2020 – 2021 Elective Course Descriptions

**Industrial Technology (Shop) -** Basic skill development in a graduated program in the areas of drafting, wood, metal and plastics including independent and group instruction.  Practice tool safety, measurement, planning and career exploration.  If time allows, additional areas may be pursued.  Average cost for supplies is $10.00 for this semester class.

**Community Construction - (Shop) -** Semester class - This class is aimed at getting students involved in their communities through construction based service projects. All construction takes place in class. Projects vary greatly from small craft projects aimed at raising money for charities to building larger projects for auctions and local parks or schools. Students will learn construction concepts and safety, while specializing in certain tools and skills.

**Foods – Semester class -**   Foods class covers kitchen safety as well as a variety of foods that you will be able to easily replicate at home.  You will reflect on your recipes and fine tune skills.

**Advanced Foods –** Semester class - For students that wish to take their cooking to the next level.  You will design recipes, learn meal prep and budgeting. Prerequisites – Must have passed Foods and have staff signature.

**Drama –** We will come together to create an environment in which you will learn more about yourself and your world; build self-confidence by discovering and developing your talent; and improving your ability to appreciate and work with others.  This is a PARTICIPATION class! All students will be expected to participate in the tasks presented. This is a semester course.

**Cougar Singers -** Calling all 7th and 8th grade Tenor/Bass singers!  This class will specifically allow changing voices a safe place to try singing and will start from the beginning with sight reading and music theory concepts.  No experience needed!  We will develop skills and strive for excellence. This class will be high energy and move at a moderate pace. This class will have 4 evening concerts and several assemblies during this year-long course.

**Vocalessence -** This choir is for 7th and 8th grade Alto/Soprano singers!  This class will be a place to build confidence in your voice and develop sight reading skills and theory concepts that will prepare you for high school.  We will develop skills and strive for excellence.  This class will be high energy and move at a moderate pace. This class will have 4 evening concerts and several assemblies during this year-long course.

**ACApooia Singers -** This is an auditioned choir available to 7th and 8th graders at Calapooia.  This ensemble will sing A Cappella music, which does not use any instrumental accompaniment.  Students will develop higher levels skills and incorporate choreography and beatboxing into their music.  This group will have 4 evening concerts and several assemblies during this year-long course as well as additional evening and weekend performances.

**Sources of Strength -** This is a year long course. We are a group of diverse students from many different corners and cultures of our school community.  This is a student driven class that strives to help people through rough times and develops campaigns for our specific student body.  Our goal in this class will spread hope by focusing on stories of strength, rather than on stories of trauma.  This is also a position of leadership and for people interested in effecting change!

Beginning Band is an introductory class to the world of band.  Explore the world of music through the performance of Woodwinds (flute, clarinet, saxophone, etc), Brass (Trumpet, tuba, trombone, etc) and Percussion (drums, Xylophones, etc) instruments.  Students will learn to read, write, play, analyze, critique, and ultimately express themselves through their instrument in a performance based group.  No prior knowledge of music is needed. Use your own instrument or one loaned by the school. This is a year-long class with performances throughout.

Cougar Band is the advanced band class.  Students will hone in their skills of their instrument by working on more extensive and challenging works.  Students will continue to read, write, analyze, critique, and perform in an advanced group setting.  This is a year-long course with performances, festivals, competitions and marching in parades throughout.  Use your own instrument or one loaned by the school. One year of a Beginning Band is required.

Guitar class is designed to provide a musical introduction to playing the guitar or ukulele.  However, anyone with experience is welcome to take part in the class and will be provided with supplemental work and activities to their skill level.  Students will learn anything from simple melodies to more complex songs ranging from many different genres such as R&B, Blues, Rock and Pop.  With practice, the student will be able to play a variety of chords common in the previous types of music.  The overall goal is to leave the class a better player than when you first started. Use your own instrument or one loaned by the school. No prior knowledge of the instrument is required. This is only a semester long class.

**Art -** semester class - Learn about great works of art and create your own through TAB/Student Choice. This class will teach you to explore art history, drawing skills and techniques, painting, collage, clay/ceramics, sculpture, printmaking, fiber arts, jewelry making, digital arts/animation, metal embossing, and other media.  We will conclude class with a community art show featuring your work! You may take more than once since you choose what to create.

**Digital Photo -** This is a semester long course.  Learn about great works of art and create your own through TAB/Student Choice. This class will teach you composition, technique, and photo editing.  We will conclude class with a community art show featuring your work! You may take this class more than once since you choose what to create.

**AVID7 / AVID8 -** Year-long course - Prerequisites/Application, Interview and Approval processes Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is an elective course that prepares students for college readiness and success and is scheduled during the regular school day. Students receive instruction utilizing rigorous college preparatory curriculum provided by AVID Center, tutor-facilitated study groups, motivational activities and academic survival skills. The course emphasizes rhetorical reading, analytical writing, collaborative discussion strategies, tutorial inquiry study groups, preparation for college entrance and placement exams, college study skills and test-taking strategies, note-taking, and research.

**Foreign Language(s) –** This is a semester-long course. This is a participation class. Students will be graded on their level of effort. Students get to choose which language they would like to learn. Language choices include French, Spanish, Italian, German, and more. This class is designed to teach students to learn a language through both online application and interactive notebooks and activities. Students will learn the basics of the language of their choice to prepare them for high school. In high school, students are required to complete two years of foreign language.

**Career Explorations Labs-**-Available to 8th graders only.  This class is a semester long course.  In this class students get to work through different labs exploring what it would be like to work in a variety of careers, including veterinary medicine, forensic science, sports medicine, and much more!   This is a participation class!  Students will be expected to participate with a partner, and will be graded on their level of effort.  Students will get to choose the hands on labs they would like to work through with a partner, making this a student driven class that allows students to explore the topics they are interested in or would like to learn more about.

**Leadership -** Leadership is a year-long elective for 8th grade students. Leadership students are responsible for being positive role models. They coordinate, plan, organize and run many school events such as The Giving Tree, recycling and Fun Day. This is a participation class. Students will be graded on their level of effort. Interested students must complete an application and meet with the teacher as part of the process.

**Teacher Aide** - semester - Prerequisite/Teacher approval - This is an ideal class for students who like to help teachers and or students who are thinking that they would want to be a teacher in the future. Students will be helping the teacher with copies, grading, organizing etc. If there are no aiding tasks needed for any given day the student can use this class as a study hall.

**Office Aide -** semester - Prerequisite/Office staff approval - Open to students who are able to work well with the public and their peers in a professional manner, maintain the professional standard o f confidentiality; be able to follow directions; have an excellent attendance record; be accurate and dependable; and be passing all classes. If there are no aiding tasks needed for any given day the student can use this class as a study hall.