

CHIEF HILL LEARNING ACADEMY



Junior High School Course Catalog 2024-2025

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Junior High Courses

ENG700 Language Arts 7

Seventh grade Language Arts emphasizes reading and writing for a full year. In this standards-based curriculum, students will write compositions, understand and apply new vocabulary words, and prepare oral presentations. During reading instruction, students will apply a variety of comprehension strategies to develop meaning from the material they read. In writing instruction, emphasis will be placed on the 6+1 traits of writing: ideas and content, word choice, organization, sentence fluency, voice, conventions and format. In addition to personal narratives and short stories, students will write multi-paragraph summaries that communicate the main ideas of non-fiction articles and that organize supporting details in a logical sequence.

ENG800 Language Arts 8

In Language Arts 8, students will extend writing skills through more complex compositions and reports, and their work will be assessed using the 6+1 traits of writing. Vocabulary development, prewriting strategies, and editing skills are emphasized. Students will write an expository essay that contains effective introductory and summary statements and fully developed ideas with details, facts, examples, and descriptions. Students will analyze literature through advanced literary techniques found in poetry, short stories, plays, and novels.

MAT700 Math 7

This course is designed to improve and extend student math skills in the following areas: number theory, basic operations (with fractions, decimals, and integers), proportions, percentages, measurement, graphing, statistics, and geometric concepts. Students will use reasoning and communication skills within real-world problem-solving situations throughout the course.

MAT800 Pre-Algebra

Algebraic concepts are explored in this standards-based course along with problem solving strategies, geometric concepts, statistical applications, and testing the validity of conjectures. Students will use reasoning and communication skills within real-world problem-solving situations throughout the course.

SCI700 Integrated Science 7

Students will explore science concepts using an inquiry-based approach with emphasis on the skills of observation and hypothesis generation, scientific testing, and analysis and interpretation of scientific data. Integrated topics will include populations and organisms in an ecosystem; structure of the Earth; Earth processes and systems; and Earth in the Solar System. Topics will encompass history and nature of science study as well as science in personal and social perspectives.

SCI800 Integrated Science 8

Students will explore science concepts using an inquiry-based approach with emphasis on the skills of observation and hypothesis generation, scientific testing, and analysis and interpretation of scientific data. Integrated topics will include reproduction and heredity; diversity, adaptation and behavior; properties and changes of properties in matter; and motion and forces. Topics will encompass history and nature of science study as well as science in personal and social perspectives.

SOC700 Social Studies 7

The seventh-grade social studies program focuses on the relationships and interactions between societies and cultures in both the Eastern and Western Hemispheres through historical and geographical lenses. United States history will be taught as it intersects with global issues. Topics include, but not limited to, the Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment ideas on the concept of rights revolutions around the world, global imperialism, industrialization and the rise of organized labor, World War I and World War II, and global conflicts of the Cold war to the present, including world government and economic systems.

SOC800 Social Studies 8

The eighth-grade social studies program will investigate the ideals of citizenship and civic engagement through a civics and economic lens in the inquiry process. Connections between historical and current/recent issues will be studied as a base for implementing change in society. Students will recognize and practice their roles and responsibilities as both American and global citizens. United States history will focus on the major events that have their roots in the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and subsequent amendments.

PED700 & PED800 Physical Education

This course offers students a basic foundation in physical education by exposing them to a variety of individual and team sports. An emphasis is placed on promoting lifetime sports and physical fitness.

Junior High Career Exploration I

In Career Exploration, you will explore careers in over fifteen different career areas. From the energy field to human resources and from law to transportation, you will learn more about what careers are available and what you need to do to get there. In addition, you will examine how to choose the career that is best for you based on your own unique personality and interests as well as how you can begin developing your leadership skills now. Career Exploration will help you prepare for your future now.

Junior High Career Exploration II

Imagine that it is 20 years from now. What career do you see yourself in? What do you imagine that you will be doing? Will you be fighting forest fires or engineering the next rocket into space? With all the careers available, it can be difficult to narrow them down. In Middle School Career Explorations 2 we will explore more careers and what they take to succeed. You will learn more about what steps are needed to prepare for your career and how to compare the pros and cons of different career choices. Finally, you will get the chance to try out parts of different careers to see if you are a perfect fit.