

Art

Art offers a year-long course experimenting with the elements and principals of basic design. Students will learn to use charcoal, colored pencil, collage, graphite, ink, oil paste, and paint to create their compositions. Drawing will begin with abstract concepts and will end with realistic images, including human drawing and sculpture. The class will also cover the historical significance of art and how it relates to today's society and issues, through individual and group project settings.

Agricultural Science I (1.0 Carnegie Unit*)

Agriculture is a practical science-related course involving units in soil, animal, and plant science. Furthermore, the course includes units on small engines, basic electricity, basic carpentry, and drafting design. The course includes leadership training activities to include such topics as parliamentary law and public speaking. A student enrolled in agriculture may pay an optional \$20 annual fee to join the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) organization. Official FFA members may be eligible to participate in a variety of activities and supervised experiences including forestry, horse judging, dairy judging, horticulture, poultry evaluation, and conventions. Seventh grade students will receive a high school unit credit for the successful completion of agriculture.

Exploratory Spanish

This class is open to students who intend to take Spanish I for high school credit as 8th graders. Students will have the opportunity to explore the culture of many Latin countries and beginning Spanish vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar. Audio-oral skills and cultural awareness are emphasized throughout the year. The course will cover greetings, weather, numbers, school subjects, time and schedules, descriptions of people, activities to do, clothing, food, and more. This course requires a B or higher in 6th grade ELA and Mastery on ELA state tests.

Family and Consumer Science (1.0 Carnegie Unit*)

This course provides students with basic wellness knowledge, personal development and food preparation skills. Topics include nutrition, meal planning, label information, sewing, safety and sanitation.

Introduction to Band

This course is designed for students who have one or more years of previous experience with the chosen instrument.

Materials: Students must furnish their own instruments (with the exception of the tuba, baritone, and French Horn) and accessories such as reeds, oils, sticks, and method book

Uniform: Each band member will furnish his/her own black pants, black belt, black shoes, and black socks. Each student will purchase a polo style shirt with the BJHS band logo.

Rehearsals & Performances: Attendance is required at all rehearsals and performances, as they are a percentage of the nine week's grade. They are 3-4 football games, Christmas concert (day and night), Veterans' Day, Parish Band Festival and Spring Concert, as well as other performances.

Introduction to Choir

This is a performance based course. Students will learn sight-signing skills, music notation and proper singing and performance techniques.

Introduction to Piano

This class will teach introductory piano skills and the fundamentals of reading music. A beginning piano book will be required.

Keyboarding Applications (1.0 Carnegie Unit*)

The first semester has an emphasis on learning the keyboard. This includes skills tests requiring knowledge of all keys on the keyboard using proper form and typing techniques. The second semester will build on keyboarding skills and add applications of creating, editing and formatting various business documents.

Quest for Success (1.0 Carnegie Unit*)

This course provides students the opportunity to develop introductory workplace behaviors and communication skills. The course emphasizes career pathways offered in St. Tammany Parish, career exploration, soft skills, post-secondary option, personal financial literacy, and self-assessment/personal goals for high school.

Study Skills

Computer based; designed to improve reading & math levels for students that scored below Basic in ELA and/or Math state assessments.

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