

2022-2023 Elective Course Description

Taft Eagles

Incoming 6th graders



Please review the elective course description carefully. All electives are year-long courses.

ART 6

This exploratory course gives students an opportunity to develop skills in multiple art-making techniques

AVID 6th- 8TH

Students sharpen and refine attitude, skills, and knowledge to successfully enter and complete a college-prep academic program in high school. Students learn and apply study skills and learning strategies to improve performance in the content areas. Note taking, outlining, writing, speaking, reading, test strategies, use of appropriate technology.

ACADEMIC LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT (English Learners)

This one-period course continues the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in English, with emphasis on the reading and writing processes.

INTRO CODING 6th

Students in this course are introduced to basic computer science principles and begin to develop computational thinking skills. By applying logic to real-world applications, students will explore the world of coding by creating digital products.

MULTILEVEL STUDY SKILLS 6th- 8TH

This course focuses on learning/study strategies to ensure maximum success in the general classroom.*Enrolled students must have an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

SPANISH LANGUAGE ARTS SLIMS 6th- 8TH

This course is designed to support the Spanish Dual Language/World Language program and allows students to continue on the immersion pathway after exiting a K-5 dual language program. Taught entirely in Spanish, this is a one-period, balanced literacy course that builds on knowledge and skills acquired in an elementary dual language program.

STEP UP TO MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH 6th- 8TH

Step Up to Middle School Math is an elective support courses for students in grades 6–8 and is taken concurrently with their grade-level math course, at the recommendation of the teacher. It is designed for students whose placement indicators show a need for targeted support to ensure success. The course provides remediation for gaps in students' learning, front loads crucial concepts, and provides parallel lessons to build prerequisite skills. This course replaces the district's math Advancement Academy courses.