening through long and short presentations.

FULL YEAR, Eligibility: 7th grade

Integrated Science 7 (1 credit)

In this class students will look for relationships of cause and effect in nature. Students will learn how to apply the scientific method to observe, ask questions, and make predictions about the world around them. To find answers, students will also carry out investigations, build models, and analyze data. Students will explore the structure and function of life, reproduction and inheritance, forces and interactions with matter, and changes to earth and the species over time.

FULL YEAR, Eligibility: 7th grade

College & Career Awareness (1 credit)

A course designed to increase awareness of college and career pathways through simulations and project-based experiences. The College and Career Awareness course explores high school, college, and career options based on individual student interests, abilities, and skills. Students will investigate high-skill and/or in-demand jobs in the Utah labor market while developing workplace skills.

FULL YEAR, Eligibility: 7th grade

Beginning Fitness 7 (0.5 credits)

Students in grade seven develop a solid foundation in skills and competencies. They 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.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th grade

Utah Studies (0.5 credits)

This class will explore Utah State History. Some of the topics we will be covering are: the original inhabitants of Utah, the geography of the state, exploration, the Mormon pioneers and their settlement of the state, how all of these things combined to create the state we live in today.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th grade

7th Grade Teacher Recommended Course Descriptions

Acc. Math 7/8 (1 credit)*

This course is only available to students who meet prerequisite qualifications. There will be areas of focus including content from both 7th and 8th grade math. This class will cover materials at an accelerated pace.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER CLASS

- 6th grade teacher recommendation
- Prerequisite Skills test passed with 80%
- Parent Agreement

FULL YEAR, Eligibility: 7th grade

Math 7 Strategies (1 credit)*

This course involves direct instruction by a special education teacher in the content area of Mathematics and is tailored specifically to a student's learning objectives, IEP goals and instructional needs. An intervention curriculum is woven into the school's general education curriculum and is utilized to meet the student's unique needs.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER CLASS

- Teacher recommendation

FULL YEAR, Eligibility: 7th grade

English 7 Strategies (1 credit)*

This course involves direct instruction by a special education teacher in the content area of English Language Arts and is tailored specifically to a student's learning objectives, IEP goals and instructional needs. An intervention curriculum is woven into the school's general education curriculum and is utilized to meet the student's unique needs.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER CLASS

- Teacher recommendation

FULL YEAR, Eligibility: 7th grade

7th Grade Elective Course Descriptions

Math Electives

Math 7 Elements (1 credit)*

Math Elements is designed to serve students who are performing one to three grade levels below expectations. The goal is to increase conceptual understanding of the mathematics being presented in their regular math class. In this class we assess each student and use the data to inform instruction. The curriculum in elements follows along with the regular education math class but puts the concepts at an accessible level for the elements students. Students are able to work in small groups with an instructor to help them understand and have success with the concepts. This class also works to build number sense and mathematical reasoning through games, number talks and other research based activities

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER CLASS

- Teacher recommendation

FULL YEAR, Eligibility: 7th grade

Math Lab (0.5 credits)*

An academic Math support class for students with disabilities. This course teaches strategies designed to meet the student's individual goals. The skills taught in the Math classes will support the student in his or her general education courses.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER CLASS

- Teacher recommendation

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th- 9th grades

English Electives

Introduction to Debate (0.5 credits)

This course is for students with an interest in debate and speech and improving communication skills. Students will participate in a variety of speech activities designed to increase communication, argumentative and persuasive skills and gain confidence in public speaking.

Students will compete in one meet per semester. This is a performance class. Students will need to provide transportation or arrange carpooling to and from competitions.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th – 9th grades

Children's Literature (0.5 credits)

This course will teach methods on creating and writing literature for young children that is both educational and fun. Students will share their completed work with the class. This is a project based class.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

Fantasy Literature (0.5 credits)

Fantasy literature explores the fantasy genre including how authors build worlds. Students will become familiar with the most important fantasy works that shaped the genre, including the YA genre. Students will read and choose from a variety of different texts. Students will be able to view the film of the book to determine how the producers changed/added to the text.. This class is a Project Based Learning Class, meaning students will engage in projects to showcase their understanding of different parts of the texts.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

Sci-Fi Literature (0.5 credits)

Become familiar with some of the most-influential Science Fiction works that shaped the genre and the world we inhabit today and where we'll live tomorrow. Gain an understanding of contemporary and future science fiction by studying the history of the genre and many of the works that started important conversations about what it means to be human in a changing world. We will read some works that helped establish the modern genre of science fiction in English and others that fans of the genre consider exemplary, pivotal, or just plain good. Students will watch movies that tie in with the texts and discover the differences with making a science fiction text come to life. No homework will be assigned.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

CPLA: Mythology (0.5 credits)

During this course, myths created by various cultures around the world will be examined to gain a better understanding of the power of myth, its influence on our world, and how we are still influenced by these tales to this day. Greek, Roman, Norse, Egyptian, Polynesian, as well as myths from many other cultures will be explored. This is a project based learning class where there are group and solo projects to demonstrate learning. No homework.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

Creative Writing (0.5 credits)

Creative writing provides an opportunity for creativity and use of imagination through writing guided imagery, simple poetry forms, short stories, and personal narratives while learning to manipulate sensory detail. Many fun activities are provided to wake up the senses and the imagination. The class also assists students in realizing the importance of audience, word choice, detail, and sentence structure skills in their writing. In order to encourage writing and idea fluency, the students will keep a daily writing journal. Most importantly, the students write and develop structural writing skills.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

English 7 Elements*

English Elements is a support class designed for students to improve and increase their reading and comprehension and writing ability. The class utilizes a program called Read 180 by Scholastic. READ 180 is designed to meet individual needs in reading and writing skills through small group interventions, independent reading, and computer-based individualized instruction.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER CLASS

- Teacher Recommendation

FULL YEAR, Eligibility: 7th grade

English Lab (0.5 credits)*

An academic English Language Arts support class for students with disabilities. This course teaches strategies designed to meet the student's individual goals. The skills taught in the English Lab classes will support the student in his or her general education courses.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER CLASS

- Teacher Recommendation

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

Visual Arts Electives

Art Foundations 1 (0.5 credit)

This is a foundation course using primarily drawing to make and understand art. Studio practice will emphasize the elements of art such as line, shape, value, texture, color, form, and space as used in art and design. Traditional and experimental approaches of materials will be used and are structured to provide students with a strong foundation in design, drawing, and art vocabulary.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

Ceramics 1 (0.5 credits)

This class is a thorough introduction to ceramics clay. Almost entirely a studio course, the students will make hand-built pottery using the pinch, slab, and coil techniques. All ware will be kiln fired and glazed. Continued emphasis will be placed on the nature of three-dimensional art, design, color, and higher-level thinking. Class can be repeated.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

Painting 1 (0.5 credits)

Painting is an art course designed to teach students how to use acrylic paint in creating works of art. Studio practice will emphasize elements and principles used in art and design. Projects will be structured to provide students with a strong foundation in design, drawing, painting, and art vocabulary.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER CLASS

- Successful completion of Art Foundations I

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

Performing Arts Electives

Band 1 (1 credit)

This class provides beginning and intermediate instruction on all wind and percussion band instruments. Beginning students will have the opportunity to play on several instruments at the beginning of the school year to see which instrument suits them best. No previous experience is required. This band performs 4 evening concerts, one at the end of each term.

FULL YEAR, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

Guitar 1 (1 credit)

This is a beginning guitar class. In this class, you will learn how to play notes and chords in 1st position. Students will learn to read and write tablature and standard notation for guitar. Guitar 1 students will perform 3 evening concerts, one at the end of terms 2, 3, and 4.

FULL YEAR, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

Orchestra 1 (1 credit)

This course is for students who are new beginners or still mastering the basics of their instrument. Students will need to purchase or rent their own instrument. Students who have taken one year of an after-school program should register for this course. After sufficient progress students will be invited to audition for advanced orchestra. This class is a performance class requiring participation at school concerts and assemblies.

FULL YEAR, Eligibility: 7th –9th grades

Concert Choir (1 credit)

Welcome to the spotlight! This fun and upbeat course is for music lovers and singers of ALL abilities. Whether you're a seasoned performer or a sing-along-to-the-radio person, join us as we build confidence in singing, learn to read music, and blend our voices to create a beautiful sound. This is a large choir with performances throughout the year.

FULL YEAR, Eligibility: 7th – 9th grades

Chamber Choir – Provectus Chorum (0.5 Credits)

Provectus Chorum is our honors audition choir selected from our concert choir. Students in this class will continue to learn more advanced concepts of part singing, singing aCapella, learning choreography, music theory, and collaborating with other performance groups. This class performs frequently throughout the year and travels around the community for performance opportunities. This is a semester-long course, but can be taken all year.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER CLASS

- Successful auditions for the class

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th – 9th grades

Musical Theater Expressions 1 (0.5 credits)

Musical Theater Expressions 1 is designed to increase students' knowledge and skill in the world of theater. Students will learn to improve their knowledge and ability in basic drama techniques. This class requires creativity, experimentation, and open-mindedness. Students will gain basic acting skills, learn general theater terms, and apply their knowledge through formal and informal performances.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

Musical Theater Expressions 2 (0.5 credits)

Musical Theater Expressions 2 is designed for the more serious-minded drama student. Students will work on advanced techniques and build acting skills through many formal and informal performances.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER CLASS

- Successful Completion of Musical Theater Expressions 1

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

Musical Theater Introduction (0.5 credits) Fall Only Course (1st Semester)

Musical Theater Intro. is designed to increase students' knowledge and skills in the world of musical theater. Students will learn to improve their knowledge and ability in basic musical theater techniques such as singing, dancing, and acting. This course will directly prepare students to have an audition ready for admittance into the Spring Musical Theater production.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER CLASS

- Not required but highly recommended, students should enroll in this course if they are planning to participate in the Spring Musical.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

Spring Musical Theater (0.5 credits) Spring Only Course (2nd Semester)

An audition process will take place to determine performance responsibilities. This is a course that deals with applications of all aspects of theater production: acting, costuming, make-up, scenery, etc. Members of the production company are required to attend after-school rehearsals. Members of the spring class will participate in a full-scale musical at the end of the semester.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER CLASS

- All those registered will be cast in the Spring Musical.
- All students must audition to be casted in this show.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

Theater Tech 1 (0.5 credits)

Theater Tech is a class that focuses on the behind the scenes magic of plays and musicals. This class will explore set design, stage managing, lighting design, rigging, stage makeup, special effects and sound designs for theater productions. Students will be asked to complete a portfolio project for each major area in theater tech as part of the semester. Students may have an opportunity to assist in an actual theater production along with members of the school's tech crew. This class is a prerequisite for being on SAA's tech crew.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

Dance 1 (0.5 credits)

This class provides an environment in which to gain knowledge and respect for the art of dance. In this class, we will cover the history and technique of dance including ballet, modern, jazz, and dance for musical theater as well as having an opportunity to choreograph an original dance and perform it for the class.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

CTE (Career and Technical Education) Electives

Intro to Python Coding (0.5 credits)

Python is an interpreted, interactive, object-oriented programming language. It incorporates modules, exceptions, dynamic typing, very high-level dynamic data types, and classes. Python combines remarkable power with very clear syntax. It has interfaces to many system calls and libraries, as well as to various window systems, and is extensible in C or C++. It is also usable as an extension language for applications that need a programmable interface.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th – 8th grades

Intro to Python Coding 2 (0.5 credits)

Python is a language with a simple syntax, and a powerful set of libraries. It is an interpreted language, with a rich programming environment, including a robust debugger and profiler. While it is easy for beginners to learn, it is widely used in many scientific areas for data exploration.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER CLASS

- Successful completion of Intro to Python Coding

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7th–8th grades

Computer Science Investigations (0.5 credits)

Computer Science Investigations introduces students to the breadth of the field of computer science through an exploration of engaging and accessible topics. Rather than focusing the entire course on learning particular software tools or programming languages, the course is designed to focus the conceptual ideas of computing and help students understand why certain tools or languages might be utilized to solve particular problems. The goal of Computer Science Investigations is to develop in students the computational thinking practices of algorithm development, problem solving and programming within the context of problems that are relevant to the lives of today's students. Students will also be introduced to topics such as computing systems, networks, data & analysis, limits of computers, and societal and ethical issues.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7–8th grades

World Language Electives

Spanish 1 (1 credit)

This course is taught using 4 main language acquisition techniques: Listening Comprehension; Reading Comprehension; Writing Performance; and Speaking Performance. Students will use a combination of these techniques to gain an overall knowledge and language base that will enable them to begin creating in the Spanish language. After completing the requirements of this class students should be able to; carry on simple Spanish conversations using mostly memorized sentences and phrases, give and receive directions, and advocate for their health and wellness. The performance target for this Spanish course is Novice High on the ACTFL Proficiency Benchmarks.

FULL YEAR, Eligibility: 7th–9th grades

Additional Electives

Study Skills (0.5 credits)

Throughout this course, students will learn a variety of skills related to organization, time management, planning, communicating, and self-advocacy. Projects and assignments will help prepare students as they begin their transition into secondary education -- gaining the skills to become successful students.

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7-8th grades

Guided Study Hall (0.5 credits)*

This course is a placement course and provides a structured environment for completing assignments. Students in this course learn and practice executive functioning skills and receive more guided instruction aimed at providing support in the completion of assignments from their core and elective classes.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER CLASS

- Teacher or administrative recommendation

SEMESTER, Eligibility: 7-9th grades

Directed Studies (0.5 credits)*

An academic support class for students with disabilities. Special education teachers work with students on executive functioning skills, time management, prioritizing, study skills, grade checks every other week and goal planning.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER CLASS

- Teacher recommendation

FULL YEAR, Eligibility: 7th-9th grades